

**From:** Elisabeth Tan

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**Re: Active Transportation Master Plan DSC meeting November 8, 2021 - Item # 8.1  
(please, attach this written deputation under Communication)**

Dear Members of Council,

The Active Transportation Master Plan is on the DSC agenda again on November 8, 2021 with a thorough presentation on why Markham's Active Transportation Master Plan is a very important document and hopefully it will be endorsed today.

Many other jurisdictions in Ontario (Oakville, Hamilton, Durham Region and many others) already adopted an ATMP.

All aspects of the ATMP have been researched extensively by our consultants including many public meetings in the course of 2 years.

The ATMP short-term (10 years) Capital Cost of \$63 M for 215 kms of infrastructure seems high in your eyes, but in comparison with the short-term Highway Capital Cost of over \$20 M per kilometer, it is a bargain.

The \$20 M tab can skyrocket when we encounter bridges and underpasses!

AT infrastructure is much more affordable and is taking up less space.

Research has shown us that when "you build it, they will come". It is not the other way around as many of you stated in past meetings and that we should wait for more cyclists or pedestrians on the roads first before building a proper AT infrastructure! With the fatal crash on Warden and Hwy 407, where a 10 year old lost his life and a few recent crashes involving school children, parents would not allow their kids to walk and cycle to school in the near future. The ATMP will be guiding us how we can make our streets safer for All Ages and Abilities!

The City of Vaughan is now being sued for negligence after a girl got fatally hit by a car. Another **preventable** death: <http://globalnews.ca/news/8351007/family-thornhill-girl-killed-launches-civil-lawsuit-driver-city-of-vaughan/>

As a member of CPAC I hope that your political leadership will carve out a safer, healthier and a more sustainable future for us, our children and grandchildren!

Please, endorse the much needed ATMP as it can guide us through the Markham's Official Plan and other Strategic Plans.

See attached Ian Lockwood's drawing: Separation of the different modes benefits all road users!

Thank you,

Elisabeth Tan

Member of CPAC

Cyclists eat, drink, text, smoke and fiddle with their radios while speeding around impatiently with their 25-pound vehicles. I'm still wary of them but the separated car lanes help.

I love separated car lanes! Cyclists don't run me off the road any more and I worry less about them not seeing me & killing me.



**Separated Car Lanes Increase Comfort**