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Majority Favours Bike Lanes

Plurality supports bike lane pilot on Bloor

Toronto, March 16th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 966 Toronto voters, the majority (57%) say they are in favour of bike lanes, overall. Just over a quarter (27%) oppose bike lanes and (15%) respond they don't know.

Those most likely to say they favour bike lanes include cyclists (67%), a small sample (n=87) of bicycle commuters (77%), respondents aged 34 or less (68%), aged 35 to 44 (60%), females (61%), and those with a college or university degree (60%) or post-graduate degree (62%). Those living in the former City of Toronto (74%) and supporting the NDP (74%) or Green Party (73%) also likely favour bike lanes.

Those likely to oppose bike lanes include those aged 45-54 (34%), 55-64 (34%), living in Scarborough (39%), and supporting the Progressive Conservative party (47%).

Bike lanes on Bloor supported

Just under half (47%) of all respondents approve of the new bikes lanes on Bloor Street. A third (32%) disapprove, and 2-in-10 (22%) don't offer an opinion. Those most likely to support the bike lanes on Bloor between Shaw and Avenue include respondents aged 34 or less (62%), the least wealthy (57%), with a post-graduate degree (56%), and supporting the NDP (66%).

Support is higher amongst those who ride their bikes in the city (60%), and higher still amongst those who commute by bicycle (69%).

Opinion on the Bloor St. bike lanes is mixed amongst those that have driven on Bloor since they were installed with (48%) of those drivers in favour, and (46%) opposed.

Cyclists taking advantage of the pilot project

Of those that ride a bicycle in the city, just under a third (31%) have ridden on the Bloor St. bike lanes. Further, usage is high (61%) amongst a small sample of respondents (n=75) who commute to work or school by bicycle.

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A third ride a bike in the city

One third ride a bicycle in the city (32%) and, of these, 3-in-10 commute to work or school (30%). Biking in the city is common to younger citizens (34 and under - 40%), in the former City of Toronto (48%).

“In general, Toronto residents are supportive of bike lanes, and perhaps in the ‘if you build it, they will come’ philosophy, a majority of cycling commuters are making use of the new lanes on Bloor St,” said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research.

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Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 966 randomly selected Toronto Voters. The poll was conducted on Mar 8-10 2017.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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Bike Lane Support

Overall, do you favor or oppose bike lanes?

[All respondents]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	966	123	116	182	247	298	474	476
Favor	57	68	60	52	48	47	54	61
Oppose	27	20	26	34	34	30	31	24
Don't know	15	12	13	14	18	23	15	15

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	966	93	151	115	94	88	196
Favor	57	65	57	63	52	57	60
Oppose	27	16	23	22	34	28	30
Don't know	15	19	20	15	14	15	10

Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	966	299	77	206	155	47	180
Favor	57	74	61	55	48	61	48
Oppose	27	19	25	27	29	20	39
Don't know	15	7	14	18	23	20	14

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	966	126	243	354	243
Favor	57	49	54	60	62
Oppose	27	29	27	29	25
Don't know	15	22	19	11	14

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties	Undecided
Sample	966	323	295	174	49	20	105
Favor	57	40	68	74	73	35	51
Oppose	27	47	14	17	16	54	22
Don't know	15	14	18	10	11	10	27



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Bikes in the City

%	Total	Yes	No
Sample	966	295	671
Favor	57	67	53
Oppose	27	23	29
Don't know	15	9	18

Commutes by Bike

%	Total	Yes	No
Sample	966	87	879
Favor	57	77	55
Oppose	27	15	29
Don't know	15	8	16



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Bloor St. Pilot Support

Do you approve or disapprove of the new bike lanes on Bloor Street, from Shaw Street to Avenue Road?

