

Subject: Riverside Trail Project Photographs for April 8th Council meeting

Dear Mayor / Council Members

Re the proposed Riverside Trail Project April 8th 2021

One of two e mails .

The section shown in the attached photograph is between Arlington and Kensington on the “ existing multi use “Manning Road to Brighton trail . This photo differs greatly from the photograph sample attached to the project Dillon / Bezair report highlighting the Manning to Brighton trail . The photographs in the report do not depict the actual reality of the situation ; a reader might believe that all is good BEFORE Lesperance (existing Ganatchio) but also in the section AFTER the proposed project . It may well be ok on the Ganatchio but the attached photograph depicts the reality of the AFTER more easterly portion .

As seen in the attached parked vehicles blocking the sidewalk is common practise along this section and this seems acceptable to the town at present . How will the new trail be designed to prevent this type of private parking and therefore the related safety issues ? Also beyond the parked cars in both directions is a greatly reduced sidewalk section running east and west which can certainly present numerous challenges for pedestrians and cyclists trying to use this area safely .

The existing “trail “as seen in the attached pic is poorly maintained, in need of repair and the constant use of vehicles on a daily basis adds to the deterioration. Will council be reviewing the Manning to Brighton section to ensure the standards are the same as the proposed trail ?

Finally , does it not make sense to rethink the total trail area from Lesperance to Old Tecumseh Road and plan accordingly?

Please reconsider this trail project . Both ‘ Extend the trail ‘ and ‘Rethink the Trail ‘ parties have legitimate concerns and ideas . Clearly the community wants a trail system so I hope you can stop and find a way to make this trail unique to our area . Please develop a trail system in a wholistic manner that will make us proud of the collective efforts in our community.

Thank you , Linda Edwards

