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Subject: IE11:10 Creating Cycling Routes along Rail Lines
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RE: IE11:10 Creating Cycling Routes along Rail Lines

Dear Councillor James Pasternak, Chair, and Members, Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Cycle Don Valley Midtown is the cycling advocate for Wards 15 and 16, in liaison with Cycle Toronto. We have reviewed the November 21, 2019 report from the General Manager, Transportation Services on *Creating Cycling Routes along Rail Lines* with interest. Our area has already benefited from the well-used Don Mills (Leaside Spur) Trail and we look forward to the transformation of the Gatineau Hydro Corridor into The Meadoway and its connection to the Lower Don Trail system.

While we appreciate the varied challenges presented by converting existing unused railway lands and hydro corridors into cycling routes, we are curious why the following opportunity was not addressed in the report.

Although noted on the *1998 Inventory of Trail Opportunities in Rail and Hydro Corridors* on page 5 of the report (Candidate #36), the CP rail line that extends from the Don Mills Trail south past Eglinton Ave. East, and Millwood Road near Redway Road, and then southwest, adjacent to the Brickworks is not mentioned as a possibility. This route could connect cyclists from Don Mills to downtown. It could provide a connection from the bike lanes on the Leaside bridge to the southbound bike lanes on Bayview Avenue, south of Nesbitt Road and to the neighbourhood route through Rosedale to the Sherbourne bike lanes.

We look forward to learning the reasoning behind this omission from the report.

Respectfully submitted,

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c.c.Councillor Jaye Robinson
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