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To the Members of the Roland Avenue Cycle Track Working Group:

Through continued engagement with the community and representatives of residents, businesses, and schools, the Department of Transportation has initiated steps to improve the comfort of those that use Roland Avenue. Since previous discussions, the Department of Transportation has taken the following steps:

1. Conducted field investigations at former bus stops to assess sight-distance and install No Stopping signs where needed.
2. Removed unwarranted flex-posts on Colorado Avenue.
3. Replaced existing damaged flex-posts with a more durable flex-post.

Please be advised that we are initiating design tasks and implementing plans for both short-term and long-term improvements. The following outlines the Department of Transportation's plans moving forward:

***Short-Term***

1. Two portable speed cameras will be deployed on Roland Avenue. Initial deployment will include one southbound and one northbound speed camera on Roland Avenue in the vicinity of Upland Road. Cameras can be relocated within the 4800 and 5500 blocks of Roland Avenue to address other areas of concern. The speed cameras will be installed by April 1, 2018.
2. The Department of Transportation will post signs in the vicinity of St David's Church permitting "Curbside Passenger Loading" between specified hours to accommodate drop-off and pickup of preschool students. The signs will be temporary in nature and mounted on portable foundations so that they can be easily adjusted to accommodate any future changes to the cycle track. These signs will be installed by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
3. An additional Traffic Enforcement Officer will be deployed in the vicinity of Roland Avenue at Deepdene Road during school drop-off and pickup hours. Their assignment will be to assist with students crossing Deepdene Road and Roland Avenue, and to observe and correct operational issues on the block of Roland Avenue between Colorado Avenue and Deepdene Road. As an example, a Traffic Enforcement Officer will act as a deterrent to double parking or illegal parking that obstructs sightlines to pedestrians and other drivers. The Traffic Enforcement Officer will be deployed by February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### ***Mid-Term***

1. Implement previously discussed measures of widening the parking lane by approximately 12 inches and installing flex-posts at block ends to reinforce parking lanes when they are not being utilized. These measures will be completed by late Summer, 2018.
2. The parking on the east side of Roland Avenue between Colorado Avenue and Deepdene Road will be returned to the curbside, with an off-street cycle track being provided on the wide sidewalk adjacent to the road. Design of this modification will be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, with construction anticipated by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

### ***Long-Term***

1. The Department of Transportation will work with the community in planning a pilot road-diet. This road diet will involve the use of temporary materials to test/assess the impacts of reducing one travel lane in both directions of Roland Avenue between predetermined limits. The goal of the road diet will be to slow vehicular speeds and provide increased comfort to people on bikes and people parking. This plan will be developed in the Spring of 2018 and implemented in September, 2018.
2. With the data gathered from the road diet, the DOT will continue to engage with the community in evaluating the cycle track design and any potential modifications to improve the safety and comfort of those who use Roland Avenue.

We look forward to future discussion and engagement with the community and are always open to additional feedback. The Department of Transportation will be scheduling a public meeting to be held in February, 2018 to discuss the proposed path forward.

Sincerely,



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