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Via e-mail: gdeeth@oshawa.ca

Attention: Glenn Deeth, Infrastructure Delivery Project Manager

January 19, 2024

RE: City of Oshawa Public Open House January 16, 2024 Northwoods Roads

Dear Glenn,

Thank you for taking time to speak with Ron and me on Tuesday evening. We represent Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC), Durham's leading safe cycling advocacy voice, whose members comprise a wide-ranging demographic of cycling enthusiasts across the Region.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback relating to Oshawa Northwood Business Park Road reconstruction.

Upon review of the presentation boards, we are encouraged to see cycling support being incorporated within the project given many of our supporting members are frequent users of Thornton Rd.

In follow up to our conversation, the specific areas of our concern are as follows:

- With Thornton Rd being a primary north / south cycling corridor.
 - Will the rural paved shoulder be consistent in width at 1.5m within the project construction limits given the site drawings appeared vague?
 - Has consideration been given to adding a double white line at 0.3m to enhance lane separation? Reference OTM Book 18.
 - Consider reducing the 1.0m gravel shoulder to 0.7m to accommodate.
 - Will Bicycle Route Marker Signs be installed across the route (OTM M511)?
 - Pending full closure, please provide detour signage for both north and southbound cyclists, at Thornton/Columbus Rds. and Thornton/Conlin Rds.as was previously provided.



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Further to this, we also note the following regarding Britannia Ave.:

- Although the design drawings reference a Bike Lane at 1.9m, it would appear that no allowance has been provided for a buffer from vehicle traffic with the response being *“the proposed design will match the current Britannia Ave.W. in place east of the site.”*
 - Referencing attachment #1, we note Britannia Ave.W. has an identified Bike Lane with an accommodating traffic buffer as per OTM Book 18 Guidelines.
- Will the proposal be revised to include both an identified Bike Lane and safety buffer there by matching the eastern section referenced?
 - Secondly, will this route be signed as a Bike Lane in accordance with Sign Rb-84A and supported with “No Parking”?

Lastly, commentary also included the future Oshawa Sports Complex location which will be located on the north side of Britannia Ave.W. As such, and in support of all users - all abilities, our recommendation would be to replace the north side 1.8m sidewalk with a 3.0m Multi Use Path which could then carry eastward across the future bridge crossing.

In closing, we appreciated having time to speak with you and your team in person. We remain available to explore design alternatives and look forward to learning more as the project unfolds.

On behalf of every-one at DRCC, thank you for taking time to consider our submission.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Arnott".

Chris Arnott

DRCC Director and Oshawa Community Ambassador,

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Attachment #1

Britannia Ave W.

