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Attention: Faisal Khan, P. Eng.
Head, Planning and Engineering
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Dear Mr. Khan,

Re: Cycling Accommodation on Highway 407 Bridges

On behalf of all local cyclists and the Durham Region Cycling Coalition we wish to thank you for considering our request of February 1, 2016 and for your subsequent proposal to pave many of the bridge approach shoulders as you presented during our meeting of May 11, 2016.

We have reviewed your proposal regarding **407 Phase 2** and consider that it fairly balances the need of current and future cyclists and therefore agree with your proposal. We understand that further negotiations are planned between MTO, the municipalities and the project contractor to determine cost



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sharing arrangements. Should any of these negotiations necessitate a revision to the current proposal we would kindly appreciate further opportunity to comment.

We also wish to inquire whether any of the bridges in **407 Phase 1** can be completed with similar treatment, i.e., 1.5 m pave shoulders on the approaches. We understand that construction is significantly completed on the highway section but believe that the bridge approaches could accommodate a similar cost sharing agreement for those bridges that are on well used bike routes.

Lastly, we would like to offer a comment on something you said at our meeting, which was that you were worried about setting any *precedence* for adding cycling infrastructure to future MTO projects. We believe that the precedence was already set when the MTO issued **CycleOn** strategy 1.0, item 2.3 which basically says Ontario would be adding cycling to all new road and bridge infrastructure. That document was issued in 2013/2014.

In conclusion we, the DRCC, want to again thank you and your team from the MTO in negotiating an acceptable proposal for 407 ETR Phase 2.

Yours truly,

Bruce MacDonald

Director, Durham Region Cycling Coalition