

## **Appendix A**

### Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) and Technical Agency Committee (TAC) Meeting Minutes

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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

MEETING NO. 01-12

NAME OF MEETING: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, May 16, 2012  
9:30 AM

PLACE OF MEETING: Halton Room  
Halton Regional Centre  
1151 Bronte Road  
Oakville, Ontario

Members of the Planning and Public Works Committee:

The Halton Active Transportation Advisory Committee met on the above-noted date and advised the following:

OPENING REMARKS

Tim Dennis, Director of Transportation Services welcomed members to the Halton Active Transportation Advisory Committee. Members of the Committee introduced themselves.

Tim gave an overview of the Committee and its role in the development of an Active Transportation Master Plan for the Region. The objective of the Active Transportation Master Plan is to establish and develop an integrated active transportation system for Halton Region that will support the objectives of the Transportation Master Plan, approved by Council in October 2011. The plan will also include developing policies for the application of both on and off road active transportation facilities and also programs to promote active transportation safety and education and awareness. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

ELECTION OF ATAC CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Colin Best be appointed Chair and Councillor Tom Adams be appointed Vice-Chair of the Halton Active Transportation Advisory Committee until November 30, 2013, or until their successors are appointed.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. STUDY OVERVIEW PRESENTATION – IBI GROUP

Tim Denis introduced Norma Moores and Brian Hollingworth from IBI Group. IBI Group are the consultants retained for the development of the Active Transportation Master Plan.

Brian Hollingworth and Norma Moores provided the committee an overview of the Active Transportation work IBI Group (with Velo Quebec), has undertaken, as well as providing an overview of Active Transportation in the context of Halton Region. The presentation provided an overview of existing conditions (walking and cycling), best practices as well as facilities to be considered in the development of the plan.

## 2. GROUP DISCUSSION

Members of the Committee as well as senior staff from Halton and the area municipalities addressed the following questions:

1. *What are your aspirations for the Study – what do you hope it will accomplish for the Region?*
  - Prioritization of Capital projects
  - Family Friendly – people need to feel safe
  - Avoiding “super widening” particularly in neighbourhood communities
  - Shift the way of thinking – people need to incorporate this way of thinking into their everyday life
  - Widening of sidewalks – make walking a pleasant experience by adding shade trees, garbage receptacles and benches
  - Ability to safely cross streets
  - Wider sidewalks
  - More bike lanes on all Regional roads
  - Should be consistent with the Active Transportation plans for the Local municipalities
  - Educating people on roundabout safety for pedestrians and cyclists
  - Dual Purpose and consistency – rules should apply across municipal boundaries
  - Connect municipalities around the Region and outside the Region (Mississauga and Hamilton)
  - Identify safe routes to school
  
2. *What questions or issues would you like the Study to answer or address?*
  - Address e-bikes and where do they fit in the network
  - Retrofitting of older communities
  - Barriers around 400 series Highways and the QEW – need for safe crossings
  - Look at data being collected and how it is being measured
  - Intersection improvements – design on road cycling lanes and bike boxes
  - Integration of cyclists in BRT/HOV network plans
  - Reduce traffic congestion
  - A list of places where people would like to bicycle



3. *What do you see as the key related issues, strengths, challenges and/or opportunities*
  - Shift the way of thinking – people need to incorporate this way of thinking into their everyday life
  - Tie in with site plans
  - Work with Metrolinx – get into GO station
  - Traffic flow – work with Halton Regional Police Services
  - Share the Road Coalition – engage Halton Regional Police Services
  - Use of rail corridors both old and existing – use as a multi use path
  - Work with Health Department to combat issues such as morbid obesity
  - Work with Economic Development to promote tourism and cycling in Halton and promoting the escarpment (Eco-Cycling Tourism)
  - PAN/AM Games – Cycling in Milton
  - Education and outreach
  
4. *What key trends or contextual considerations need to inform the Study – essential factors that must be taken into account?*
  - Work together with the Boards of Education to educate children on the health benefits of walking and cycling
  - Having the Province at the table to: address the bottleneck at Highway 7 and to address QEW crossing
  - Funding – how funds are allocated
  - Cycling routes need to go somewhere if they are to be used for more than just recreation
  - Funding should be matched by the Region – use development charges and gas taxes like Peel Region has done in the past.
  - Aging population – ability for wheelchairs, walkers, scooters to get around
  - Demographic trends – some areas have an aging population where some have a growing population of younger families
  - Employers should have facilities to accommodate employees who cycle to work (safe place for bikes, showers, lockers)
  - Make taking transit, walking, cycling a pleasant experience (ie: shelters, sidewalks, etc.)
  - Dual purpose – consistency Region-wide. The rules should apply across the Region.
  - Challenge – integrating Local and Regional Plan – There should be one consistent plan
  - How to collect data and how performance will be measured
  - Being cognisant of the visually impaired

3. NEXT STEPS

In June the consultants will meet with the public via Public Information Centres (PICs). The consultants will continue to attend project committee and staff meetings. The consultants plan to have a report summarizing the background and an existing conditions assessment as part of part one of the project after they have met with the public in June. The next step would be looking at both programming policies and the network in the fall.

4. CLOSING REMARKS

The Committee will meet in the fall and IBI Group will report back on Part I. Committee suggested inviting the Share the Road Group to the meetings. Members requested to have access to any drafts and to see notes from any discussions and “side meetings” via email.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Dennison will follow up with the City of Burlington with regards to the vacancy on the Committee.

Tim Dennis was asked whether a 5% modal split target for Active Transportation (by 2031) is appropriate as population in Halton is growing (doubling) within this timeframe. Tim will provide the committee with more information.

Announcement - City of Burlington will be holding a Car Free Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>.

There was discussion among some members of the Committee if malls were the best location to be hosting Public Information Centres. It was suggested that maybe farmer’s markets, soccer fields or Car Free Sunday (in Burlington) would be appropriate venues to consider.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions please forward to Jeffrey Reid or Erin DiCarlo.

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COMMITTEE NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor C. Best, Chair  
Councillor T. Adams, Councillor J. Dennison, Councillor J. Fogal,  
M. Grant, S. Siegal

STAFF PRESENT: M. Zamojc, T. Dennis, J. Davidson, M. Van Ravens, G. Ali , F. M.  
Green-Battison, J. Reid, P. Monaghan, F. Cabarcas, S. Haggith,  
E. DiCarlo

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REGRETS: C. Harris

OTHERS PRESENT: R. Solecki Halton Region Police Service  
B. Zvaniga City of Burlington, C. Clapham Town of Oakville,  
J. Kwast Town of Halton Hills, M. Roj Town of Halton Hills  
N. Moores, B. Hollingworth, IBI Group

There being no disclosures of pecuniary interest, the Committee proceeded with the regular order of business.

