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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Buena Vista Community Association

Subject Victoria Ave Improvement Project

Meeting (if known)

Comments

Attached is a letter regarding the Victoria Ave improvement project representing from Buena Vista Community Association. We are submitting it to Council for discussion on April 26, 2021.

I am requesting to speak to this submission.

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Re: Victoria Avenue Bikeway, Pedestrian, and Traffic Safety Improvement Project

Dear Councillor Block,

The Buena Vista Community Association (BVCA) has been involved in the planning for this project via consultation with local residents, board attendance at outreach events, internal board discussion, and discussions with Councillor Block. We appreciate the opportunity afforded to residents to learn about the issue and engage in the discussion.

The BVCA does not support Option 1. We note that the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation has recommended Option 1 for Council's approval, contrary to the separated bike lanes recommended by City administration in their most recent proposal and feedback gathered from community residents during the consultation process. The BVCA feels that Option 1 is not an attractive proposal and adversely impacts Victoria Avenue residents through loss of parking, and cyclists through an ineffective and dangerous bike lane. The Option 1 design will be underutilized by northbound cyclists, cause conflict and safety issues between various road users, and breed resentment toward the project and the City from Buena Vista residents.

The BVCA has voted to support Option 4, which provides separate street-level bike lanes north and south along Victoria Avenue while maintaining on-street parking for residents along the corridor route. Option 4 extends the form and flow of the existing bike infrastructure on Victoria Avenue, providing a fluid transition and creating a truly attractive and minimally disruptive cycling route for people of all ages and abilities. We feel it will be safer for cyclists and pedestrians, while reducing potential conflict between all transportation modes.

The BVCA endorses Option 4 as the design that will provide residents of Buena Vista with a positive addition to the neighbourhood with a minimum of negative impacts, as well as being an attractive addition to the active transportation network that benefits the entire city.

Please contact us with any questions,

Sean Sass, President BVCA, [REDACTED]

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