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RE: Winchester Road Widening-Baldwin St to Watford St. / Anderson St

Dear Robert,

As an advocacy group in support of safe cycling, Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) is a not-for-profit volunteer organization representing the four cycle clubs and individual cyclists across Durham Region.

Regarding the above noted project, DRCC is pleased to see significant cycling infrastructure improvements incorporated into the project including a new Multi-Use Path (MUP) along the full length of Winchester Rd. within the project limits.

Further to this, we have also observed additional safe cycling improvements at the Winchester Rd. / Anderson St. – Watford St. intersection including; a combined crossride with bike signals to support the new MUP as well as cycling sharrows being added across the north / south axis of the intersection supporting on-road cyclists. Although these improvements are appreciated, we do have a concern with the addition of the curb extension located on north east corner of the intersection.

Prior to construction, northbound cyclists would cross the intersection and enter the right lane on Waterford St which then became an identified bike lane. Post construction, the right lane has been eliminated and a new curb extension has been installed in its place which has become a cycling hazard.

Now, as cyclists cross the intersection northbound from Anderson St., following the newly added intersection sharrows, the intersection has a high crest high point which does not provide a sight line to the curb extension. Crossing the mid point of the intersection, the sharrows then direct cyclists towards a **narrow lane space measuring 90cm's wide** located between the new curb extension and the single vehicle traffic lane before transitioning to the identified bike lane on Waterford St.



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Most recently, one of our supporting clubs had a member collide with this newly installed curb while out on an organized group ride crossing the intersection which is why we are bring this to your attention.

Although likely unintended, the consequence of this curb design has created a new cycling road hazard as well a cycling pinch point conflict zone with motor vehicle traffic. As such, our request is to have the curb extension set back from its current position and subsequently extend the Waterford St. 1.5m cycle lane with buffer flush to the Winchester Rd. intersection start point thereby providing a seamless safe transition for cyclists crossing the intersection northbound.

Lastly, with the welcomed addition of cycling sharrows directing northbound cyclist to use the Anderson St. right turn lane as a through lane, we would recommend the addition of "Bicycles Excepted" signage to the right turn lane sign post.

Please reference Appendix A photos.

On behalf of every-one at DRCC, we appreciate all the great work being undertaken in support of safe cycling and look forward to our curb extension concern being addressed. If we can assist in anyway with clarity, we are more than happy to meet on site at your discretion.

Thank you,

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

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C.C. Cathie Shier-Snoddon, Project Inspector, Durham Region
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APPENDIX A

Pre construction view north east corner Winchester Rd.



Post construction view north east corner Winchester Rd.



**New 90cm
wide cycle
pinch point**



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Intersection crest high point.

New curb not visible with sharrows directing cyclist towards curb pinch point.





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Anderson St. Right Turn Lane – Cycling Sharrows



Sign Addition Right Turn Lane





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Watford St. southbound entering intersection.

Clear sharrow marking support for cyclists- thank you.

