

DRCC feedback submitted after attending the April 23, 2024 Oshawa Open House Event in support of safe cycling.

Central Oshawa GO Station moving forward to Stage 3

From: **Connect Oshawa** <notifications@engagementhq.com>

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Subject: **Thank you for completing Integrated M.T.S.A. Feedback Form - Stage 3**

Please provide any comments on the preliminary design for the First Ave./McNaughton Ave. corridor between Simcoe St. S. and Ritson Rd. S.

As a member of the DRCC (Durham Region Cycling Coalition), a volunteer organization and Durham's leading advocacy voice, whose members comprise a wide-ranging demographic of cycling enthusiasts in Durham, including both utilitarian and recreational cyclists.

Upon review of the boards shared at the Stage 3 public meeting, our preferred choice for the redesign of First Ave./McNaughton Ave., is Option #2, single-lane cycle track. The specs shared on your presentation boards, are consistent with best practice outlined in the 2021 OTM book 18. We would like to further recommend that the City of Oshawa collaborate both with Metrolinx and the Region, to ensure OTM book 18 standards are applied when integrating/ merging the cycle tracks with the entrance into the GO station parking area, as well as with any proposed or established bike lanes on both Simcoe St. and Ritson Rd. (Regional Rds.).

The Project Lead also indicated that the Michael Star Trail is considered to be a favourable north-south connector route for cyclists between the Tribute Community Centre and the proposed GO station on First Ave/McNaughton Ave. If this is the case, we encourage the City of Oshawa to consider a design that supports compatible multi-modal use, that is designed as per the OTM book 18 standards for a MUP (multi-use path), and that is well lit to ensure the safety for all users.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer input for this study. If you would like to discuss any of these suggestions further, please reach out.

Many thanks,

Chris Arnott,

Director DRCC.

How did you learn about this community engagement opportunity?

City of Oshawa website

Other (please specify) - As a director of DRCC- safe cycling advocacy