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Attention: Marilyn Toft
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RE: CC21.24 Missing Link Sidewalk Program: 2020 Local Road Sidewalk Installation (Ward 1, 12, 15, 25)

This item recommends the addition of a sidewalk on the south side of Vanderhoof Avenue from just west of Brentcliffe Road to Glass Works Drive. The Leaside Residents Association wishes to confirm its strong support for this improvement.

We note that Vanderhoof Avenue, the subject location, is within the Laird in Focus Study and Plan, and has been identified as a green corridor with special consideration for active transportation.

We have a comment regarding the implementation of the sidewalk relative to the existing Right of Way. As a general principle, sidewalk construction (and widening) should generally take from roadway width rather than from road allowances/boulevards. This is because roadway width generally exceed standards (which may encourage speeding). In this case, the sidewalks stop abruptly at each end (images below), and there is already a "desire path" between them, so we assume that the City will simply join the two in a straight line.

<https://goo.gl/maps/uJbcvgs9aLm3aFin8>
<https://goo.gl/maps/eBAVMX7XgMf649nZ7>

Respectfully submitted,

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