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Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2020 10:16 PM
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Subject: Suggestion for Item 11.4 Active Transportation: WayFinding

To Mayor and Council,

I am writing to show my support for further investments into active transportation in the city of Mississauga as a key instrument of the city's COVID-19 recovery framework, and commitment to the city's Climate Action Plan. These active transportation facilities, in addition to the various trails in the city, will create a grid to support the lowered capacity of MiWay vehicles due to physical distancing.

As the city rolls out these facilities, I believe that it would be important to show citizens that a bicycle is a viable alternative for essential trips via improved wayfinding signage. Currently, City of Mississauga trails have wayfinding pointing in the general direction of trails or paths. Though, due to the way these paths are arranged it is not always obvious which direction the signs are pointing, which can lead to confusion and back-tracking. Also, trail users are unable to see how much longer it will take to reach their destination, or what destinations are accessible via active transportation means.

I am proposing the creation of improved wayfinding to show citizens the destinations accessible from city trails, and the time to reach these destinations from their current location. I am also proposing the creation of markings on trails to help users understand the directions that arrows are pointing. Regarding the improved signage, see attached for what could be shown at the western-most entrance of the Glen Erin / Fifth Line trail.

Attachment "Trail Map" shows the citizen's current location, destinations along the trail, and the time to get to each destination. These destinations include private establishments, transit stops & stations, educational institutions, and public parks.

Attachment "Directions" is an example of signage pointing to a specific trail or road. In this case, it points in the direction of Winston Churchill Blvd, shows that there is a cycling facility on the road (via the green bicycle), and also shows the destinations in that direction and the amount of time to get to each of them.

I believe that improving the existing wayfinding will make our active transportation corridors more accessible to the general public, encourage more people to walk and cycle, and maintain the good mental and physical health of citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

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