

## BIKE NORTH YORK

March 10, 2020

Infrastructure and Environment Committee (IEC)  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen St W, 2nd Floor  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear members of Infrastructure and Environment Committee (IEC):

**RE: IE12.8: Cycling Network Plan: 2020 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - First Quarter Update**

Bike North York wishes to express its support for the cycle track proposed on Murray Ross Parkway. This cycle track will provide a safe and high quality connection to fill in the missing link in the Finch West Trail. Currently, the Finch West Trail runs south along Columbia Gate, turns east to Keele St, and then turns south to Four Winds Drive. While this route is useful for anyone cycling from York University to Finch West Station, it can be confusing for someone wishing to continue cycling east on the Finch West Trail. This new connection provides a more direct route.

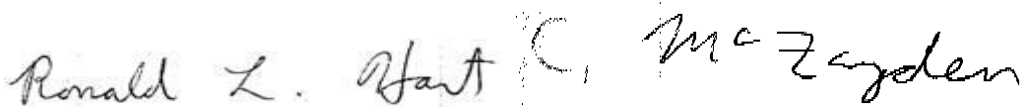
In order to make cycling an attractive and convenient option, particularly in the suburbs, it is important to provide direct and safe routes.

The Finch Trail is an excellent family friendly recreational trail for people who live near the trail. For more fitness oriented cyclist, the Finch Corridor Trail links up with the Don Trail system and is close to linking with the Humber Trail system with little or no on-road cycling. Closing this gap creates a virtually car-free route that is popular with locals and tourists from the GTA and beyond!

We look forward to future work to expand cycling infrastructure throughout North York.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely;

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Ronald L. Hart, Chair Bike North York

Clay McFayden, Member