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Mr. Jabbar Siddique
Senior project Engineer, Transportation Planning Branch
Transportation Services Department
City of Ottawa
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Dear Mr. Siddique:

I received one Part II Order requests, asking that the City of Ottawa (City) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the proposed Class Environmental Assessment for the Chapman Mills Drive Extension (Longfields Drive to Strandherd Drive) and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor (Greenbank Road to Borrisokane Road) Class Environmental Assessment (Project).

I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided that an individual environmental assessment is not required. This decision was made after giving careful consideration to the issues raised in the request, the Project documentation, the provisions of the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and other relevant matters required to be considered under subsection 16(4) of the Environmental Assessment Act (Act). The reasons for my decision may be found in the attached letter to the requester. In the interest of transparency, I encourage you to make this letter available to the greater public on the City's website.

Despite my not requiring an individual environmental assessment be prepared, during the review it was noted that there are some concerns regarding compensation for the acquisition of property for the multi-use pathway for the proposed Project. I am imposing the following conditions to ensure that the Proponent allows for further consultation regarding the final design of the multi-use pathway for the Project:

1. The City shall hold at least one open house with interested persons, including the requester, during the detailed design phase of the Project. The purpose of this

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open house is to discuss the detail design for Section 3: Bus Rapid Transit Corridor from Chapman Mills Drive to Borrisokane Road.

2. The City shall consider dedicated cycle lanes as part of the final design for Section 3: Bus Rapid Transit Corridor from Chapman Mills Drive to Borrisokane Road.
3. The City shall submit the final design for Section 3: Bus Rapid Transit Corridor from Chapman Mills Drive to Borrisokane Road, the rationale for the final design and the documentation on consultation to the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch prior to construction of the Project.

With this decision having been made, the City can now proceed with the Project. The City must ensure the Project is implemented in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the Project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, and environmental and other provisions therein.

If it is determined that dedicated cycle lanes can be added in areas that were not previously identified in the Environmental Study Report, please feel free to contact ministry staff for additional guidance. Supporting cycling is an important part of Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan. Good cycling infrastructure gets people out of their cars and onto bikes and transit for their daily commute, effectively reducing greenhouse gas pollution while also improving public health.

Lastly, I would like to ensure that the City understands that failure to comply with the Act, the provisions of the Class Environmental Assessment, and failure to implement the Project in the manner described in the planning documents, are contraventions of the Act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act.

I am confident that the City recognizes the importance and value of the Act and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Class Environmental Assessment are satisfied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Ballard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" at the beginning.

Chris Ballard
Minister

Attachment

c: Requester