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4:30 o'clock p.m. October 30, 2024

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 8.4. Drouillard Road Underpass Recreational Trail Feasibility – Ward 5 (**S 143/2024**)
Clerk's Note: Lori Newton, Executive Director Bike Windsor Essex + The Bike Kitchen providing the ***attached*** letter dated October 25, 2024, as a written submission.

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To Councillors Costante, Agostino, McKenzie, Kaschak and McKenzie:

Good day Councillors,

With regard to the exhaustive study and report on the Wyandotte Street viaduct sidewalk which concludes that the sidewalks are of insufficient width to act as a multi use trail as per Book 18 guidelines. Administration provides no further recommendations.

We urge you to go a step further for the safety of everyone traversing that stretch of dangerous roadway.

The ATMP identifies this piece of road as a medium to high need as a recreational route. We would argue that this is more accurately, a crucial east west corridor for commuters and everyday cyclists and that it is a very high need.

In a relatively recent study, this intersection was identified as one of the city's 4 most dangerous collision prone intersections for car drivers.

This is not the time to throw up our hands and walk away for another decade or more. Can we take a moment to explore solutions that will provide safety for ALL road users?

Please consider:

Book 18 is a guide. While we like to see infrastructure projects exceed Book 18 minimums, there are situations where the minimum cannot be met. Leamington on Highway 20, for example. We do have a choice.

a) asphalt the sidewalk and roll the curb to provide an MUT that is narrower than we'd like but that could save lives while we work on a better future solution. Or,

b) reduce the lanes from 4 to 2 and install a temporary protected pilot bike lane that would calm traffic and provide safety for cyclists and peds. Note that the traffic lanes are reduced just west of the viaduct, this would simply reduce the lanes a slight bit earlier.

Let's use this moment to ask how we might create a pilot multimodal facility that would connect Wyandotte from Walker to Strabane and increase safety in that zone.

I'm available any time to discuss this further. Thank you for considering, Lori

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori Newton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lori Newton, Executive Director
on behalf of the Board of Directors
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