



# NOTICE TO RESIDENT

## RIDEAU RIVER WESTERN PATHWAY ON-STREET SECTION (BULLOCK, ELLIOT, ONSLOW)

### INFORMATION UPDATE

June 2016

Dear Resident,

The Rideau River Western Pathway is a City of Ottawa initiative from the official Ottawa Cycling Plan that will enhance and strengthen the existing cycling network by creating a direct route between Carleton University and the Ottawa River. The current project limits extend from McIlraith Bridge to University of Ottawa Lees Campus/Lees LRT station.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Was the public consulted on the project?

A: Yes. Functional planning began in 2013 with the establishment of a Public Working Group which included representatives from the local community (Old Ottawa East Community Association and Sustainable Living Old Ottawa East), and the city as a whole. Numerous meetings were held including two Public Open Houses during the planning process that ended fall 2014. Engineering design is currently underway with several meetings having been held with the public since design began in summer of 2015.

Q: Why do current plans show the route from Brantwood Park to McIlraith Bridge following Onslow Crescent, Elliot Avenue and Bullock Avenue and not along the waterfront?

A: Due to budgetary constraints at this time, it was decided to prioritize the northern section of the paved pathway starting at Brantwood Park to provide the necessary link to the future LRT station and the connection to the remainder of the paved pathway east of the University of Ottawa Lees Campus. Therefore the waterfront pathway from Brantwood Park to McIlraith Bridge has been removed from this current project and will be revisited at a later date by the City.

Q: How is my street changing?

A: Changes will be very limited. Route guidance will be provided by installation of strategically located green Bike Route signs. In addition to these signs, the city proposes to paint sharrows (<http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/transportation-and-parking/cycling/sharrows>) on the travel lanes to highlight the presence of cyclists along the route. No changes to parking regulations along the streets are proposed at this time.

Q: Why does the route follow Bullock Avenue instead of Rideau Garden Drive?

A: There are several reasons. The Bullock route is shorter. Bullock provides a direct link to the Main Street cycle path. The Bullock crossing at Centennial is safer.

Q: When will the project be constructed?

A: Construction is targeted for 2017.

Q: How can the public obtain additional information about the project?

A: Various information is available on the city's website at <http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-consultations/transportation/rideau-river-western-pathway-overview>

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