



# The Philadelphia School

CITY COUNTRY CLASSROOM

September 6, 2019

5th Square Philadelphia

[5thsq@5thsq.org](mailto:5thsq@5thsq.org)

Re: Petition for a Protected Bike Lane on Lombard Street

Dear Will Tung and 5th Square Advocates,

Thank you for including The Philadelphia School (TPS) in your exploration of adding a protected bike lane on Lombard Street. Our school values the safety of children and cyclists in our city. In addition to daily commuters, many of our families travel by bicycle to drop off their kids at our school, and we feel that it is imperative that we have a conversation with all of the stakeholders who would be impacted by this decision.

TPS was part of discussions led by the Office of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (oTIS) and the Philadelphia Streets Department in 2016 to determine community impact of protected bike lanes along Lombard Street. TPS provided use of our facilities so that oTIS could get input from stakeholders, including neighbors, SOSNA, CCRA, Bicycle Coalition of Philadelphia, and others. It was our understanding that oTIS would take this feedback and make decisions about protected bike lanes.

The Philadelphia School recommends that oTIS and the Philadelphia Streets Department reconvene these meetings and invite representative(s) of the following stakeholders for a meeting to discuss potential bike lane solutions:

- 5th Square
- Bicycle Coalition of Philadelphia
- The School District of Philadelphia Transportation Department
- Philadelphia Streets Department
- oTIS
- Neighbors
- SOSNA

- CCRA
- The Philadelphia School
- Other stakeholders as identified by oTIS

At these meetings, we hope to consider how a protected bike lane will impact the safety of TPS students, traffic patterns, and parking. We are happy to host this meeting.

We believe oTIS should be in the lead on this process and discussion as the City of Philadelphia, and not TPS, makes the decisions regarding street usage and configuration. We suggest that you coordinate with them if you would like to help plan such a meeting. We are happy to attend and offer the space for the meeting.

If you have any further questions for The Philadelphia School, please contact Carol Lerner at [clerner@tpschoool.org](mailto:clerner@tpschoool.org).

Sincerely,

Carol Lerner  
The Philadelphia School