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Executive Policy Committee
May 11, 2016

Dear Councillors,

As a follow-up to the decision at last week's Public Works committee meeting to remove the corridor study of St. Anne's and replace it with a study of Des Meurons and a second study of a connection from River to Rivergate, Bike Winnipeg would like to bring forward some suggestions that we believe will better define these studies and help ensure that they produce results that the city can take action upon.

While we would have liked to see the corridor study of St. Anne's go forward at this time, we accept the decision made by the Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Committee in consultation with Councillors Mayes and Allard to hold off on this study for now in lieu of a study to the Des Meurons Corridor.

Given that the original St. Anne's corridor study would have covered a 7km stretch of roadway, we would like to see the Des Meurons study extended to cover the full length of Des Meurons (Fermor to Provenceher with the Niakwa Trail Extension) plus the full length of St. George Road (with extensions to Fermor and Beliveau) which runs between St. Anne's and St. Mary's Road.

As with the originally planned St. Anne's study, we think that it is important to include not just Des Meurons in the proposed study, but also parallel streets such as Enfield, St. Jean Baptiste and Youville in the study area to ensure that parallel routes are included in the study so that any changes to the studied roadways required for the inclusion of appropriate cycling facilities are considered and can be compared to the improved cycling facilities.

In particular, we are requesting that the following parameters be added to the Des Meruons study:

Des Meurons Study Suggestions:

1. Include St.George Road between Beliveau and Fermor within the scope of the study.
2. Include Des Meurons from Fermor Avenue to Provencher Boulevard within the scope of the study.
3. Include Enfield & St. Jean Baptiste within the scope of the study (including upgraded crossings of Marion, Goulet, and Provencher)
4. Include Youville & Rue Bourgeault from Marion to Ave De La Cathedrale within the scope of the study, including the crossing of Marion.

Sincerely,

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