

Hello (sent to MTO contact),

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Thanks for the update on *Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study* (G.W.P. 10-20011

As a cyclist representing others, I have a concern about safe access by active transportation users to safely navigate under or over the 401 interchanges. As residents of Courtice, our only safe access to the WaterFront Trail is under the 401 bridge at exit 425 (Courtice Rd) which is clearly identified as part of the EA study.

Environmental Studies should consider the [human interaction](#) with the environment in the interests of solving problems like I have indicated. Exiting 10 lanes of traffic from the 401 to Courtice Road is definitely an environmental human issue if you are walking or riding a bike traversing this exit. Safe bike lanes and or multi-use paved trails in this area need to be considered and but also implemented. This particular exit 425 is the main exit point for garbage trucks going to and leaving from the Durham York EFW facility along with all the other exiting and entering traffic to the 401.

We have a regional and municipal group that is advocating for the safe use of our streets roads for active users and we need to be heard and respected because we are cyclists also using this road. We can be a great resource for these studies as they impact the active users of our traffic infrastructure, reach out and use us.

I have attached a copy of an earlier correspondence that highlights the above exit 425 issue.

Thanks,

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