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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Comments

I live on Victoria Avenue and appreciate the work that has gone into the project. I do not support the people suggesting the bike lane be moved to East Lake/Monroe. I bike to work and crossing at East Lake and 8th street is a major hazard during my commute.

I don't believe choosing option 1 is the best option or the right choice for our city. It is true that the city recently repaired many years of deferred maintenance on the worst curbs and sidewalks on Victoria Avenue and resurfaced the west side of the avenue. That project has not been completed after extending the timeline numerous times during the summer and fall last year and we have yet to hear when the east side of the avenue will be resurfaced. I understand the complaints that it would be wasteful to rip out the repaired curbing and resurfaced west side of the avenue if the city goes with the preferred option 4 but I think it is important to note that the majority of the medians were not repaired and much of what wasn't repaired is still in poor shape and only the worst sidewalk sections were repaired/replaced. Many sections of the sidewalks along Victoria Avenue still have tripping hazards and are in bad shape. If preserving the trees is a major issue - I believe the city has the ability to safely remove the young trees and replant them in a new area. The mature trees close to the park would be a loss but new trees could be replanted or existing small trees moved to Buena Vista park where the bushes were cut down along the sidewalk a few years ago. It is also important to know that many of the trees in the median have died and have been removed due to disease and the remaining trees/shrubs are unkempt/partially dead/overgrown and the ground cover in the median is weeds and dirt and was damaged during the curbing replacement and by the snowplows in the winter.

It is important to be fiscally responsible but it doesn't excuse the progress of moving our city towards active transportation for all ages and abilities. I do not support the city's quick decision in approving Option 1. The Neighbourhood bikeway committee put forward many options and after careful review and consideration of all factors they determined that Option 4 was the preferred choice for the future of this neighbourhood. If the council chooses to approve option 1 they do not understand those who live in the neighbourhood and the objective of building a city for its residents now and in future. If the city can not approve option 4 they must approve option 6 and reevaluate their goals for city growth.

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