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RE: Region of Durham Active Transportation Funding Application

Dear Reader,

As an advocacy group in support of safe cycling, Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) is a Durham Region based not-for-profit volunteer organization representing the six cycle clubs as well as local cycling enthusiasts.

Recognizing the importance of safe cycling infrastructure, DRCC has been following the new Federal Active Transportation Strategy first announced in March, 2021 with additional details communicated to our municipal partners on a regular basis.

Most recently, with the funding portal now open, DRCC is very encouraged to see the Region of Durham applying for funding to improve Bike Parking Guidelines.

With Durham Region interconnected across major cycling throughfares, this funding request for Bike Parking Guidelines will significantly improve cycling as an alternative mode of transportation across the Region.

Presently, with no region-wide guidelines in place, cyclists are often challenged looking for a suitable bike rack or perhaps a bike box when parking at businesses or other areas of interest where cyclists might stop over. It is important that a secure parking facility is available.



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Further to this is the need to provide dedicated parking guidelines thus preventing bikes being parked in areas which may interfere with pedestrian traffic.

In closing, this funding request aligns with the newly approved Regional Cycling Plan key initiatives which DRCC helped develop as a strategic partner.

As such, DRCC fully supports the Regions application for Federal funding in support of establishing Bike Parking Guidelines.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Lalonde".

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