Adjournment: 11:30 am



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Halton Region Active Transportation Master Plan  
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May 16, 2012

## WELCOME

- Welcome to the Halton Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- The Halton Active Transportation Advisory Committee is an Advisory Committee established by Regional Council in accordance with Report PW-47-11



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## PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

To provide an overview of:

- Purpose of the Halton Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- Role of an Advisory Committee
- Active Transportation Master Plan process and schedule



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## PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Halton Active Transportation Advisory Committee is to provide advice and assistance in:

- Developing an overall Active Transportation Master Plan for Halton Region to 2031, including identifying:
  - An integrated Active Transportation system for the Region
  - Policies for the application of on-road and off-road Active Transportation facilities
  - Programs to promote safety and education awareness on Active Transportation



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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### The Committee comprises:

- 4 members of Regional Council representing each of the four Local municipalities; and
- The Chair or designate from each Local municipalities' Active Transportation Committee or other appropriate representative as may be determined by the Local municipality.

### The Committee is supported by:

- Staff representatives who will support the Committee in an advisory role.
  - Region (Public Works, Planning, Health, Economic Development, etc.)
  - Local Municipal Staff



## ROLE AND FUNCTION

- In general, Advisory Committees “advise and assist” the Region with respect to developing and implementing policies and programs
- The Committee’s focus will be on development of the Active Transportation Master Plan
- Advice provided is utilized in the development of staff recommendations to Council as much as possible



## ROLE OF STAFF

### Staff Liaison:

- Provide the committee with technical information and professional input regarding the Active Transportation Master Plan
- Review advice from the Committee and prepare recommendations for consideration by Regional Council
- Consider inputs from a wide variety of other sources (public, agencies, etc.)
- Liaise between the Committee and other Regional staff
- Work within an established framework, guided by Provincial legislation and policy, as well as Regional policy and standards



## ROLE OF CLERK

### Clerk/Administrative Support:

- Prepares and distributes agenda
- Takes minutes
- Advises of how to operate within the Terms of Reference and the Regional Procedural By-law



## WORKING TOGETHER

### Advisory Committees are opportunities:

- Provide needed input and advice
- To work closely with staff from an early stage
- Establish a working relationship and an element of trust
- Understand the process



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## ATMP Presentation

- Study Purpose and Approach
- Background and Context
- Best Practices in other Jurisdictions
- Existing Conditions
- The Active Transportation Network
- Schedule
- Next steps




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## IBI Group and Vélo Québec



**Four regional AT Plans**

**Local plans:**  
rural, suburban, urban in N. America

**Provincial:**  
*La Route Verte*;  
Ontario's inventory



**International:**  
state-wide AT Plan,  
Rio de Janeiro


**National studies:**  
AT in Canadian communities; site design for sustainable modes

**Design:** trails, accessible pedestrian realm, bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, cycle tracks, bike boxes, way-finding signs, retrofits, reconstruction, new construction

**First Complete Streets policy in Ontario**

**Promotion:**  
tourism, communities, schools, employers

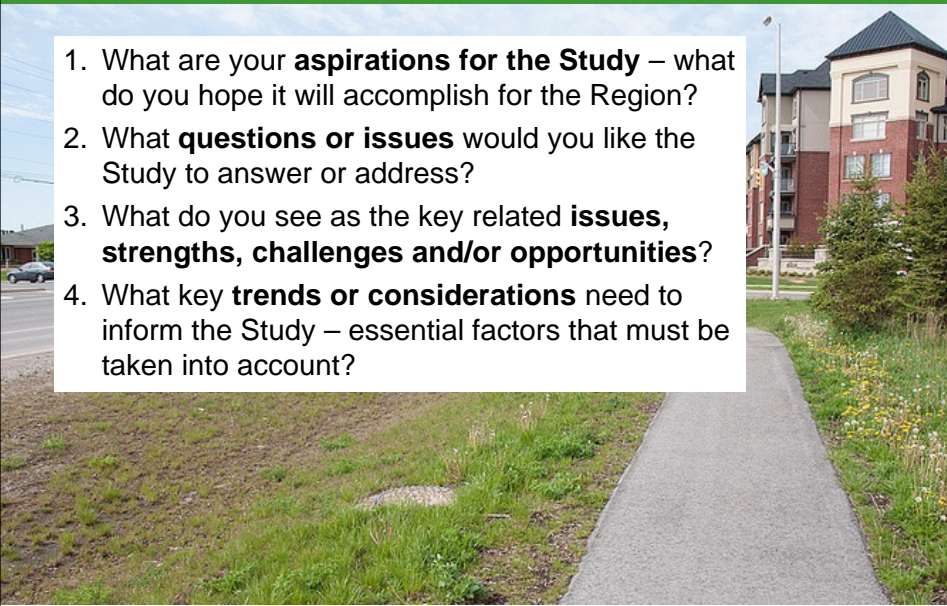


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## Discussion Questions



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2. What **questions or issues** would you like the Study to answer or address?
3. What do you see as the key related **issues, strengths, challenges and/or opportunities**?
4. What key **trends or considerations** need to inform the Study – essential factors that must be taken into account?

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## Study Purpose

- Region's Transportation Master Plan "**The Road to Change**" recommended the development of a Region-wide Active Transportation Master Plan to facilitate and promote Active Transportation
- **Complement** the objectives, initiatives and programs of Regional Health and Local municipalities
- **Outline** the strategy, infrastructure, initiatives and programs required to create an active transportation plan that is safe, affordable and sustainable
- **Identify** short, medium and long-term actions



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## Study Purpose

### Planning and Transportation Vision:

- **ROPA 38:** Halton's planning vision is to "preserve for this and future generations a landscape that is rich, diverse, balanced, productive and sustainable, and a society that is economically strong, equitable and caring.... Halton believes in building "healthy communities"... where mobility is provided primarily through an affordable, convenient, safe and efficient public transportation system and non-motorized travel modes.
- **TMP Vision:** Accommodate various travel choices and support a sustainable and multi-modal network. It must encourage people to change their travel characteristics, maximize the use of transit and other alternatives to the single occupant vehicle.
- **TMP Guiding Principles:**
  - Balanced Needs
  - Healthy Communities
  - Economic Vitality
  - Sustainability
  - Well-maintained Infrastructure



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### Study Purpose

Development of a Vision for Active Transportation

The diagram consists of seven interlocking gears arranged in a roughly circular pattern. The gears are colored in shades of orange, blue, and green. The words inside the gears are: 'Safe' (green), 'Real Choice' (orange), 'Efficient' (blue), 'Equitable' (blue), 'Affordable' (green), 'Convenient' (orange), and 'Well-maintained' (green). A grey arrow indicates a clockwise flow from 'Real Choice' towards 'Accessible' (which is written next to the 'Affordable' gear).

