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Infrastructure & Environment Committee
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RE: IE 26.9 - 2021 Cycling Network Plan Update

Dear Chair and Members,

I am writing to ask that you support my request for a feasibility study of constructing a grade separated crossing of the Richmond Hill rail line in the Finch Hydro Corridor to better connect cycling infrastructure in North York.

The Finch Hydro Corridor is currently the only major east-west cycling route for cyclists across Don Valley North and North York broadly. Currently, the cycling infrastructure ends where it runs up against the Richmond Hill rail line, cutting off access for thousands of cyclists and making it harder to access major institutions like Seneca College. Staff are currently assessing the existing conditions of the trail but require additional direction to undertake the feasibility study required for this key linkage.

Recommendation:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to consider the feasibility of constructing a grade separated crossing of the Richmond Hill rail corridor, in consultation with Metrolinx, to connect the Finch Hydro Corridor Trail from Pineway Boulevard east to the Old Cummer GO station as part of the Finch Hydro Corridor Trail study.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Councillor Shelley Carroll
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