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Attention:

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Re: Nonquon Bridge Replacement – Reach St (RR #8)

Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) would like to thank the Region for the opportunity to participate in the detailed design phase of the Nonquon bridge replacement project on Reach St. in the Township of Scugog.

Reach St. is an important connection between Scugog, Uxbridge, and the Greenbelt Route. It presently offers a paved shoulder which bottlenecks at the Nonquon River bridge. Cyclists are at times forced into the live lanes of traffic when the shoulder is covered by debris or otherwise obstructed.

DRCC recommends that the design of the bridge account for a consistent cycling lane width – not only for the present configuration, but to facilitate future improvements to the Reach St. cycling facility by way of additional traffic separation as stated in the Primary Cycling Network of the Regional Cycling Plan (pages 12 & 48).

In reference to Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18, (page 55) the plan states that the desired travel lane width is of 1.8 m (minimum 1.5 m and up to 2.5 m) plus a 0.3 m buffer. Given the present popularity and importance of this cycling route, coupled with ongoing and planned growth in the area, DRCC advocates for a forward-looking bridge design to accommodate safe and active travel.

Sincerely,

Marc Gibbons

Community Ambassador, Township of Scugog

c.c. Ron Lalonde, Executive Director Durham Region Cycling Coalition

Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) is the community's safe cycling voice. DRCC was formed in the spring of 2015 when five cycle clubs within Durham Region came together to give a greater voice to the cycling community with the goal of influencing improvements to cycling infrastructure and the inherent benefits of safer roads for our most vulnerable roadway users.