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### Study Purpose

*DRAFT* Vision for Active Transportation

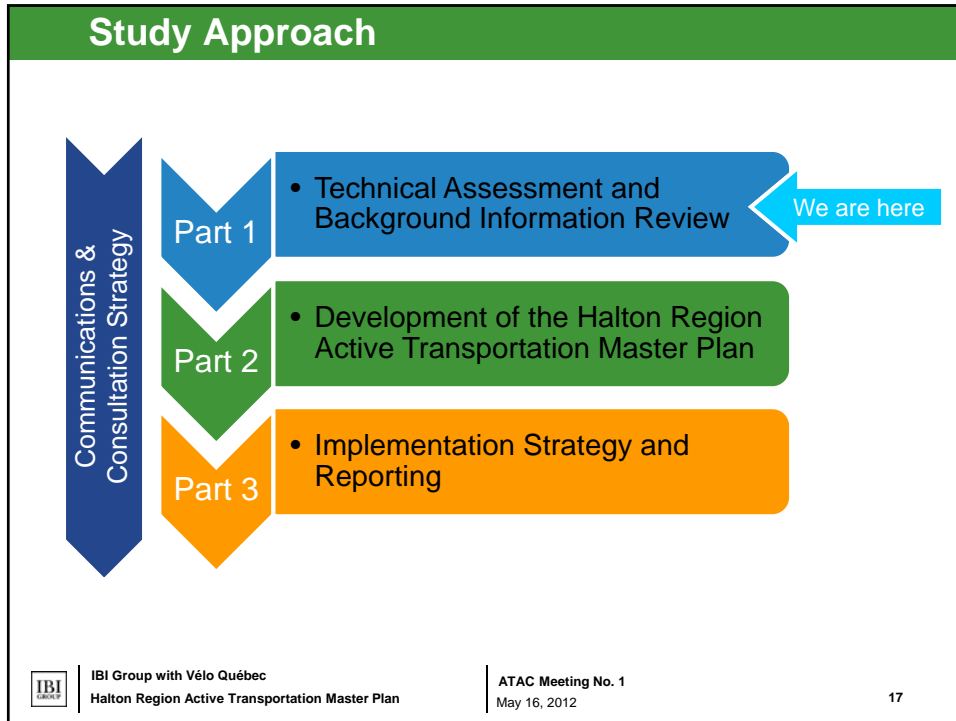
The Active Transportation Master Plan will help to promote an integrated, sustainable, accessible, affordable and efficient multi-modal transportation network where Active Transportation will be a viable alternative to strengthen linkages between communities and municipalities.

A photograph of a person from behind, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and dark shorts, running on a paved path. The path is bordered by grass and a chain-link fence.

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### Background and Context

Local plans:

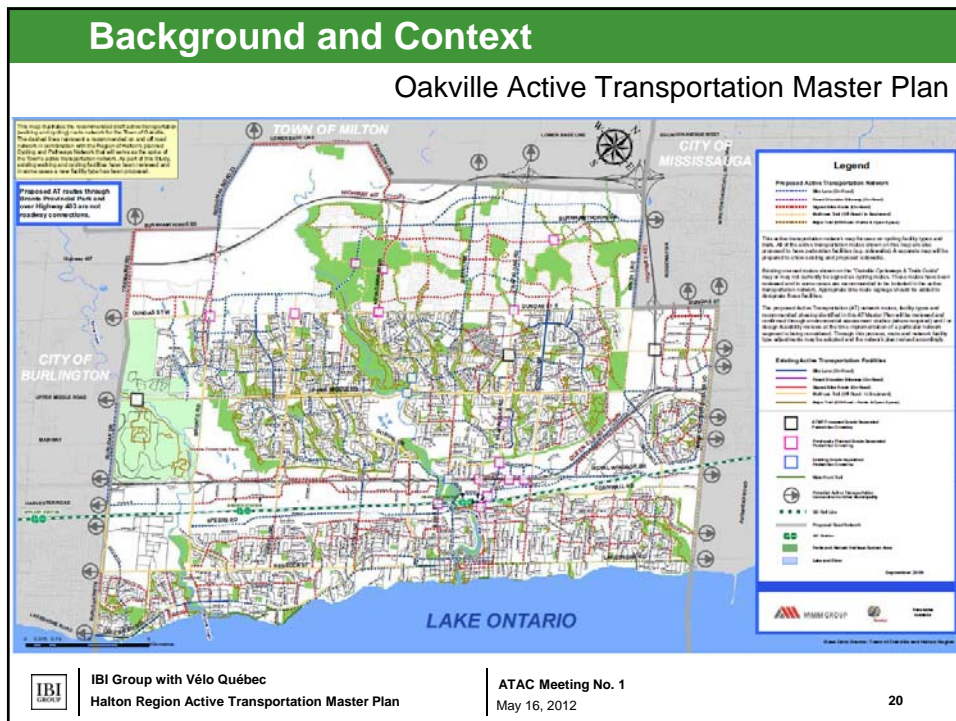
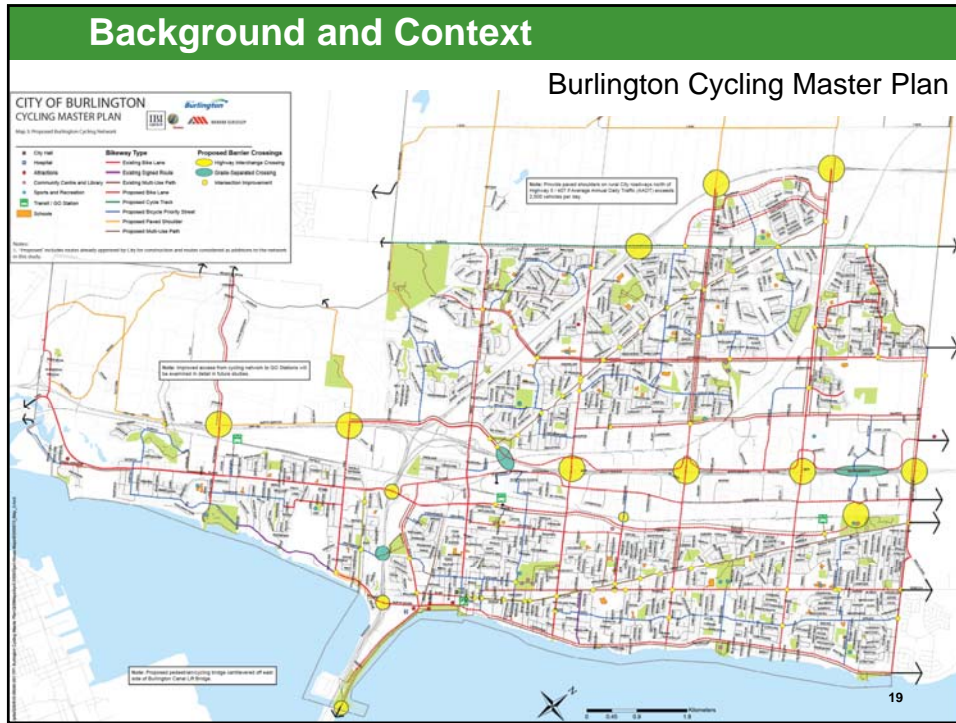
- Burlington Cycling Master Plan
- Oakville Active Transportation Master Plan
- Milton Trails Master Plan
- Halton Hills Cycling Master Plan
- Metrolinx The Big Move

