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Re: COMMENTS → item 2026.IE27.9, Updates on Vision Zero Road Safety Initiatives: Follow-Up from June and October 2025 City Council Directives, Missing Sidewalk Installations, and Road Safety Improvement Projects

To whom it may concern,

We are a community that resides south of the Huntingwood bike lanes. Our community association (AVCA – Agincourt Village Community Association) was integral in supporting and raising support for these lanes to remain permanent after Covid, and for the final structure to include strong boundaries keeping cyclists/pedestrians and automobile drivers safe. We rallied with our community and with cycle advocacy groups and with the city councillors of the wards contained within. We know there was opposition, and valid concerns about parking, garbage pick-up and snow removal were raised at the time of planning and implementation, but the end result confirms that this was the right decision and it now offers a very positive space for commuters of all kinds (cyclists, e-bikes, scooters, skate boarders, pedestrians, and runners) and of all ages. Home owners and users of the lanes have been able to navigate these lanes with ease and comfort.

What these lanes offer is a fantastic route for ‘east/west’ or vice versa commuting, for students, workers, pleasure riders..etc. It connects residential with greenspaces, students with schools, shoppers with retail and workers with connections directly to work spaces or transit hubs. It has very definitively designed raised concrete barriers between automobiles and users of the lanes, eliminating a lot of the confusion for users of this multi-purpose roadway on where they should be conducting their commute. This urban design is highly functional, aligning with Vision Zero Safety Initiatives, and great consideration should be given to this design as a top model when planning other similar initiatives in Scarborough or in other parts of Toronto.

Though cars are still the top mode of transportation currently, there are several barriers to being able to drive, from affordability, health challenges, age, general disinterest and lack of public transportation. As opportunities rise to redevelop/redesign or to design new roadways, we should also capitalize on these occasions to include multipurpose spaces for non automobile commuters who want to connect to their destinations safely and efficiently. It is not the car or the bike that we should value, it is the person behind the ‘wheel’ that is of greatest value, and every commuter out there has a common shared goal of arriving safely.

Don’t see roadblocks, see opportunities solve the problem, plan for the future and to do better.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Kind regards,  
Sarah Martin  
AVCA Secretary