

DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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By email: Samuel.Roberts@ottawa.ca

Dear Samuel Roberts:

Re: Gladstone and Gilmour Bikeway

I'm writing on behalf of the Mobility Committee, Dalhousie Community Association, in support of the city's proposal to create a continuous east-west cycling corridor through Dalhousie and Centretown.

We strongly support the proposed separated bike lanes on Gladstone Avenue between Preston Street and Arthur Street, as well the protected intersections planned at Booth Street and Rochester Street. We support the creation of a contraflow bike lane on Gilmour Street in Centretown, although not as the alternative to Gladstone.

We support the proposal to remove the truck route designation for Gladstone Avenue between Bronson Avenue and Preston Street, and Rochester Street north of Raymond Street, to provide more space for improved cycling facilities.

We have some questions and concerns about the plan.

1. Cyclists who use the proposed bikeway in Dalhousie to travel into Centretown to the east may ignore the route along Arthur, Christie Street, and Bronson, and continue straight along Gladstone through the intersection at Bronson. The city should reconsider its plan for rerouting to Gilmour via Arthur, Christie and Bronson, in favour of continuing the cycling safety improvements on Gladstone east of Arthur.
2. Rerouting via Arthur, Christie and Bronson will force cyclists to navigate two unprotected intersections for cyclists on Bronson (as opposed to one unprotected intersection at Gladstone and Bronson) and require cyclists to travel on Bronson for a short distance between Gilmour and Christie. Bronson, in its current form, is unsafe for cyclists.
3. At the western end of the bikeway, between Preston and Corso Italia Station, additional measures will be needed to ensure the safety of cyclists. This could include the addition of bollards, and a raised crossing at the light at Corso Italia, and provision for cyclists to make two-stage left turns from Gladstone on to the Trillium Pathway in both directions.

4. Consideration should be given to extending the proposed painted bike lane on Gladstone westward to Loretta Avenue North, for the safety of students travelling to Devonshire Community Public School.
5. A similar concern relates to students who will use the bikeway to travel east and then north to Cambridge Street Community Pubic School. Students may be tempted to continue east on Gladstone to Cambridge Street North before cycling north to their school. They will need protections at the intersection of Gladstone and Arthur.

A final note: This is an important project, and we are pleased to have had the opportunity to comment, but the comment period has been too short.

Nevertheless, thank you for the chance to have a say on the proposed [Gladstone and Gilmour Bikeway](#).

Sincerely,

Signed

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cc. Councillor Ariel Troster
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