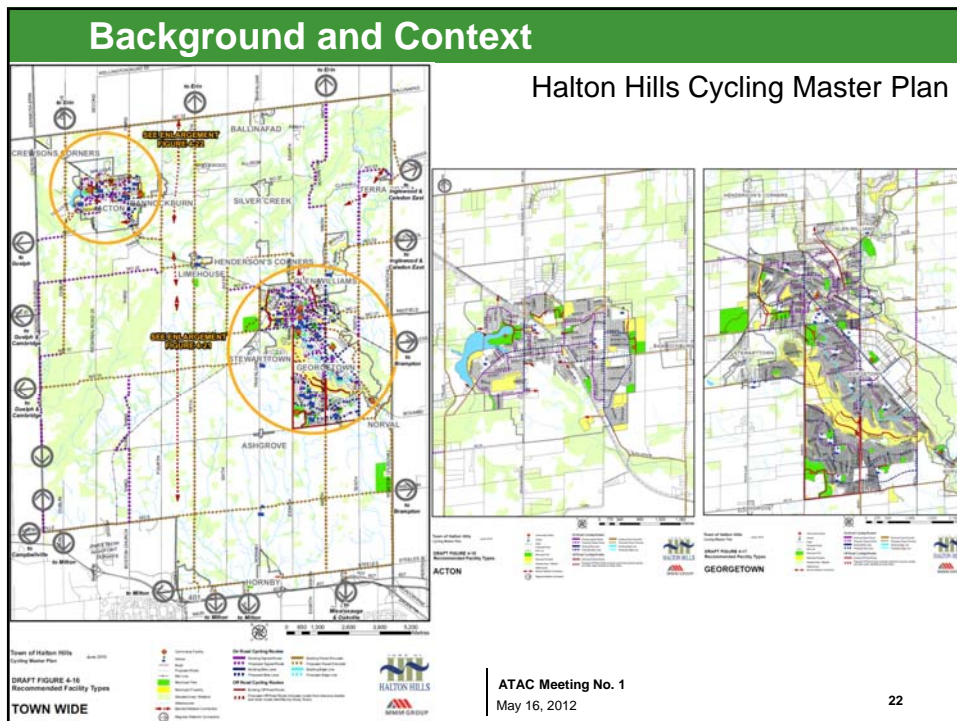
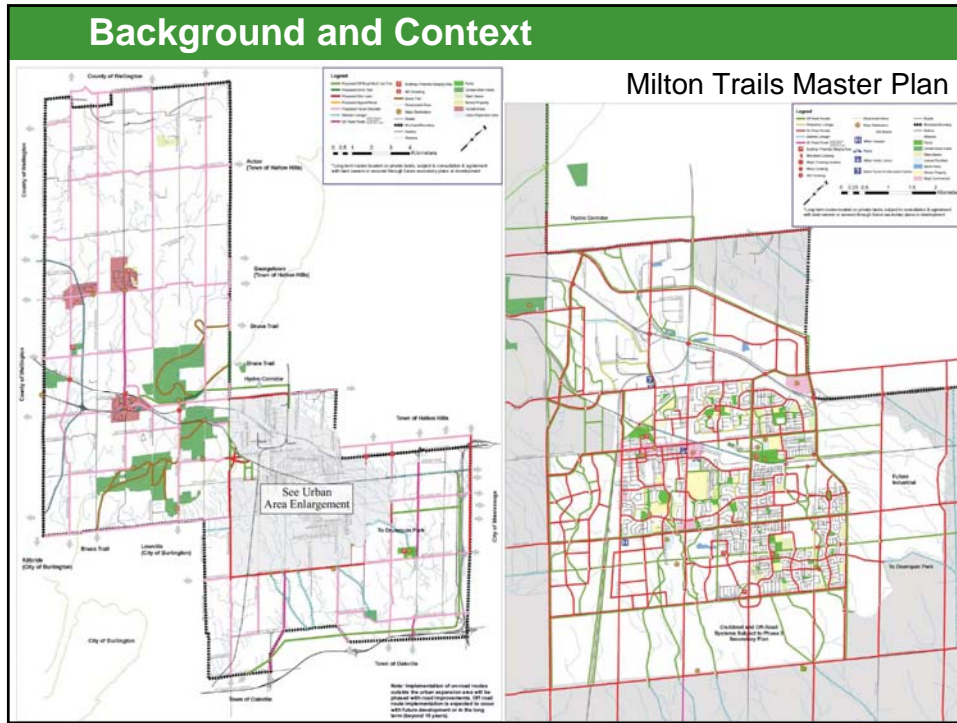
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## Background and Context

### Metrolinx: The Big Move

**OUR VISION IN NUMBERS**

**25 YEARS FROM NOW . . .**

The distance that people drive every day will drop by **ONE-THIRD** compared to today. We will accommodate **50% MORE PEOPLE** in the region with **LESS CONGESTION** than we have today. On average, **ONE-THIRD** of trips to work will be taken by transit and **ONE** in **FIVE** will be taken by walking or cycling. **60%** of children will walk or cycle to school. There will be **SIX** times more bike lanes and trails than today. **ALL** transit vehicles will be accessible. Customer satisfaction with the transportation system will exceed **90%**. A single fare card will be used for **ALL** transit trips throughout the GTHA, and **ALL** fares will be integrated. By transforming the GTHA's transportation system, we will help meet the province's Go Green Action Plan for Climate Change. Per person, our emissions from passenger transportation will be **HALF** what they are today.

**15-Year Plan for the Regional Rapid Transit and Highway Network**

<p><b>Regional Rapid Transit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Express Rail</li> <li>Regional Rail (full day, 2-way)</li> <li>Regional Rail (peak)</li> <li>Subway</li> <li>Other Rapid Transit (BRT / LRT / AGT)</li> <li>BRT on Controlled-Access Expressway in Mixed Traffic with Congestion Management</li> <li>Possible Regional Rail Extensions Beyond the GTHA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Controlled-Access Expressway</li> <li>New Transportation Corridor</li> <li>Approved 2006 Settlement Area (Conceptual)</li> <li>Greenbelt Area</li> <li>Urban Growth Centre</li> <li>International Airport</li> <li>Proposed International Airport</li> <li>Major Port</li> </ul>
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**Mobility Hubs**

- Anchor Hub
- Gateway Hub

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## Background and Context

### Halton Region's Transportation Master Plan (2031) - The Road to Change:

- Strategies
  - Transportation Demand Management
  - Active Transportation
  - Public Transit
  - Roads
- Regional Right-of-Way Guidelines

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## Background and Context

Regional Right-of-Way Guidelines

The images show various road environments: R(1) Rural is a narrow road with trees; C(1) Rural / Urban is a road with trees and a bus; C(4) Urban is a wide urban road with a bus; N(2) Urban is a wide urban road with cars and a bus.

