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To: City of Ottawa
Attn: Montreal Road Working Group
Via email: montrealroad@ottawa.ca

Cc: Councillor Mathieu Fleury, Rideau-Vanier ward
Councillor Keith Egli, Chair, Transportation Committee
Vanier Community Association
Vanier BIA

Date: December 13, 2018

Subject: Proposed Montreal Road Cycling Infrastructure Improvements

Dear Montreal Road Working Group,

Members of Bike Ottawa's Advocacy Working Group attended the Montreal Road Working Group meeting on November 22, during which the City discussed three options for infrastructure improvements to Montreal Road between Vanier Parkway and North River Road. Two of our members also recently attended a meeting of the Vanier Community Association's Sustainable Development and Transportation Committee to discuss these three options.

The portion of Montreal Road between Vanier Parkway and North River Road is a crucial connectivity node for cycling. The City has identified Montreal Road as an east-west cycling spine in their long-term cycling plan. However, this portion is currently rated as "high stress", the highest stress rating, on Bike Ottawa's [Ottawa cycling stress map](#). Improvements would accommodate a high volume of cyclists of all comfort levels, align with the City's infrastructure master plan, provide a crucial east-west link that is currently missing from Ottawa's eastern cycling network, and contribute to the City's overall cycling strategy. These improvements would benefit cyclists and the businesses that they patronize.

Bike Ottawa supports the construction of cycle tracks along both the north and south side of Montreal Road from St. Laurent Boulevard to North River Road, as advocated for by the Vanier Community Association's Sustainable Development and Transportation Committee. We also support the Sustainable Development and Transportation Committee's recommendation that the City consider delivery options in driveways and in the parking lot along the north side of Montreal Road as potential solutions to concerns about impacts on deliveries to businesses.



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We urge the City to continue working with the Vanier Community Association to investigate potential solutions. Bike Ottawa's Advocacy Working Group would be happy to provide additional comments if needed.

Sincerely,

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