



June 12, 2007

City Councilors
City of Ottawa
110 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1

Dear Councilors,

I am writing on behalf of Ecology Ottawa to encourage you to approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee items on your agenda tomorrow:

1. That a pedestrian operated traffic signal be installed at the intersection of King Edward Avenue and Cathcart Street, and that funds be allocated from the King Edward Capital Project.
2. That during the actual construction process, which has reduced the number of lanes on King Edward from 6 to 4, a feasibility study be undertaken to estimate the impact of permanently reducing the Avenue to four lanes.

The Transportation Committee has brought this recommendation to you after considering the matter and listening to community members and associations – people who live, work and play on and near King Edward Avenue, and are most affected by the Project. We urge you to approve their responsible recommendation. It is a step towards prioritizing the health of our residents over cars, and turning the truck route back into a community street, as also proposed in the Mayor's Task Force on Transportation report.

Attached please find a letter sent to the Transportation Committee for their deliberations on this issue. Approving their recommendation will be a strong symbol of our commitment to an environmentally sustainable city that values its citizens more than its roads.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Bernstein".

Liz Bernstein
Ecology Ottawa