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Safe Active Transportation Access to Courtice Waterfront

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To: Colin Davidson – Municipality of Clarington
From: Jim Boate – Durham Region Cycling Coalition Director

Hi David,

I'm excited to see the vision taking shape for the Clarington waterfront, particularly the Courtice waterfront park. It's a much-anticipated project and a great opportunity for the community.

That said, I do have concerns about how Courtice residents will safely access the waterfront without relying on a car. Both Bowmanville and Newcastle benefit from safer, non-vehicular connections to their waterfronts, but similar access is currently lacking in Courtice.

At present, the only viable cycling route appears to be under Highway 401 at Exit 425, which is far from ideal. While there has been discussion of a pedestrian bridge, it seems that option may still be a long way off.

As a long-time advocate for safe streets, I'd like to propose a practical and achievable solution:

- Install green-painted bike lanes along Baseline Road, extending east and west for approximately 500 metres from the intersection with Regional Road 34.
- Add green-painted bike lanes along Regional Road 34, connecting the proposed GO station south to Courtice Shores Drive.

These improvements would significantly enhance safety and accessibility for cyclists and other vulnerable road users.

As a member of the Durham Region Cycling Coalition and the Clarington Active Transportation and Safe Roads Committee, I've seen firsthand how long the community has been advocating for safe, connected infrastructure like this.

We recognize that implementing these changes requires coordination between the Municipality of Clarington, the Region of Durham, and the Province of Ontario, as each has jurisdiction over different parts of the route. However, this is not an insurmountable project, nor is it a particularly high-cost one. The benefits in terms of safety and accessibility would be substantial.

After so many years of planning for the waterfront, it would be a missed opportunity not to ensure safe, inclusive access for all residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jim Boate