

Upper Wellington Cycling Infrastructure Connectivity Motion

Whereas

- The city is currently doing an EA along Upper Wellington between Lime Ridge Road and Stone Church Road
- Hamilton's cycling master plan includes cycling infrastructure over the Lincoln Alexander Parkway along Upper Wellington
- It is important that cycling infrastructure connect to existing infrastructure in order to develop increased ridership
- A cycling lane over the Lincoln Alexander Parkway would connect the planned cycling infrastructure South of the Parkway to that north of the Parkway
- A connection over the overpass is a key component of a minimum grid of cycling infrastructure on the Hamilton mountain
- A minimum grid fits with the goals of Vision Zero and the city's declaration of a Climate Emergency.
- There is currently no north-south crossing over the Parkway closer than West 5th to the west and Upper Sherman to the East
- It is possible to reduce the number of car lanes on the bridge along Upper Wellington
- It is possible to consider having only two lanes, along with a center turning lane, all along Upper Wellington from Lime Ridge Road to Stone Church Road to match Upper Wellington to the south of Stone Church Road
- Having four traffic lanes and with no cycle lane does not fit the goal of balancing infrastructure (as per Complete Liveable Better Streets) on the overpass; it instead prioritizes automobile transportation with respect to north-south connections on the Hamilton mountain

1. *We request that the city ensure that the road improvements on Upper Wellington from Lime Ridge Road to Stone Church Road include cycling infrastructure over the Lincoln Alexander Parkway.*

Whereas

- a multi-use pathway slows down commuter cycling traffic
- a multi-use pathway causes unease for both cyclists and pedestrians
- pedestrians with ear-buds do not hear the bells of cyclists

2. *We request that the cycling infrastructure be clearly separated (e.g. separated facility) from the pedestrian traffic along Upper Wellington.*