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Subject: Comment Regarding July 8th Meeting - 11.4 Accelerated Bike Lanes

Hello,

As a bike commuter in Mississauga I am happy to see an expansion of the bike infrastructure in the city, although I would like to leave a comment regarding a few points brought up in the plan.

Firstly, I am concerned that flexible bollards are not going to be enough to keep riders feeling safe from vehicles, as they will not keep riders safe from vehicles. If possible the use of concrete barriers would be optimal. The concrete barriers can also feature local art, if the city is concerned about blighting instead of rider safety.

Secondly, I would like to see a more long term focus in the plan. I understand that right now this plan is based off of the surge in new riders, but I think looking into the future is also important. Making sure that pedestrian and bike infrastructure is kept up throughout the winter months will become key. There are more cold weather riders every year. The city really needs to be able to ensure that these riders can get to their destinations safely. Bike lanes cannot be relegated to spaces to pile snow that was previously on the road. The same goes for the maintenance of bus stops during the winter months. These places need to remain usable consistently regardless of the season.

I am hopeful for increased cycle infrastructure connecting the sparse sections of mainly sharrows. I am hopeful that sharrows will become true protected lanes. I am also hopeful that safer intersections will soon exist for bikers and pedestrians. I can not tell you the amount of times I have almost died following the lights. I can only imagine how many others have.

That reminds me, the city should really be collecting data regarding pedestrians killed by cars do to faulty road design.

Thanks,

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