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Good evening.

My name is David Juliusson. I am the chair of the Etobicoke South Cycling Committee and we support the installation of bike lanes on Martin Grove. Central Etobicoke has very little cycling infrastructure and needs it to encourage the city goals as outlined in Active TO.

I do have concerns. At the public meeting participants were very clear they wanted cycle tracks. I agree with that sentiment. Yet between Donalbert and Burnamthorpe Roads the city is putting in buffered bike lanes. This gives very little protection to vulnerable road users. The city is arguing against the narrowing of the road. Yet it has been found that narrower roads reduce vehicular speed. Many respondents at the meeting wrote of the problems of speeding on Martin Grove. Lowering the speeding and creating a safe environment for cyclists at the same time is a goal to be worked towards.

Secondly, regarding the Rathburn upgrades the City has recommended the use of pre-cast curbs with bollards to allow greater visibility turning in and out of driveways. The public consultation feedback noted a majority preferred the other option of low-profile barriers which could have included artwork as what has been done on Scarlett Road.

In conclusion, I support the cycling improvements proposed but it could be done so much better and in ways that protect vulnerable road users while providing beautiful artscape.

Yours sincerely,
David Juliusson