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City of Vaughan Budget Committee
Honorable Major and Members of Council
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Maple, ON, L6A 1T1

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Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Vaughan Bicycle User Group in support of three cycling related Capital Budget items found in the 2015 Draft Budget. The Active Transportation Facility on McNaughton Road, the Pedestrian and Bicycle Network Implementation Program and the Cycle Path Works on Islington Avenue are worthwhile projects befitting our goal to obtain additional facilities for the existing cycling network.

We are current users of the existing "Pilot Lanes" on Peter Rupert Avenue, south of Major Mackenzie and are thrilled with the proposed extension of the cycling infrastructure north of Major Mackenzie Drive on McNaughton Road. Several landmark stores and businesses are located along this stretch of road and providing this cycling link to the residential neighbourhoods south of Major Mackenzie really contributes to a safer experience for the families cycling to shop and these businesses staff.

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Network Implementation Program appears to include a bicycle parking component on roads, trails and outside public buildings/schools. This effort is very much required where City roads meet Regional and Toronto roads and we applaud the department proposing the project. Our cyclists deserve better parking than chaining their bikes to traffic signs.

We are also in favour of the Cycle Path Works Project on Islington as it provides continuity to the existing cycling/multi use network and enhances safety for the different path users by its increased capacity.

Any opportunity to enhance the Vaughan cycling experience has merit. Connecting existing cycling systems to activity centres is mandatory if we wish to promote active transportation. We believe the three proposed Capital Budget items bear witness to Vaughan's engagement towards a more active and healthier population and wish to support them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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