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Objet : Cycling Paths in Montreal

Hello,

I'm pleased to see that part of Montreal's master plan includes improving access for cyclists. I wanted to voice my hope, however, that the city will not just work towards the improvement of access for cyclists but also for roller bladers. While it may seem that improving access for one improves it for the other, this is not always the case. Roller bladers (and there are many of us in this city) need well paved paths, whereas cyclists can cycle on pot-marked roads and gravel. Since it seems that the aims of the city, in working towards this improved access, consist of encouraging physical activity among its citizens and encouraging people to leave their cars at home and use alternate, more environmentally friendly modes of transportation, ensuring access for both cyclists and bladers will accomplish these goals all the more readily.

The second hope I have is that public bike locks might be made available in the boroughs on busy commercial streets and by apartment buildings and condos. Many apartment dwellers in the suburbs have no safe, accessible place to keep their bicycles and having to pull it out of storage every time one needs to go somewhere can be a time-consuming task. One thus becomes tempted to take the car instead. If we had public bike locks outside of apartment buildings and/or condos, more people might take their bikes out of storage and regularly make more use of them.

My final hope is that a bike path might be created between Dorval and Beaconsfield (or ideally) Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue. Perhaps this is a pipe dream, but I thought I'd mention it anyhow. Lachine has a wonderful path and Montrealers can bike or blade from the Old Port all the way to the edge of Lachine. Biking or blading between Lachine and Ste. Anne's, however, can sometimes be a risky prospect as Bord de Lac is a narrow road and certainly not a safe one for bladers.

Thanks for your time and good luck with the Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Patti Kingsmill