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Attention: Blair Shoniker

Via E-Mail: blair.shoniker@ghd.com

December 11, 2020

RE: Reconstruction White's Bridge Filing of Addendum to Municipal Class E/A

Dear Blair,

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 40 day established time frame.

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

- Columbus Road presently forms a key east / west cycling corridor across Whitby used frequently by our many cycle club members and active transportation (AT) cycling enthusiasts.
- Summer 2020, Durham Region completed an identified paved shoulder cycling connection on Lakeridge Road (RR #23) which now provides a safe cycling connection between Columbus Road and Concession Road #7.
- Columbus Road is a strategic connection for AT users traveling north from west Whitby via Coronation Road and is a critical link to accessing Ashburn Road which is as a core route within the Town of Whitby's cycling network.
- Within the 2010 Town of Whitby Cycling and Leisure Plan, Columbus Road is recognized as forming a part of the core AT spine network.

This said, DRCC has completed an extensive review of the project material noting both an asymmetrical and symmetrical option are being considered with the latter including a MUP. Further to this, we see no on road cycling support in either version.



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This in mind, we are asking that the asymmetrical version be revised to mirror the recently completed Dryden Bridge located in Whitby just west of the Thickson / Dryden intersection.

The merits of this request are as follows:

- A wider breadth of user groups would be accommodated by replacing the proposed sidewalk with a MUP.
- Phase one of this project will likely be a two-lane roadway along the length of Columbus for the next foreseeable future which will include a future MUP with no MUP bridge support.
- With the bridge being a pinch point, a dedicated identified bridge deck on road cycle lane will provide additional protection to our roadways most vulnerable users.
- A significant number of residential home applications are now in various stages across the Columbus corridor which will further expand the AT user base and the need to support both and on road identified cycle lane and MUP bridge deck configuration in the first phase of construction.
- The Dryden Bridge project has now been established by the Town of Whitby as the new standard in AT support accommodating all users and all abilities.
- Columbus Road presently forms a vital AT corridor and is identified as such with Whitby planning.

Lastly, DRCC would appreciate being to 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 application process unfolds.

Respectfully,

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