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## Background and Context

2006 Transportation for Tomorrow Survey

The chart shows the following data (approximate values):

Location	Walk (%)	Cycle (%)	Total (%)
Halton Hills	4.5	0.3	4.8
Milton	3.9	0.5	4.4
Oakville	4.7	0.2	4.9
Burlington	3.9	0.4	4.3
Region-wide	4.2	0.4	4.6

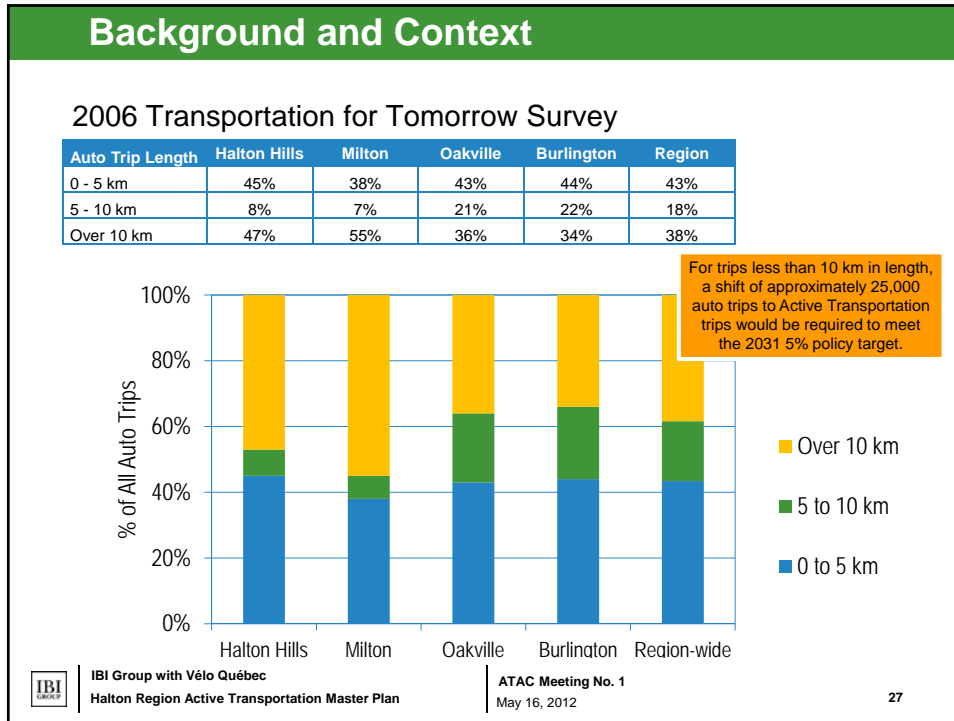
The policy target assumed in the TMP for Active Transportation is 5% by 2031.

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### Health Benefits of Active Transportation

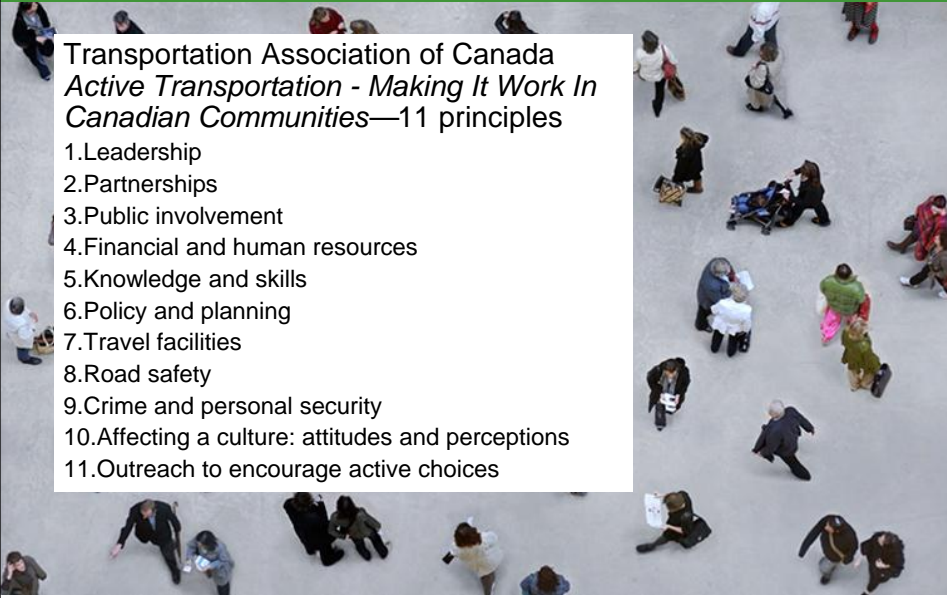
- Replacing car trips with Active Transportation can:
  - Contribute to preventing the leading causes of mortality (i.e. cancer, heart disease and stroke)
  - Reduce the overall risk of colon and breast cancer
  - Reduce air pollution
- Increased Active Transportation is associated with improved mental health
- Good design for active modes increases the safety of all modes

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## Best Practices



Transportation Association of Canada  
*Active Transportation - Making It Work In Canadian Communities*—11 principles


1. Leadership
2. Partnerships
3. Public involvement
4. Financial and human resources
5. Knowledge and skills
6. Policy and planning
7. Travel facilities
8. Road safety
9. Crime and personal security
10. Affecting a culture: attitudes and perceptions
11. Outreach to encourage active choices

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## Best Practices



- **Waterloo:**
  - 1994 Regional Cycling Policy Master Plan
  - 2004 Regional Cycling Master Plan
  - 2005 Pedestrian Charter
  - 2010 Sidewalk Policy
  - On-going Active Transportation Master Plan
- **Niagara:**
  - 1995 Regional Bicycle Study
  - 2002 Bikeway Master Plan
- **York:** 2008 Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan
- **Durham:** 2008 Regional Cycling Plan
- **Peel:** 2012 Active Transportation Plan and Implementation Plan

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### Best Practices: Pedestrian Facilities

Accessible Sidewalk



High Visibility Crosswalk



Boulevard Trail



Median Refuge Island



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### Best Practices: Pedestrian Facilities

Urban Smart Channel



Accessible Pedestrian Signal



Countdown Signal



HAWK Signal



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Rapid Flashing Beacon



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### Best Practices: Cycling Facilities

<p><b>Paved Shoulder</b></p> 	<p><b>"Sharrows"</b></p> 
<p><b>"Sharrows"</b></p> 	<p><b>Bike Lane</b></p> 

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### Best Practices: Cycling Facilities

<p><b>Buffered Bike Lanes</b></p> 	<p><b>Buffered Bike Lanes</b></p> 	
<p><b>Cycle Tracks</b></p> 	<p><b>Cycle Tracks</b></p> 	<p><b>Cycle Tracks</b></p> 

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### Best Practices: Cycling Facilities

