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RE: Notice of Public Consultation Conlin Road West Reconstruction

Dear Shawn,

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

As such, DRCC is pleased to have the opportunity to provide feedback relating to the above noted project within the allotted time frame.

As a back ground, we would like to bring to your attention the following:

- Conlin Road presently forms a key east / west cycling corridor across Oshawa used frequently by our many cycle club members and active transportation (AT) cycling enthusiasts.
- Supporting Ontario Tech University, Conlin Road is a major AT Route for students and faculty arriving from Whitby via Conlin Road and Oshawa via Thornton Road.
- Conlin Road presently has a rural paved shoulder signed cycle route across the Whitby limits and is identified in the Whitby 2010 Cycle and Leisure Plan as a primary core spine AT route.
- Conlin Road is a strategic connection for AT users traveling north from south Oshawa via Thornton Road.

This said, DRCC has taken the opportunity to complete an extensive review of the project material posted on-line. Upon analysis, we are very pleased to see the project including paved on road cycle lanes and a multi-use path (MUP) in support of AT across the Oshawa limits of the project. By closing the dangerous gaps presently in place, we see significant safety improvements taking hold across the Conlin corridor.

Thank you for supporting AT within this project.



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With construction expected to begin Spring 2021 – and Conlin Road forming a key AT corridor across the length of this project - we would like to raise the following points from an AT perspective:

- Anticipating extensive road and watermain work during the construction period, how will safe cycling access be maintained from Thicksen Road (Whitby) across Conlin to Stevenson Road (Oshawa)?
- Regarding the Thornton Road roundabout:
 - Will OTM Book 18 design guidelines be applied in support of safe AT passage thru the roundabout?
 - What provision will be made for on-road AT users to enter and exit the roundabout with vehicle traffic? Will sharrow road marking be considered to protect our roadways most vulnerable users within the roundabout?
 - Noting the MUP ends at Thornton Road, how will MUP users transition from a MUP to on-road as they approach the roundabout?

Please note, as this project is being undertaken in conjunction with Region of Durham across Whitby – Oshawa, we have copied the Regions project manager with our comments for consideration and follow up.

Lastly, as we move forward DRCC would appreciate being added as a stakeholder for future public notifications specific to this application using our DRCC contact information.

On behalf of every-one at DRCC, thank you for taking time to consider our submission. As safe cycling advocates, we are optimistic our AT suggestions will be considered to have merit for implementation as this project unfolds.

Respectfully,

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