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Dear Mayor and Council,

I have raised numerous safety concerns regarding the Gilmour multiuse bike path and I would like to make you aware that I was hit by a van last week cycling home from work along this route.

I was involved in a hit and run on the Gilmour multiuse path while I was cycling on Sept 14 (Police report #23-32325). As I entered the intersection of Gilmour Diversion at Myrle St travelling northbound a van did not stop at the stop sign, nor look for cyclists heading northbound. The collision resulted in damage to the side of his vehicle and my cargo bike. The driver was turning right onto Gilmour. The driver did not remain at scene of the crash.

Not even a week later (Sept 18), an aggressive driver nearly hit me on Gilmour Diversion while he was turning right on a red light from Still Creek Ave. I was heading northbound on the multiuse path and had a green light and walk signal. I spoke with the driver and he berated me for cycling 'the wrong way'. They also said they were not aware that there was 'no right on a red' at this intersection. The driver was not aware that the crossing is a two-way bike path and was not expecting someone to be biking northbound.

The intersections and driveways that cross the Gilmour multiuse path are extremely dangerous and someone is going to get killed. The City needs to review these crossings and implement additional safety features to protect pedestrians and cyclists. Drivers are not aware that this is a two-way cycling path and are not expecting bikes to come from both directions. I've emailed the City numerous times about these concerns before. At many of the crossings there is no visual cue to drivers that this is a two way bike path. The cycle crossings need raised asphalt, green paint and additional signage so that drivers are clear that this is two-way bike path. I've identified over 5 crossings (on Gilmour between Still Creek and Kincaid st) where I have encountered near misses with drivers unaware of the two-way bike path. I knew it was only a matter of time before I got hit by a vehicle on this route. I have encountered near misses with

vehicles on a weekly basis using this route and I've provided comments to the city before but nothing has been done to improve safety. Drivers are extremely aggressive through this area and some think they have the right of way regardless of stop signs or red lights. Please do something so that I'm not permanently injured or killed coming home from work.

Regards, Geoff Doerksen