

July 5th, 2022

RE: Item 8.1 – Complete Streets Design Guidelines

Dear Members of the Public Works Committee,

Please accept this written submission as Environment Hamilton's support for the Complete Streets Design Guidelines included as Item 8.1 on the July 6th, 2022 Public Works Committee agenda. We support the City of Hamilton taking aggressive action to ensure that these guidelines are utilized to realize the stated outcome.

The goal of Complete Streets is to allow people to get around safely no matter their age, ability or how they choose to move. The Complete Streets concept is closely tied to the Safe Systems and Vision Zero approaches to road safety, which aim to design the transportation system to anticipate human error and accommodate human injury tolerance with the ultimate goal of eliminating death or serious injury on roadways.

-Hamilton Complete Streets Guidelines, June 2022

In light of the troubling increase in injuries and fatalities on our city streets, we urge the Public Works Committee and, ultimately, Hamilton City Council to approve these guidelines and do everything within their power to support and expedite the implementation of measures to make Hamilton's streets truly safe for everyone – especially our community's most vulnerable road + streetscape users.

Yours truly,

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