

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Public Works Committee: October 5, 2020

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Hamilton Cycling Committee’s Recommendations for the Development of Cycling Infrastructure

WHEREAS, Hamilton has declared a Climate Emergency recognizing that Climate Change is the single largest threat to municipalities across the world and urgent action is needed;

WHEREAS, transportation is responsible for the largest and fastest growing share of Ontario’s greenhouse gas emissions (2016 Annual GHG Report: Facing Climate Change);

WHEREAS, car travel accounts for about one fifth of Ontario’s emissions (2016 Annual GHG Report: Facing Climate Change);

WHEREAS, Hamilton’s daily cycling mode share is less than 7% (Transportation Tomorrow Survey - walk & cycle together is 7%);

WHEREAS, median trip length for daily car travel is 6km, there is a significant opportunity for residents to shift to more sustainable modes of travel, such as cycling (Transportation Tomorrow Survey);

WHEREAS, increasing the number of residents who choose to cycle as transportation, particularly for trips under five kilometers, plays an important role in addressing the Climate Emergency;

WHEREAS, an Ontario wide poll shows that 32% of residents would like to cycle as their mode of transportation to and from work (Share the Road 2018);

WHEREAS, Hamilton developed a 2018 Cycling Master Plan Review and Update as part of the 2018 Transportation Master Plan, identifying revisions to Hamilton’s Cycling Master Plan (CMP) of 2009;

WHEREAS, Hamilton approved the Strategic Road Safety Program and Vision Zero Action Plan in February 2019;

WHEREAS, Hamilton has made progress on closing gaps in our cycling infrastructure and increasing the safety of our residents who cycle, for which we have been

recognized by Share the Road Cycling Coalition with a silver Bicycle Friendly Community designation;

WHEREAS, staff are exploring research around a minimum grid of cycling infrastructure in cooperation with local post-secondary institutions as part of CityLab;

WHEREAS, investments in cycling infrastructure will complement investments being made in public transit, providing residents with improved first and last mile access to transit;

WHEREAS, the local transportation network falls under municipal jurisdiction, Hamilton has a meaningful opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by designing and building local roads to provide residents with more transportation choices, including cycling; and,

WHEREAS, ASST (Active and Sustainable School Travel) is actively working on engaging parents and students to promote active school travel by walking or cycling to school, thus improving health and reducing air pollution in school communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the following feedback from the Hamilton Cycling Committee be forwarded to City staff for consideration:
 - (i) That staff update the Cycling Master Plan to include a minimum grid of cycling infrastructure that ensures all trips under five kilometers are accessible by bike;
 - (ii) That staff prioritize cycling connectivity to transit and ensure that all major transit stops and stations are accessible by bike and provide ample secure bike parking;
 - (iii) That staff accelerate implementation of the previously adopted Cycling Master Plan, prioritizing routes to schools;
 - (iv) That there is a commitment to annual capital budget funding to implement the accelerated Cycling Master Plan;
 - (v) That all existing and planned cycling facilities use the All Ages and Abilities framework developed by the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO); and,
 - (vi) That all new residential developments include safe and protected cycling infrastructure that connects to the existing cycling network.