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Via e-mail: SBrown@oshawa.ca

Attention: Shawn Brown

February 6, 2024

Re: Detailed Design for Conlin Road E. from Walreg Drive to Edenwood Drive

Dear Shawn,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback relating to the redesigning construction of Conlin Rd. E from Walreg Dr. to Edenwood Drive.

We represent Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC), Durham's leading safe cycling advocacy voice, representing a wide-ranging demographic of cycling enthusiasts across the Region. Over the years, Conlin Road has been a favoured route for cyclists, connecting a variety of destinations across the municipalities within Durham.

Upon review of the presentation boards, we would like to highlight the following areas of concern and provide corresponding recommendations:

With Conlin Rd being a primary east /west cycling corridor, we would like to recommend:

- The provision of a designated bike lane, in both directions on Conlin Road. This is the safest road design for cyclists. As per MTO standards, cyclists are entitled to use road infrastructure.
- If space does not allow for a designated 'on road' cycling lane, we recommend designating the outside lane of traffic (both directions) as a shared lane, with 'share lane markings', or 'Bike Sharrows'. We also ask that corresponding signage be provided to advise drivers of the shared lane with cyclists.



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- We would also ask for the provision of Detour Signage for westbound cyclists, at Ritson/Conlin Roads, and eastbound cyclists at Thornton/Conlin Rds. during the construction phase of this project.

We also had discussion with City staff regarding the MUP on the south side of Conlin Road, and would like to follow up with the recommendations below:

- Given the increased variety of users of the MUP, (pedestrians of all ages, e-scooters and e-bikes, powered assistive devices, cyclists of all ages and ability), we recommend the MUP be 3.5m wide, rather than the proposed 3m.
- Given the wide range of users of the MUP, we also advise against the proposed localized MUP narrowing, (between Bridle Road and Avalon Streets to the north). This presents a safety issue or conflict between the wide range of user groups. A possible solution discussed at the public meeting was to modify the existing bridge, possibly with cantilevers (with the appropriate load bearing capability).

In closing, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. 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

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