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Dear Mr. Soward,

This is in response to your letter of January 7, 2012 regarding the Lower Water Street Bike Lane. The Lower Water Street bike lane was implemented in fall 2011 as part of Phase Two of the Downtown Street Network project. This lane, heading north, will be complemented by the addition of another lane on Hollis Street, heading south in spring 2012.

The goal of creating a connected cycling network that you identify in your letter is one that we share and that is highlighted in HRM's Active Transportation plan. We are currently planning new facilities that are connected and that help close existing gaps in the network. Examples include the implementation of a central north-south bicycle corridor on the peninsula and a project to connect the Chain of Lakes Trail to the peninsula. We recognize that our cycling network is a work in progress, and that gaps remain, however, we are working on multiple fronts to address this.

Regarding the termination of the Lower Water Street Bike Lane, we are currently evaluating how to connect cyclists between the Lower Water and Hollis St. bike lanes and the forthcoming Barrington St. Greenway. This would serve as an interim connection until the Cogswell Interchange is redeveloped. We would appreciate an opportunity to discuss the options we are considering with the Halifax Cycling Coalition at your convenience.

Thank you for raising your concerns with us. Please feel free to contact me with any additional comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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