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Promoting Safe Cycling Throughout Durham Region

Region of Durham
Finance Department
Regarding – Public Notice

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Attention: Cheryl Bandel, Acting Regional Clerk

Re: 2017 Regional Business Plans and Budgets

The public has been requested to submit input to the 2017 Regional Business Plans and Budgets. Below are Durham Region Cycling Coalition's comments and requests. We believe these are tied directly to the well being of all Durham residents including: safety, healthier life style and zero impact to the climate and should be addressed sooner rather than later.

We suggest the following be implemented in the 2017 Regional Budget:

1. Investments to close the many *short* safety GAPS in the cycling network that the DRCC presented January 14th, 2016 to the Region. We have identified several additional GAPS since that presentation for future budgets. No improvements were made in 2016.
2. Work with the local municipalities and province to improve multimodal transportation hubs, including making cycling safer to GO transit facilities. Have *shovel ready* projects, for soon to be announced provincial CycleON funding which will be focused on commuter cycling.
3. Fund the Region's Transportation Master Plan to create the cycling network sooner than the planned "beyond 9 years" currently mentioned in the TMP.
4. Since Henry Street in Whitby is a regional road, seek agreement with the Province to include safer **separated** cycling infrastructure for the Highway 401 bridge replacement. This is an important link for active transportation users connecting to the GO train, the Water Front Trail, sport complexes and parks.
5. Provide investment to the TransCanada Trail through Durham Region, specifically on regional roads and regional cycling routes to make them safer. This would align with Canada's 150 Birthday which was the original scheduled completion date for Canada's Great Trail. The current TCT through Durham is unsafe.
6. Provide an ongoing and consistent funding strategy to improve the Regional cycling network.



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7. Improvements at **regional intersections** where regional and municipal cycling networks cross each other. This may require *interim* solutions including some simple road paint markings and signs. These should be planned for completion within 5 years.

Yours truly,

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