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Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
100 Queen St W
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Re: PW 12.2 - Bicycle Lane Regulation Amendments

Dear Chair & Committee members,

I am writing to request that you consider the accompanying recommendation regarding wayfinding on the St. Clair Avenue East Bridge over Yellow Creek as identified in 1(i) in item PW 12.2 - Bicycle Lane Regulation Amendments.

While I am supportive of additional cycling infrastructure, designating the pre-existing shoulder as a bike lane on the St. Clair Avenue East bridge also requires the concurrent implementation of a way finding system to ensure safety for cyclists.

Without clear and recognizable way finding to guide cyclists onto the existing bicycle route, the lane could lead them into heavy traffic on St. Clair East when the bike lane abruptly ends on either side of the bridge. One concern, of several, is that eastbound cyclists that are travelling north to connect with the route on Inglewood Drive, will be unable to make a safe left turn when coming off the bridge.

Clear wayfinding signage will help ensure that cyclists can safely navigate between the short stretch of arterial road to local roads (Inglewood and Avoca) that connect to the existing cycling route.

I am requesting that the General Manager, Transportation Services, develop a wayfinding strategy prior to implementing the new bicycle lane.

Recommendation

1. Committee requests the General Manager, Transportation Services, develop a wayfinding strategy to the satisfaction of the local Ward Councillors prior to the implementation of the bicycle lane identified in 1(i).

Regards,

Josh Matlow
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