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Transportation Standing Committee
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**Re: Cross-Town Cycling Connector**

Dalhousie University is a member of the Institutional TDM committee which also includes Capital Health, IWK, SMU and a representative from HRM. The committee supports the need for quality infrastructure to encourage and support safe cycling. There are numerous benefits of cycling including improved fitness, reduction in pollutants, and economic security. The Institutional TDM committee has released a cycling plan for our district that includes detailed designs advocating segregated and separated cycling corridors.

Dalhousie University works on active transportation programs and infrastructure including the recent addition of over 200 bike parking spots for a total of over 750 spots. Plans are under way to create a detailed design for cycling corridors on University Avenue. A convenient north – south dedicated cycling lane such as Agricola Street through the Commons and Summer St. will have great benefit to University cyclists as it connects to University Avenue. This type of corridor is needed as a key route in an overall peninsula plan. This route is at a good grade and used by many in the community.

In the last four years, the University has implemented a commuter survey. Each year we have seen an increase in cycling as a commuter mode. There has been more demand for integrated cycling networks. A clear prescription for HRM is to create a dedicated strategic and best-in-class cycling infrastructure for all residents to use for commuting, shopping and recreational purposes. Nova Scotia next to BC has the most temperate climate for cycling. There is evidence of this as racks are full along University Avenue well into December.

Sincerely,

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