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Comments in writing:

His Worship Mayor Gillingham and Members of Executive Policy Committee,

Re: Active Transportation Projects

I'd like to begin by acknowledging and thanking the Mayor and Council for your investments in Active Transportation (AT). The bike path network in the city has, in recent years, seen considerable progress enabling cyclists to commute or ride for pleasure and fitness with increased safety.

Council is also to be credited for its policy of improving AT when conducting road renewals and new builds. There remain critical areas where work is still needed to make our network a connected one that encourages a mode shift toward human-powered transportation for the reduction of greenhouse gases. An example of this is proposed bike paths in the downtown, which will provide important and separated connections for efficient and safe east-west and north-south travel.

I am asking that Council members maintain the commitment to follow your policy regarding the inclusion of cycling facilities in each road renewal project that overlaps with the City's planned bike network. In addition, I trust the Mayor's election promise to increase funding for AT will be honoured.

A little over a year ago I became a volunteer in cycling advocacy as I want to see a city where it is safe for me, my children and grandchildren to ride our bikes wherever we need to go. I hope your ongoing commitment to AT will ensure our young people grow up in a city that embraces a healthy, active lifestyle.

Thank you for your consideration.
Steve West, Winnipeg