



Hamilton

Public Works

Memorandum

Date: July 28th, 2021

To: Hamilton Cycling Committee

CC: Trevor Jenkins, Project Manager, Transportation Planning

From: Nimesh Patel, Project Manager, Asset Management

Subject: **Response to Draft Upper Wellington Motion**

In response to a draft motion titled “Upper Wellington Cycling Infrastructure Connectivity Motion”, we wanted to provide some additional project information on the Upper Wellington Street Environmental Assessment. Based on the below information, we recommend waiting to support a motion.

Project Overview

The City of Hamilton is completing a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment project following the Schedule C process to look at right-of-way improvements for Upper Wellington Street between Limeridge Road and Stone Church Road. This process includes:

- Identification of a problem and/or opportunity statement (Phase 1)
- Identification and evaluation of alternative solutions (Phase 2)
- Identification and evaluation of alternative designs (Phase 3)
- Documentation of the project, decisions and recommendations in an Environmental Study Report (Phase 4)

This project is looking at lane configurations, active transportation facilities, and stormwater management improvements. All alternatives being assessed include active transportation facilities along the entire study area, including a connection over the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway.

Project Status

The project team is currently working to complete Phase 2 of the project – identification and evaluation of alternative solutions – and confirm the preferred alternative solution. The differences between the various alternatives focus around the number of lanes.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held in June 8, 2021. The process to confirm the number of lanes is still underway; comments submitted during the first public engagement process are being reviewed and some supplementary assessment work is being completed.

The final preferred alternative solution will be based on the impacts associated with 19 evaluation criteria, comments received during the first comment period, and the results of the additional assessment work. The results of this will be documented and presented during the project's second PIC (currently planned for Fall 2021).

Approach to Cycling

As per the City-wide Transportation Master Plan and Cycling Master Plan (2018), the Upper Wellington EA will make cycling facility recommendations for the entire length of the study area, including a connection over the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway.

The design of the facilities has not been confirmed yet. Once the number of lanes has been confirmed, the project will move into Phase 3 of the process. At this Phase, active transportation design will be a focal point.

In addition to developing recommendations for facilities, the project will also be looking at implementation timing based on planned construction works. Additional information on this will become available as the project progresses.

Next Steps

A second Public Information Centre is anticipated to be held in Fall 2021. At this time, the project will take a closer look at active transportation facilities along the corridor.

We recommend waiting to make a motion on this project. The project is still early in the process and there are outstanding components which prevent us from being able to confirm the design of cycling facilities at this time. However, it can be confirmed that cycling facility recommendations will be made for the entire length of the corridor, including a connection over the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, or would like any additional information, please contact Nimesh Patel, Project Manager, at Nimesh.patel@hamilton.ca.

General project information and updates can also be found at www.hamilton.ca/UpperWellingtonEA.