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To: Chair and members of the Public Works Committee

Re: Item 6.2 of Public Works agenda for meeting of January 11, 2021 - Cycling Infrastructure 2021

In reviewing the proposed projects for 2021 and beyond, I would like to draw your attention to an important safety enhancement that is no longer being proposed and has not been completed. This relates to King Street East at the RHVP. Currently there are painted cycling lanes on King Street East between just east of Centennial Parkway to Potruff Road. Painted cycling lanes continue from Lawrence Road at King, but there is a gap at the RHVP interchange between Potruff Road and Lawrence Road.

This is an extremely busy area and is hazardous, especially for westbound cyclists. Once the westbound cycling lane ends at Potruff Road, cyclists continue westbound in the curb lane for approximately 210 metres as that section of King Street expands from two to four lanes of vehicular traffic. From the intersection of King Street and the northbound RHVP on/off ramps, it is approximately an additional 280 metres to Lawrence Road. During this particular stretch, westbound King Street continues with four lanes - a curb lane to southbound RHVP ramp, two through lanes, and a lefthand turn lane to Lawrence Road. Currently a cyclist must safely navigate across three lanes of fast moving traffic to get to the lefthand turn lane to Lawrence Road. This is extremely difficult without stopping in the live curb lane to wait for a break in westbound vehicular traffic.

In reviewing the prior PWC minutes I have noted the following:

January 13, 2020 - Item 7.2 - A capital investment of \$250,000 was proposed for cycling lanes with some barrier separation. This was a city and provincial OMCC funded project which was to be completed by end of 2020 to receive the provincial funds. There was no further mention of this project in the 2020 minutes

of the PWC or the Hamilton Cycling Committee. A visual inspection of this area on January 7, 2021 found that there were no enhancements made.

I urge that the Public Works committee have this project included in the proposed list of 2021 cycling projects; to instruct public works staff to further enhance proposed safety features to include priority signals for westbound cyclists, that would enable them to safely access Lawrence Road; to instruct public works staff to designate this project as a high priority for completion.

I have corresponded with Daryl Bender several times about this as far back as 2016. This has been a long outstanding safety issue that needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Steve Budz, Winona