



Toronto Community Bikeways Coalition
Toronto, Ontario,
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Attention: Albert Koehl, Coordinator

Sent via email: community.bikeways.toronto@gmail.com

1/4/2023

Re: Dangerous conditions on Eglinton Avenue bike lanes

Dear Albert Koehl,

Your letter dated December 20, 2022 regarding bike lanes along Eglinton Avenue was forwarded to me and I would like to respond on behalf of Phil Verster, President and CEO of Metrolinx.

Metrolinx prioritizes safety with every construction project, especially with respect to how they impact our surrounding communities. With that in mind, I appreciate your concerns and advocacy for safe bike lanes.

Bike lane designs for the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (ECLRT) project were outlined in the Project Agreement (PA) prior to Crosslinx Transit Solutions (CTS) being awarded the contract. CTS has followed the standards indicated in the Ontario Traffic Manual - Book 18 and the Toronto Complete Streets Guidelines issued in 2017. Additionally, the City of Toronto and its sub-groups including, but not limited to, "Transit Infrastructure Projects" and "Cycling and Pedestrian Projects" then reviewed and provided their approval as part of the design review process before moving forward with the installation of the bike lanes.

While permanent at-grade markings have mostly been completed, additional safety features along Eglinton are planned for later this year, including more pavement markings along the lanes west of the DVP south ramp. These already incorporate a double painted line that adds an increased buffer between cyclists and motor vehicles, and provides space for the City to add future markers or barriers as they see fit. A "Yield to Cyclists" sign will be installed, also at the DVP south ramp, that follows regulatory requirements governed by the Ontario Traffic Manual to mitigate any further safety risks.

Regarding the visibility of the pedestrian crossing sign at the DVP north ramp, while the video provided was captured from the vantage point of pedestrians standing on the sidewalk, we verified that the sign is visible to motorists as intended. That said, your concerns have been shared with the appropriate teams to ensure safety continues to be a priority. We will continue to monitor this situation closely to ensure that any additional issues are fully resolved, and that cyclists and motorists safely share the roads as work continues on the ECLRT project.

I would like to thank you for your continued advocacy and for bringing these issues to our attention. Should you wish to reach us in the future, please feel free to contact the ECLRT community office directly at crosstown@metrolinx.com.

Regards,



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Executive Vice President, Light Rail & Bus Program Delivery

cc: Phil Verster, President & CEO, Metrolinx
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