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Subject: MTO Province-wide Cycling Network Identification – Request for Input

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Dear Alan Kirkpatrick,

The province is committed to encouraging and expanding safe cycling in Ontario. This is why the Ministry of Transportation released [#CycleON: Ontario's Cycling Strategy](#), a 20-year vision for cycling in Ontario, in 2013 and [#CycleON Action Plan 1.0](#), the first multi-year action plan for implementing the Strategy, in 2014.

#CycleON takes a broad perspective and looks at the changes needed in infrastructure, the safety of highways and streets, the design of communities, and opportunities for tourism and public awareness. The Action Plan includes a wide range of initiatives that the province continues to work on to make Ontario more cycling-friendly.

One of the key commitments under #CycleON: Action Plan 1.0 is to identify a network of cycling routes that links select communities and major destinations throughout Ontario. The Ministry is inviting you to participate in this study by sharing information about your cycling routes, plans and priorities.

The Ministry has retained a consultant team for this project led by WSP|MMM Group. The team is now seeking your input through an online questionnaire and interactive mapping tool to identify:

1. Existing and planned cycling facilities throughout the province;
2. Proposed route options for a provincial scale cycling network and potential secondary linkages;
3. Considerations for signage and way-finding;
4. Major recreational, cycling and tourism attractions; and,
5. Barriers for the implementation of cycling facilities.

Municipalities, First Nations and Métis communities, Regional Tourism Organizations, provincial-level cycling stakeholders, and groups that own, plan or coordinate major provincial cycling routes have been invited to provide input at this stage. Your organization may not be able to complete all questions but the Ministry is requesting that you provide what information you can. A council approved response is not required from municipalities.

Building on an inventory of major cycling routes completed by the Ministry in 2011, the information gathered will help the consultant team develop a proposed concept for a province-wide network.

There will then be opportunities for all stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposed network later this year.

The questionnaire and mapping tool are located on an online interface accessed through a unique and secure login and password that will be emailed to you separately within the hour. One login and password will be provided per organization. If you do not receive this email please check your junk/spam mail. If it cannot be found please contact MTOCyclingNetwork@mmm.ca.

This survey will be underway from now until July 29, 2016. To support you, the consultant team will be scheduling three Web-ex meetings in the coming weeks to answer your questions and assist with the online tools, if needed.

The Ministry would like to thank you for your participation and for your interest in this important study. If you have any immediate questions about the project or if you require assistance to complete this survey, please contact the consultant team by email at MTOCyclingNetwork@mmm.ca or by phone at 905-882-7306. If you feel you are not the appropriate individual to complete the survey, please respond to this email to provide an alternate name and contact information.

Sincerely,

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