Active Transportation Assessment

Option 1: Bike Lanes (Conventional or Buffered)

Description:

- Appropriate based on OTM Book 18.
- Has minimal separation from heavy vehicles which may be unattractive to less experienced cyclists.
- Would require a transition at/near Princess to connect with the planned multiuse path. Would add time to a trip.
- Least expensive option.
- Feasible primarily within the existing ROW.
- Viable but not recommended.

Option 2: Multi-Use Path - Recommended

Description:

- Appropriate based on OTM Book 18.
- Is separated from traffic.
- Separated facilities can form part of an all ages and abilities cycling network.
- Can provide a seamless, continuous connection to the path planned south of Barton Street.
- Would detour around some obstacles (e.g. hydro towers) but the user would not need to transition on or off the pathway.
- Meets goal of providing pedestrian facilities on the west side.
- More costly than bike lanes; comparable to cycle track.
- Would require an easement to run within the hydro corridor and for the centre pier of Bridge 332 to shift slightly.
- Potential property impacts north of Brant.
- This is the recommended option.

Option 3: Cycle Track

Description:

- Appropriate based on OTM Book 18.
- Is separated from traffic.
- Separated facilities can form part of an all ages and abilities cycling network.
- Would require a vertical transition at/near Princess Street to connect to the planned multi-use path. Would add time to a trip.
- Necessary to detour around the hydro tower south of Bridge 331.
- More costly than bike lanes; comparable to cycle track.
- Would require an easement at some locations (e.g. hydro towers) to fit.
- Potential property impacts north of Birch.
- Viable but not recommended.