**Bicycle Detection**

**Intersection / Driveway Crossings**

**Bike Box**

**Two-stage Left Queue Box**

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### Existing Conditions

#### Existing Walking Network

**Legend**

**Existing Regional Walking Network**

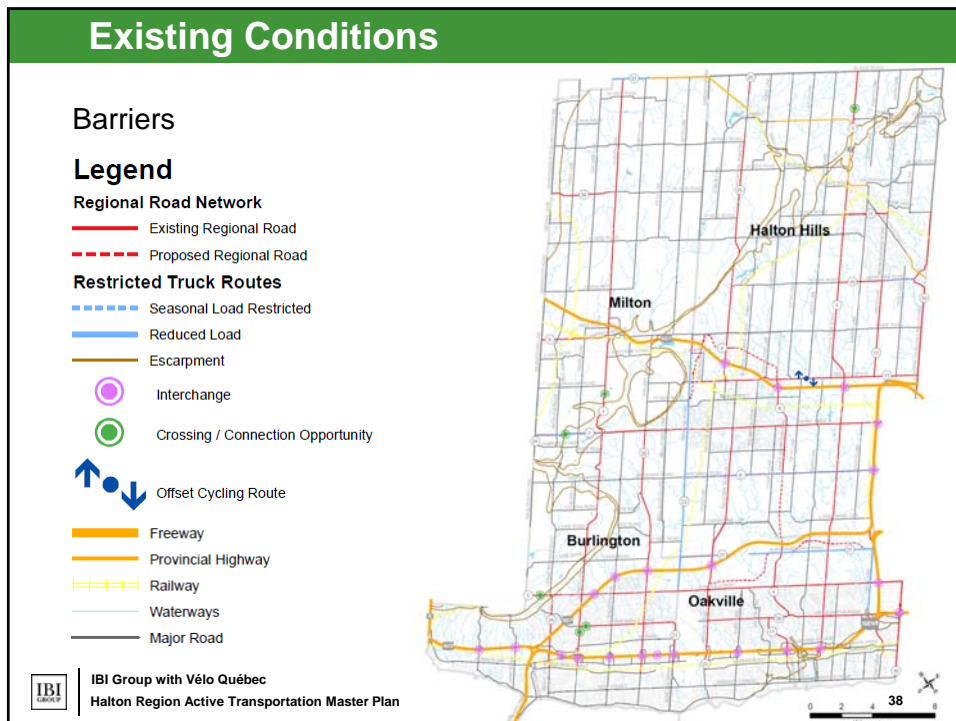
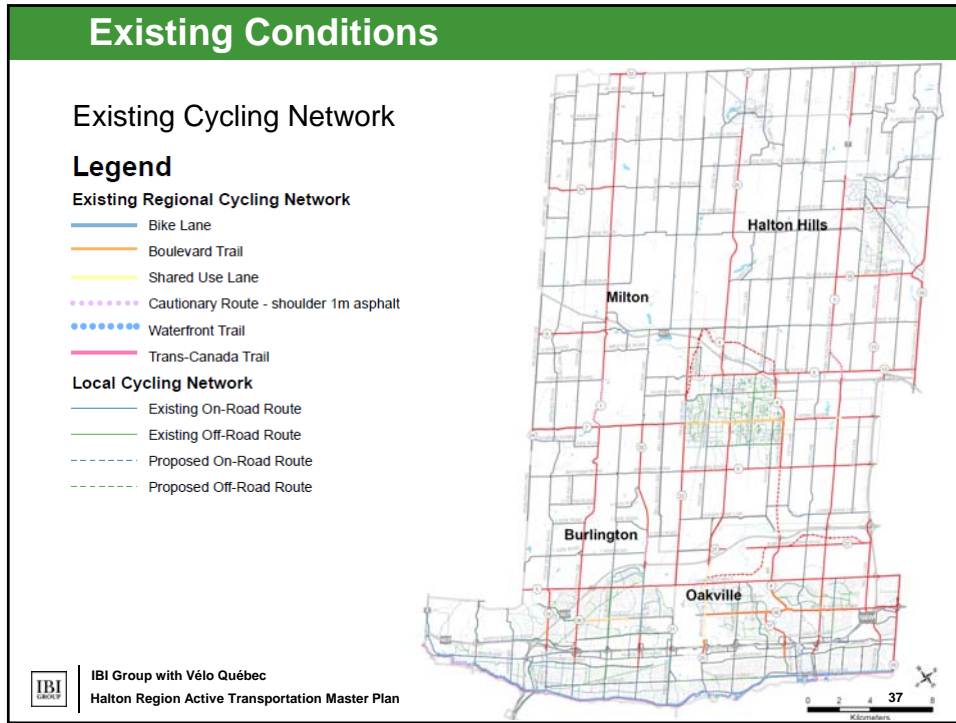
- Sidewalk
- Boulevard Trail
- Bruce Trail - Main Route
- Waterfront Trail
- Trans-Canada Trail

**Local Walking Network**

- Existing Sidewalk
- Existing Trail
- - - - - Proposed Sidewalk
- - - - - Proposed Trail

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### The Active Transportation Network

- Capital Program opportunities
- Demand analysis
- Fill in gaps in Capital Program and local plans
- Stakeholder and public input
- Safety issues

**SAMPLE**  
Excerpt from Region of Waterloo  
Land Use Mix Heat Map

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### Schedule

Spring / Summer 2012

Part 1  
Background

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Open  
Houses

Fall 2012

Part 2  
Network

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Stakeholder  
Workshops

Winter 2012 / 2013

Part 3  
Implementation

★  
PICs

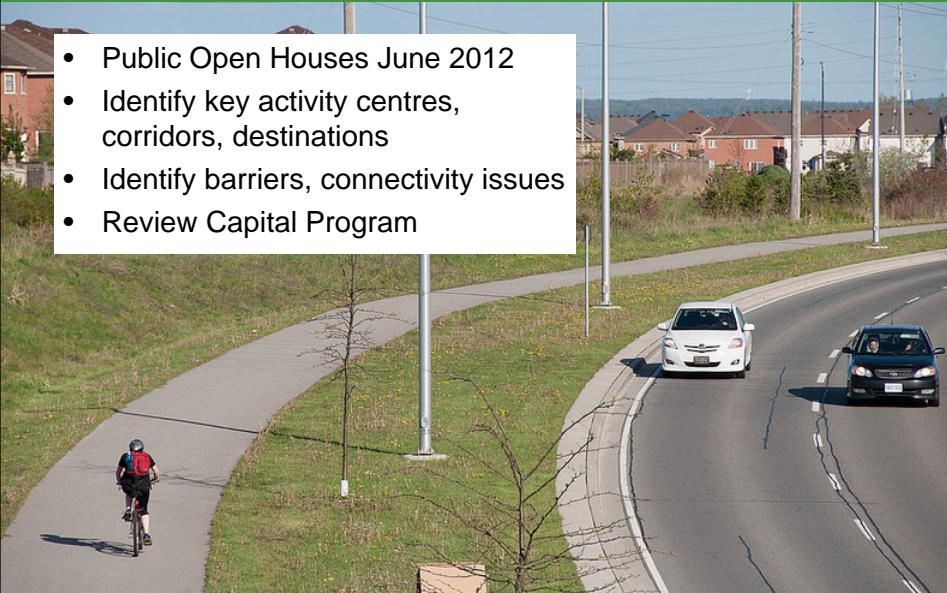
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## Next Steps

