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Subject: Communication re. DSC Meeting February 7, 2022: Item # 10.1 - John St Multi-Use-Path implementation Strategy (Ward 1 &8)

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Re.: DSC Meeting February 7, 2022: Item # 10.1 - John St Multi-Use-Path implementation Strategy (Ward 1 &8)

Dear Members of Council,

It was very disappointing to see an approved, detailed designed and funded east/west Active Transportation gap not going through last year. The original John St. project as in Attachment A has more value due to the many important destinations such as a Community Centre, School, Arena and parks. I feel that Markham fails when it is not starting a project where it has more value to local residents to reach their destinations within 5 kilometers on foot or by other means of Active Transportation.

If this is somehow not possible, please do endorse the **revised** John Street Multi-Use-Path Strategy.

Please, do not politicize the safety of cyclists. Yes, the best option would be a separated cycletrack and a sidewalk along a busy road like John St., but if that is not possible we should choose the second best option, which is a MUP.

Hoping that many in Council are for advancing Safe Active Transportation and not reject the revised John Street MUP implementation on February 7, 2022.

Please, use the extended \$1 M Provincial Grant in 2022 or we will lose it. This way we are also not wasting \$450 K of Taxpayers money already used for the detailed design.

Thank you for supporting Active Transportation in Markham.

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From: Valerie Burke

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Subject: Item 10.1 - John Street Multi-Use Pathway Implementation Strategy - DSC - Feb. 7/22

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To the Members of Development Services Committee

Re: Item 10.1 - John Street Multi-Use Pathway Implementation Strategy

The John Street Multi-Use Pathway will provide residents with the opportunity to cycle and walk instead of always travelling by car. As you know, one of the residents' biggest concerns is too much traffic. The numerous development applications in the Thornhill area will exacerbate car traffic so it makes sense to provide active transportation as an alternative. The staff report eloquently states: "The John Street MUP project is part of the 2010 Cycling Master Plan and is also aligned with the 2021 Active Transportation Master Plan. It is consistent with the policies of the City Official Plan and the Safe & Sustainable Community goal of the Building Markham's Future Together (BMFT) Strategic Plan, by improving and making active transportation an attractive and sustainable mobility option."

I support the multi-use pathway, but am very concerned about the proposed removal of several mature trees and would request that everything possible is done to mitigate their removal. New trees should be sufficient in number to replace the canopy and be planted directly within the Thornhill vicinity. They also need to be monitored in order to ensure their survival.

Sincerely,

Valerie Burke