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Dear Chair and Members of Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

RE: PW 31.4 St. Dennis Drive - Conversion of Traffic Lanes to On-Street Parking and Bicycle Lanes (Ward 26)

We provide this correspondence on behalf of Cycle 26, a community based cycling advocacy group affiliated with Cycle Toronto.

Cycle 26 wholeheartedly supports the proposal to create bike lanes on St. Dennis, the first to be implemented in the Flemingdon Park area. We note that connectivity is generally a prime consideration in bike route planning; in this instance we would urge that the City work to ensure that the St. Dennis bike lanes are part of a cycling network in the Flemingdon area as recommended in the City's 2001 Bike Plan.

Cycle 26 is pleased that the City has recognized the pedestrian safety issues at the intersection of St. Dennis Drive and Deauville Lane, and is proposing to install bike lanes and provide for parking on St. Dennis Drive. However we note that the bike lanes will be "stand alone" – they will not be directly connected to other bike lanes or bike trails in the area.

- In the west, St. Dennis intersects with Don Mills Road, a cycling unfriendly arterial road. However, south from St. Dennis about 0.5km. (south of the Ontario Science Centre), across from Gateway Boulevard, is a road down to the Don valley which links to the (West) Don Valley trail.
- In the east (east of the Don Valley Parkway), where Linkwood joins St. Dennis, St. Dennis bends north to Eglinton, and Wynford, and from that point is a cycling unfriendly road.
- The City and TRCA are currently undertaking an EA for the East Don Trail system and it is possible that there may be a planned connection between the East Don trail and Linkwood or St Dennis.
- It is noted that the City of Toronto Bike Plan (2001) proposed bike lanes on St Dennis from the T-junction with Linkwood to Eglinton (0.5Km) which have not materialized.

Therefore it appears that the St. Dennis bike lanes could become an important connector between the (West) Don Trail and the future East Don Trail systems. However there would need to be serious improvements to the cycling environment at the west and east side connections.

Cycle 26 recommends:

- That PWIC recommend to City Council that staff be requested to consider how the St. Dennis bike lanes may be linked to the (West) Don trail system and to the proposed East Don trail system and report back to PWIC in January, 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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