



Open Streets Temporary Urban Linear Park

BIA Advisory Committee

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What is an Open Street?



- Temporary opening of streets to people as additional public space, closing them to cars.
- Typically have a family-friendly festival type atmosphere but are not organized as festivals.
- The first one was conducted in Bogota, Columbia in 1974. The Cyclovia (translated to “Cycle-way”) closed major streets to vehicular traffic on Sundays, and still runs today with 122 km of roadway included in the program.



'Cyclovia' Open Street event in Bogota

Why an Open Street?



- Mobility patterns have shifted during the COVID-19 pandemic, with a worldwide increase in walking, cycling, and generally being outside more.
- Many cities have recognized this and improved outdoor space such as pop-up bike lanes and temporary dining spaces
- In North America, the most common measure has been Open Streets



Open Streets in NYC

Open Streets in North America



NYC Open Street



Portland Open Street

What is being considered?



- One day this fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the roadway would be transformed into additional public space that could be used as a temporary linear urban park.
- 4 km of road closed to vehicles from Gore Park to Gore Park
- Space for cycling, physical activity stations and small urban activation projects.
- This is a pilot project, and if successful there is the potential for more of these events in 2023.



What has Hamilton done in the past?



- Past events include: James St North, Westdale, Barton Village Festival
- In the past these have been much shorter, with a lot of programming and activities.



Images from James St North Open Street event, 2015.

Barton Village Festival



Survey Engagement



Survey now-live on at: engage.hamilton.ca/e-cargobikeprogram

- Share your comments via e-mail to sustainable.mobility@hamilton.ca
- Will review comments for consideration as we continue to plan the logistics of this event.
- The City will be engaging with businesses impacted by this project to ensure minimal disruption to operations

Next Steps



- Compile survey results
- Continue engagement with key stakeholders including BIAs, Police, Fire, Transit, businesses
- Detail concept, costs, issues mitigation
- Report back to Council with survey results and proposed next steps





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