- Public Open Houses June 2012
- Identify key activity centres, corridors, destinations
- Identify barriers, connectivity issues
- Review Capital Program



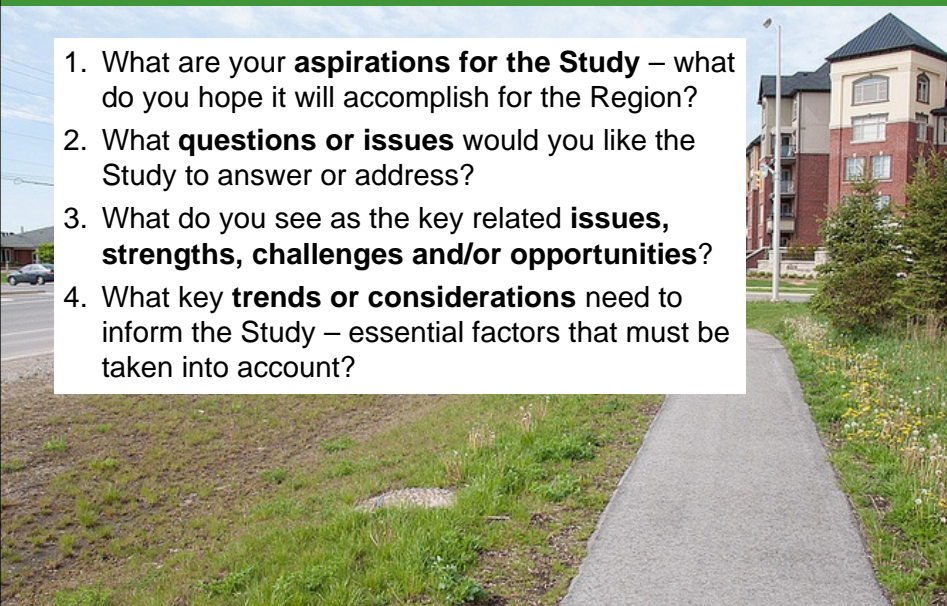
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NAME OF MEETING: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, November 26, 2012  
9:30 AM

PLACE OF MEETING: Halton Room  
Halton Regional Centre  
1151 Bronte Road  
Oakville, Ontario

Members of the Planning and Public Works Committee:

The Halton Active Transportation Advisory Committee met on the above-noted date and advised the following:

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 01-12, held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 be received.

CARRIED

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. Introductions**

Introductions were made around the table.

**2. Consultation Update:**

Brian Hollingworth and Norma Moores of IBI Group updated the committee on the recent work completed. The Project Team have been focusing the majority of their efforts on a best practices review, consultation, and developing network alternative strategies. The information gathering exercise undertaken as part of the study included the topics of pedestrians, cyclists, bikeways, traffic control, multi-use trails, etc. In addition, web-based trip-planning technologies were explored. In terms of consultation, points of contact included meetings/events with; the Technical Advisory Committee (comprised of staff from the Local municipalities and external agencies such as Conservation Halton), Halton Active Communities Summit Workshop, Open Houses in each of the Local municipalities and Stakeholder Workshops. Currently, the Project Team has initiated Part 2 of the Master Plan Study which includes the development of alternative

strategies and network options, as well as an evaluation of the alternatives. As a part of this next phase the Project Team will develop a draft detailed implementation plan that will include projects, plans, policies and costs.

### **3. Study Update:**

Norma walked the committee through the alternative strategies (Tier one) and the five strategic network alternatives (Tier 2). Norma discussed the active transportation facility design considerations and answered questions of committee.

Suggestions/Discussion from the committee:

Slide 13 “Evaluation Criteria” - Health should be included as a separate heading with its own criteria or more prominently defined in the criteria provided.

Slide 17 “Network Alternatives” - walking >2 km should be walking <2 km

Slide 22 “Network Alternative 6” - should be “Network Alternative 5”

A member of the committee inquired about what the pedestrian catchment distance is around major hubs (i.e. GO Stations)?

In response it was noted that the evaluation methodology presented indicates a 2 km radius around a trip generator and if a destination falls within that radius, the Project Team will provide a facility to connect the two points. The committee members cautioned the Project Team to use the distance between the two points and not mistake two overlapping radiuses as a reasonable walking or cycling distance.

The committee advised that the Project Team must demonstrate a financial requirement for implementing the AT network facilities.

Norma discussed Active Transportation Design Considerations as they relate to both design pedestrians and design cyclists, including the wide range of facilities required to accommodate different types of pedestrians and cyclists.

It was noted that E-bikes will be considered in Part 3 of the study. Norma further noted that the MTO has allowed for E-bikes to be used on trails and pathways if there is a speed limiter on them (less than 30km/h).

With respect to the pedestrian design criteria it was noted that this should also include both joggers and runners.

Safety and security issues were discussed, particularly as it relates to trails and pathways. The Project Team will look into polices that will promote and support Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

Committee members who attended the Stakeholder Workshops felt that participants had lots of great ideas and wished there been more time to discuss each subject.

Committee members suggest the Project Team develop a consultation update/summary to send to the various Stakeholders, outlining the consultation to date and the feedback received. This would provide an opportunity for additional feedback. The requested consultation update/summary is attached.

#### **4. Next Steps:**

Part 2: Norma advised the committee that as part of the work to be undertaken the Project Team will look at specific corridors and make recommendations as they work through the development of the network. To begin, The Project Team will work through the evaluation criteria and apply them to the five different network strategies to develop a recommended strategy. The Project Team will also be exploring education and outreach programs. IBI has done an inventory on what is going on in the Region and they will work on ways to build upon existing partnerships. The Project Team will meet with Local municipal staff as part of the network development. The Project Team will also meet with the Technical Advisory Committee and the Halton Active Transportation Advisory Committee to review draft recommendations.

Part 3: Will include the implementation and funding strategies. The Project Team will consider different types of funding structures and models.

#### **5. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held in Spring 2013. Members of the Committee will be contacted with a firm meeting date and time.

