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## 2005 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE - Cycling

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### Issue/Background:

This briefing note identifies specific cycling projects which could be undertaken in 2005 if the Cycling Infrastructure budget was increased from \$1.0 million to \$2.3 million, with \$0.5 million of that sum dedicated to mid-block crossings.

### Project Options Under Different Funding Levels:

The attached Cycling Infrastructure 2005 Project List identifies the projects which could be undertaken under the following funding scenarios:

- \$1.0 million based on the current request;
- \$0.8 million in additional funding; and
- \$0.5 million for trail-roadway mid-block crossings.

### Impact of Additional \$0.8 Million:

An additional \$0.8 million would enable Transportation Services to advance the following projects of the Toronto Bike Plan program:

- provide 20 additional bike lockers (current request funds 30 bike lockers);
- several new bicycle lane projects (see attached 2005 Project List);
- provision of lighting in the section of Eglinton West Path to be constructed in 2005, from Royal York to Islington;
- design / construction of new Eglinton West Path bicycle-pedestrian bridge over Mimico Creek; and
- an additional 25 km of new signed shared roadway routes (current request funds 50 km).

### Trail-Roadway Mid-block Crossings:

An additional \$0.5 million in funding would enable design and installation of signalized crossings of arterial roads at several locations on the following major trails. The work program would include detailed assessment/design, public consultation, report to Council and installation in 2005.

- Gatineau Hydro Corridor - Birchmount, Warden and Pharmacy - preliminary investigation undertaken this fall in response to a request by Councillor Thompson; and
- Belt-line trail crossings at Avenue Road, Oriole Parkway and Caledonia Road.

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