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**To:** Kwast, Tamara

**Subject:** RE: Request for review/comments - Draft AT Charter/ Vision2040 AT Report

Hi Tamara,

BikeBrampton reviewed the AT Charter revision at our meeting on Wednesday evening, and passed a motion that I capture their comments in advance of the Nov 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, as follows.

There is approval for Kevin's suggested addition of **Economic Benefits**. This is borne out by the 3 downtown Toronto BIAs supporting cycling infrastructure due to economic benefits. (TCAT, 2019) Economic benefits were highlighted in the "[Big Ask](#)", brought to Council earlier this year.

BikeBrampton was pleased to see that Kevin suggested the changed the title from "Accessibility" to "**Equity and Inclusion**". This is in keeping with the 6<sup>th</sup> bicycle friendly "E" that Portland Oregon's Transportation Alliance CEO Rob Sadowsky mentioned during a meeting in 2013. He actually said "Equality", but "Equity" is the more accepted term now. The 6<sup>th</sup> "E" was included in our 2014 "[Biking in Brampton builds our Community](#)" Video.

We would add back into the Charter "**Environmental Sustainability**", based on the following:

1. Environmental sustainability is part of Vision 1 in **Brampton's 2040 Vision**.
2. City of Brampton and Region of Peel have both declared **climate emergencies** in 2019.
3. City of Brampton, Sheridan College and the Nordic Countries Consortium are working on the **Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Program** (known as **CEERP**), which is anticipated to affect a large drop in the City's energy consumption in the very near future. They commissioned a world renowned company called [Garforth International](#), to analyze City of Brampton's energy consumption. Peter Garforth compiled the following results, as presented at CEERP:
  - a. 61% of energy consumption in Brampton comes from the transportation sector.
  - b. 80% of this transportation energy consumption comes from cars and light trucks (non-commercial vehicles).
  - c. According to **Transportation Tomorrow's 2018 survey**, 50% of transportation trips in the Region of Peel are 5 km or less.
  - d. Therefore short range trips could represent a significant portion of energy consumption reduction in Brampton, if we can convert those potential trips to active transportation.
4. Just yesterday, Brampton Council voted to become part of the "[Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy](#)". Brampton will be joining an alliance of more than 10,000 cities worldwide, that has been formed to fast-track energy technology "to identify, pilot and scale innovations and steer budgets toward clean energy".
5. 2/3 of Canadians voted in the recent federal election for parties that have substantial climate change policies.

While recent research may not reflect that citizens are selecting environmental sustainability for their reasons for choosing active transportation, we might be witnessing a giant global shift, where this consideration will be at the forefront of people's decision making.

The AT Charter is our opportunity to consider moving forward to where we are going and where we need to be.

Best regards,

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