

2020 10 21 Williams Parkway letter to Councillor Williams fr Ewa Milewska

**From:** Ewa Milewska

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**To:** 'charmaine.williams@brampton.ca'

**Subject:** Future Williams Parkway

Dear Ms. Williams,

I am writing to you to thank you for supporting the new bike lanes in Brampton and the east-west cycling corridor along Howden/Vodden streets. I am so excited to see how few, short and far in between bike lanes/urban shoulders of the past are now expanding and connecting and how it is now actually possible to safely go places. I was so happy to see new bike lanes being painted on North Park the other day and learning that Hanover will get them too. I hope this will help to calm the traffic around the Hanover elementary school just like it did around the Lester B. Pearson school on Howden. This year I have been able to go to food stores, drugstores, and shopping malls (BCC, Trinity) on my bike. I have a nice size basket on my back carrier where I put all my purchases including groceries. I also carry a little backpack. My daughter, too, could go to the activities having two kids on the bikes in front of her and pulling the youngest one in a chariot. The wide buffer is very helpful to ensure that cars stay proper distance from the bike lanes. It feels good to be able to run errands and get your daily dose of exercise at the same time!

This is why I also hope that we will enhance Williams Parkway to make it bike friendly instead of pouring more asphalt that makes urban flash floods and runoff worse. Widening Williams Parkway would bring more cars that make noise and air pollution worse but would do nothing to for active transportation. I filled out the online survey to let the city staff know my opinion and now I would like to ask you too to please vote for Option #3: no more car lanes, but rather nice bike lanes surrounded by trees and greenery. Please vote for liveable city for All! Thank you for your attention.

My best regards,

Ewa Milewska