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Power of the Crowd for an Active City Agenda

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1. Parkways for People: Community Thoughts on Colonel By Drive

Yesterday, Parkways for People held a **community discussion** on Reimagining Colonel By Drive. Thanks to all who showed up and provided feedback.

Thanks also to Ottawa Centre **MP Yasir Naqvi** and **MPP Joel Harden** for their surprise appearances. We look forward to working with you!

It was a great discussion with some important community views expressed and some amazing suggestions coming forward. Look out for our forthcoming report summarising these ideas.





2. Word on the Street

Some of what the community has been talking about recently.

- Our **Ottawa could build an entire generation of bike infrastructure RIGHT NOW** tweet got a ton of positive feedback.
- The Nakkertok **Nakkertrak** is open for early season xc skiing, including for the general public.
- City Transportation Committee turned down a proposal to eliminate "**revert to red**" signals.
- Install a **community bike repair station** for \$3,100.
- Ecology Ottawa and Walkable Ottawa are holding a **workshop** on Dec 8 for creating a 15 minute neighbourhood in Stittsville.
- **Milan** is the latest city to decide to build a full bike network right away, through a €250m investment that will build 750km of bike lanes.

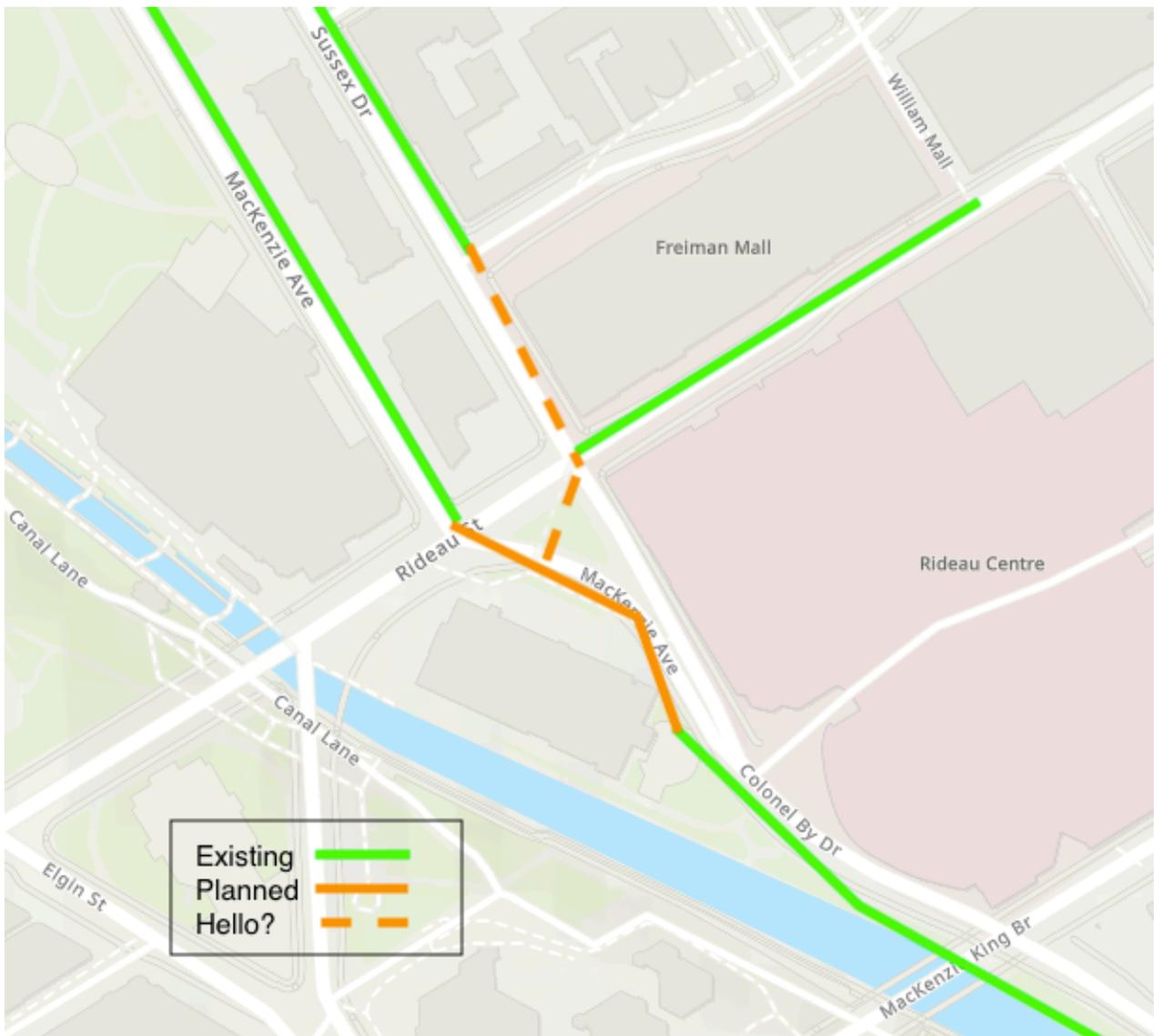
3. This Week's Big Idea: Is it So Hard to Connect the Bike Lanes?

The Dutch have five principles of bike network design, and connectivity is the first of these. (Directness, safety, comfort and attractiveness are the other 4.) Bike lanes need to connect to other bike lanes if you expect to see trends that benefit from all these

need to connect to other bike lanes if we aspire to a network that works for all ages and abilities.

The City is proposing bike infrastructure near the Rideau Centre that is within 50m of 4 bike lanes. Connecting to all 4 should be a no-brainer, but the plan is to only connect the Colonel By pathway to the MacKenzie Ave bike lane. The picture below shows the missing connection as a dotted line. See the full [project information](#).

This piecemeal approach needs to stop. Next week we'll talk about how we might get it fixed.



4. They Want to Hear From You

The Powers That Be want to hear from you.

- Councillor Brockington is holding a consultation on Dec 2 at 7pm about turning **Kirkwood Ave** from 4 to 2 lanes. Zoom **registration**
- City **consultation** on **McFarlane Rd** traffic calming, including better bike and pedestrian facilities, until Dec 10.
- NCC is looking for feedback on a **replacement to the Alexandra Bridge**. They ask you **review** the proposal, and they fill out a **survey**, until Dec 12
- Councillor Kavanagh is holding an **open house** on Dec 13 at 6:30pm to discuss the proposed **Richmond Rd Renewal** (Bayshore to Pinecrest).
- The city is proposing **cycle lanes from Daly to Mackenzie** (i.e., Shaw Centre to Chateau Laurier). **Proposal**; submit comments until Dec 19. Our thoughts above in Section 3.

About

The 613 Update sets out to connect, narrate and amplify the voices thinking big for a more active Ottawa. It also serves as a regular briefing for the Parkways for People initiative. It normally comes out on Thursdays.

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