



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	January 19, 2016
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access (PW16003) (Wards 2,7,8) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 2, 7, 8
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Council Direction:

On December 9, 2015, Council approved a Motion for a Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access. The motion stated:

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton’s Cycling Master Plan is intended to guide the development and operation of it’s cycling infrastructure for the next twenty years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to review the options and costs associated with providing a delineated bicycle lane up the Claremont Access and report back to the January 19, 2016 General Issues Committee.

Information:

In order to update Council, a presentation has been prepared entitled, Delineated Bicycle Lane Overview for the Claremont Access and will include an overview of the following:

- The 2009 Cycling Master Plan (CMP) and its part with the 2016 Transportation Master Plan.
- Escarpment Crossings
 - 23 locations identified (CMP 2009).
 - Eight crossings currently exist – Wilson St Hill recently repaved.
 - Three mountain access projects have progressed (Jolley Cut, Waterdown and Sydenham Rd).
 - One mountain access project identified for 2018 (Greenville).

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- Addition of bike racks on HSR buses, offer an option to traverse the escarpment.
- Four projects could be addressed with the potential Claremont project (one was identified as a medium-priority project).
- Planned Cycling Infrastructure Projects for 2016 (Bike Lanes):
 - Highland Rd / Winterberry Dr
 - Charlton Ave / Herkimer St
 - Cannon St/ Britannia Ave/ Melvin Ave (Kenilworth to Woodward)
 - Upper Wentworth St (Concession to Fennell)
 - Gage Ave (Industrial to Lawrence)
 - Hunter St (MacNab to Catharine)
 - Jolley Cut downbound (sharrows)
- Cycling Infrastructure as Part of Road Reconstruction Projects:
 - Ridge Rd (McNeilly to Tenth Rd E)
 - Rymal Rd (Pritchard to Trinity Church)
 - Rymal Rd (Upper Paradise to Garth)
 - Garth St (Stone Church to Rymal)
 - Upper Sherman Ave (LINC to Stone Church)
 - Upper Red Hill Parkway
 - Rice Ave (Sanatorium to Mohawk/Wendover)
 - Wilson St (Seminole to Fiddlers Green)

The presentation will also review connectivity issues with the Claremont Access and surrounding areas. This will include a review of existing and planned infrastructure, projects in progress and areas that will require a resolution. In order to provide Council with accurate cost estimates for the implementation of a delineated bicycle lane on the Claremont Access additional work needs to be completed as noted below.

- Design Considerations will include a review of:
 - Public input
 - Connectivity options
 - Safety considerations e.g. potential conflict points between cyclists, pedestrians and vehicles.
 - Collision data
 - Current & future traffic capacity & routing
 - Operations & Maintenance e.g. street sweeping and winter control
 - Design options
 - A review of potential funding sources
 - Project Co-ordination
 - Project priority in the context of already approved cycling infrastructure projects.
- Next Steps:
 - Options to be investigated in 2016 would include a review of the design considerations listed above.
 - Staff to report back in the 4th quarter of 2016 with recommendations and costing for approval as part of the 2017 Capital Budget.
 - Public Consultation.