[All respondents]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	966	123	116	182	247	298	474	476
Approve	47	62	49	39	36	32	48	46
Disapprove	32	21	34	41	39	32	35	28
Don't know	22	17	17	20	25	36	17	26

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	966	93	151	115	94	88	196
Approve	47	57	48	46	40	51	53
Disapprove	32	17	27	32	35	33	35
Don't know	22	26	25	23	24	16	12

Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	966	299	77	206	155	47	180
Approve	47	61	57	43	45	55	32
Disapprove	32	27	29	35	29	32	36
Don't know	22	13	14	22	26	13	32

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	966	126	243	354	243
Approve	47	44	37	47	56
Disapprove	32	36	29	31	33
Don't know	22	21	34	21	11



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Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties	Undecided
Sample	966	323	295	174	49	20	105
Approve	47	29	54	66	61	29	44
Disapprove	32	53	19	21	14	60	20
Don't know	22	17	27	13	25	11	37

Bikes in the City

%	Total	Yes	No
Sample	966	295	671
Approve	47	60	40
Disapprove	32	32	32
Don't know	22	8	28

Commutes By Bike

%	Total	Yes	No
Sample	966	87	879
Approve	47	69	44
Disapprove	32	18	33
Don't know	22	12	23

Driven on Bloor

%	Total	Yes	No
Sample	966	409	557
Approve	47	48	46
Disapprove	32	46	21
Don't know	22	6	33



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Pilot Utilization

Have you ridden a bicycle on the Bloor Street bike lanes between Shaw Street and Avenue Road since they were installed?

[Base: ride a bicycle in the city]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	295	53	40	74	87	41	181	108
Yes	31	37	36	27	24	7	31	29
No	69	63	64	73	76	93	69	71

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	295	23	31	31	28	32	92
Yes	31	55	15	37	38	31	28
No	69	45	85	63	62	69	72

Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	295	128	32	44	40	20	31
Yes	31	52	15	19	24	22	12
No	69	48	85	81	76	78	88

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	295	19	53	126	97
Yes	31	42	31	27	34
No	69	58	69	73	66

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties	Undecided
Sample	295	97	99	59	15	7	18
Yes	31	22	34	49	27	15	14
No	69	78	66	51	73	85	86

Commutes by Bike

%	Total	Yes	No
Sample	295	75	220
Yes	31	61	19
No	69	39	81



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Pilot Utilization

Have you ridden a bicycle on the Bloor Street bike lanes between Shaw Street and Avenue Road since they were installed?

[Base: ride a bicycle in the city and commutes to school/work by bicycle]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	75	16	16	22	17	4	46	26
Yes	61	79	56	37	56	34	55	65
No	39	21	44	63	44	66	45	35

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	75	11	11	9	6	8	19
Yes	61	70	42	61	69	69	56
No	39	30	58	39	31	31	44

Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	75	40	8	12	7	3	5
Yes	61	74	43	39	60	58	51
No	39	26	57	61	40	42	49

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	75	8	14	27	26
Yes	61	80	57	67	50
No	39	20	43	33	50

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties	Undecided
Sample	75	22	21	18	7	2	5
Yes	61	53	55	90	56	6	39
No	39	47	45	10	44	94	61



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Cycling in the City

Do you ride a bicycle in the city?
 [All respondents]

Age/Gender

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Sample	966	123	116	182	247	298	474	476
Yes	32	40	32	36	32	12	36	29
No	68	60	68	64	68	88	64	71

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	966	93	151	115	94	88	196
Yes	32	31	29	26	32	32	48
No	68	69	71	74	68	68	52

Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	966	299	77	206	155	47	180
Yes	32	48	42	24	30	44	19
No	68	52	58	76	70	56	81

Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	966	126	243	354	243
Yes	32	20	20	38	41
No	68	80	80	62	59

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties	Undecided
Sample	966	323	295	174	49	20	105
Yes	32	33	33	38	33	38	14
No	68	67	67	62	67	62	86



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Commuting

Do you commute to work or school by bicycle?

[Base: Ride a bicycle in the city]

Age/Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	295	53	40	74	87	41	181	108
Yes	30	32	39	28	19	9	29	29
No	70	68	61	72	81	91	71	71

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	295	23	31	31	28	32	92
Yes	30	74	30	41	12	23	23
No	70	26	70	59	88	77	77

Region

%	Total	Former City of Toronto	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
Sample	295	128	32	44	40	20	31
Yes	30	41	21	35	20	17	14
No	70	59	79	65	80	83	86



Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate degree
Sample	295	19	53	126	97
Yes	30	42	40	22	32
No	70	58	60	78	68

Current Provincial Vote Preference

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties	Undecided
Sample	295	97	99	59	15	7	18
Yes	30	25	25	36	34	41	37
No	70	75	75	64	66	59	63

Biked on Bloor

%	Total	Yes	No
Sample	295	90	205
Yes	30	57	17
No	70	43	83

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