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Mr. David Laing Chair, Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee david@bikebrampton.ca

Dear Mr. Laing:

Thank you for your letter, forwarded by Harinder Malhi, MPP, Brampton-Springdale, regarding the proposed Kennedy Valley Trail Extension below Highway 410. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Highway 410 is a key economic corridor and a major freeway link in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) providing access to two of the GTA's fastest growing areas, the cities of Brampton and Mississauga. A project of this size and scope produces challenges, including construction sequencing, which allows construction to proceed rapidly while minimizing impacts to the public.

A ministry Encroachment Permit was issued to the City of Brampton in December 2012, for the portion of the proposed Kennedy Valley Trail Extension that traverses within the Highway 410 right-of-way.

I understand that work has not commenced on the trail. As you are aware, construction is now underway for the widening of Highway 410 from south of Highway 401 to Queen Street. As a part of this contract, the Highway 410 bridge over the area of the proposed Kennedy Valley Trail will be widened. Construction on the bridge is scheduled to begin in early 2015, and is expected to last until late 2016. For safety reasons, this area will not be accessible to the public. I am pleased to let you know that the ministry has made allowances in the contract so that the city may potentially start trail construction west of Westcreek Boulevard beginning in 2017.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

Steven Del Duca

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