



Brampton
Bicycle Advisory
Committee

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Harinder Malhi, Member of Provincial Parliament Brampton-Springdale
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Dear Ms. Malhi:

The Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee needs your help to advance the Kennedy Valley Trail Extension, a small but important active transportation project in Brampton. This is a proposed 2.5 Km multi-use pathway section of the Etobicoke Creek Trail that will run under both the 410 and 407 Highways to provide the first off-road active transportation corridor linking Brampton and Mississauga.

Planning for the Kennedy Valley Trail Extension started over 6 years ago. Negotiations have been complex as this short trail section touches multiple jurisdictions and involves multiple private land owners and public stakeholders. It has been funded for years but received the last of the approvals from Infrastructure Ontario, MTO, 407 ETR, Ontario Hydro and Enbridge only this past spring. Construction was due to start this year and its completion has been highly anticipated by a number of groups including: the Greenbelt Trails Association, Transportation Options, the Waterfront Trail Regeneration Trust, and the Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Aligned with the Ontario Cycling Strategy (#CycleON <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/pubs/cycling/>), the vision is to use the Kennedy Valley Trail Extension as a key connection point to promote: cycle commuting, (to ease traffic congestion, and especially for Brampton residents working in the Pearson Eco Zone), cycle tourism, and initiate a cooperative annual Mississauga-Brampton cycling event centred around the trail connection.

MTO has been helpful to this point, working with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the City of Brampton to secure the necessary permits and easements required to construct the eastern portion of the trail from the Mississauga boundary to Westcreek Boulevard. The western portion, the part travelling under Highway 410, is now delayed with the recently announced Highway 410 widening project. The 410 construction timeline extends to 2017 and potentially means 3 more years of delay for the completion of the Kennedy Valley Trail Extension and its associated active transportation benefits.

We realize that the widening of Hwy 410 is important to Brampton for both economic productivity and traffic flow efficiency. We understand the challenge for MTO to publicly commit to firm construction dates for a project of this complexity. We ask that MTO commit to continue to work cooperatively with the TRCA and the City of Brampton staff, to look for opportunities to pull the 410 Etobicoke Creek bridge construction work forward in the project

timeline and to complete the restoration work, both under and adjacent to the bridge, as soon as possible so that the trail work can be expedited.

Please let me know what I and the rest of the Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee can do to help realize this portion of Brampton's and Ontario's cycling vision as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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