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#### COMMITTEE NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor C. Best, Chair  
Councillor T. Adams, Councillor C. Best, Councillor J. Fogal,  
P. Elliot

STAFF PRESENT: M. Zamojc, T. Dennis, M. Van Ravens, M. Green-Battiston,  
P. Monaghan, N. Stewart, G. Ali, F. Cabarcas, S. Mazhari,  
S. Haggith, E. DiCarlo

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REGRETS: Councillor J. Dennison, M. Grant, C. Harris

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Long, Halton Region Police Service  
C. Clapham, Town of Oakville, J. Kwast, Town of Milton  
M. Roj, Town of Halton Hills, N. Moores, IBI Group  
B. Hollingworth, IBI Group

There being no disclosures of pecuniary interest, the Committee proceeded with the regular order of business.

Adjournment: 10:45 am

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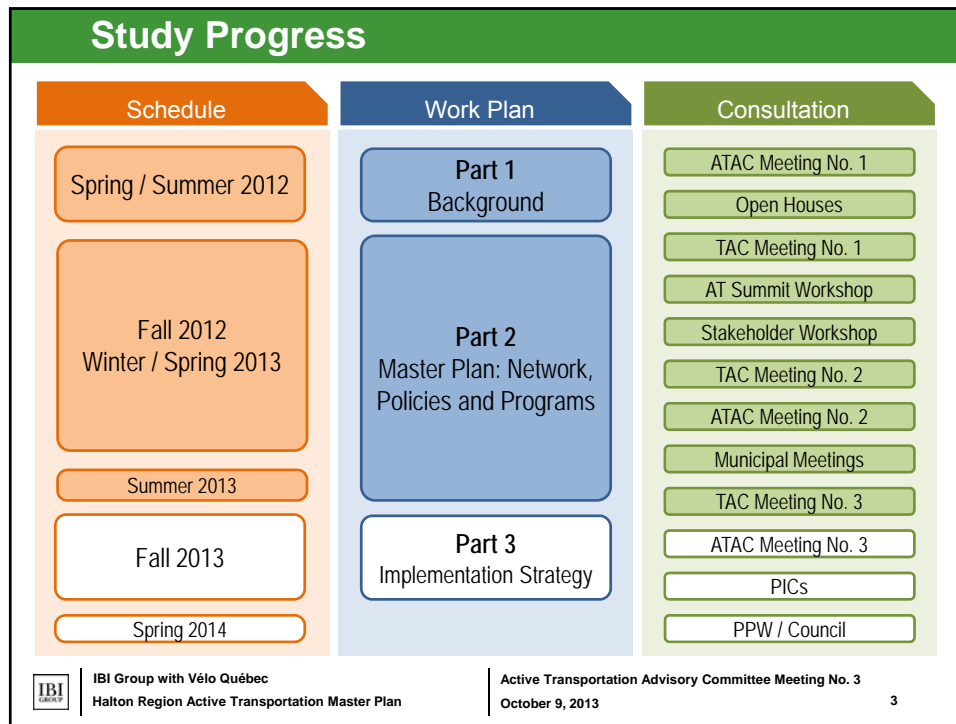
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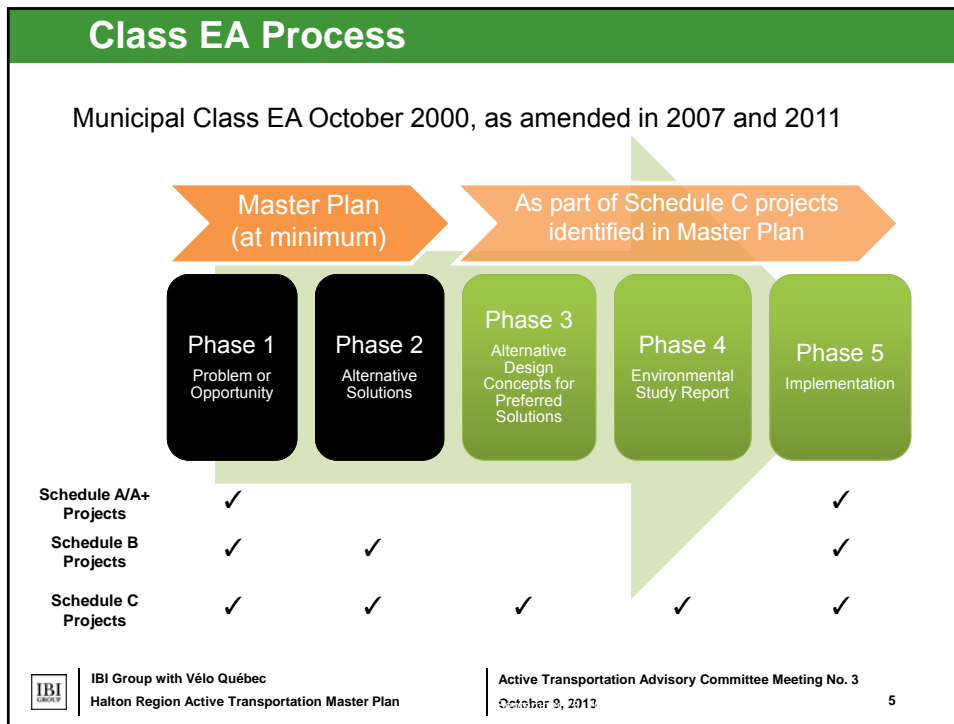
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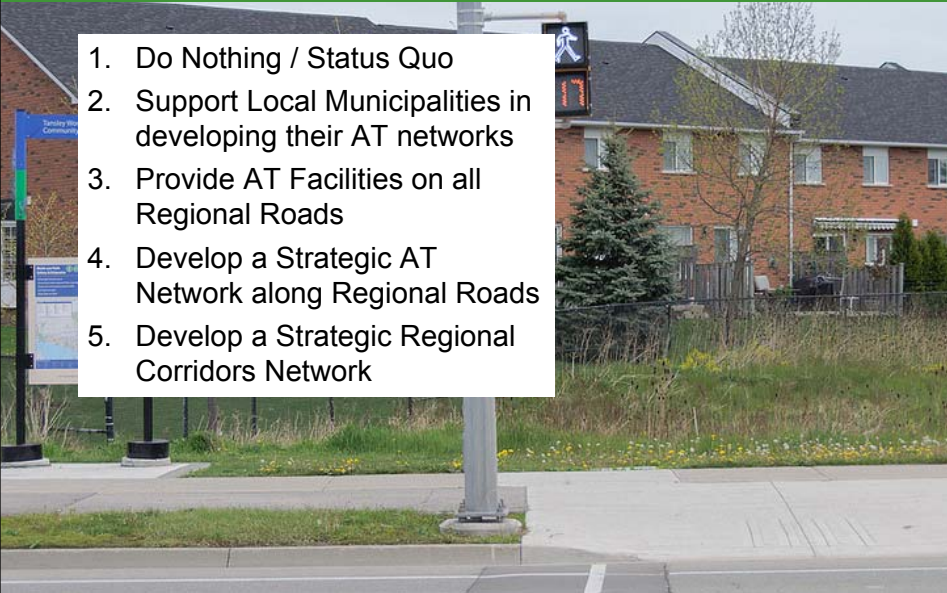
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### Network Alternatives (Tier 2)



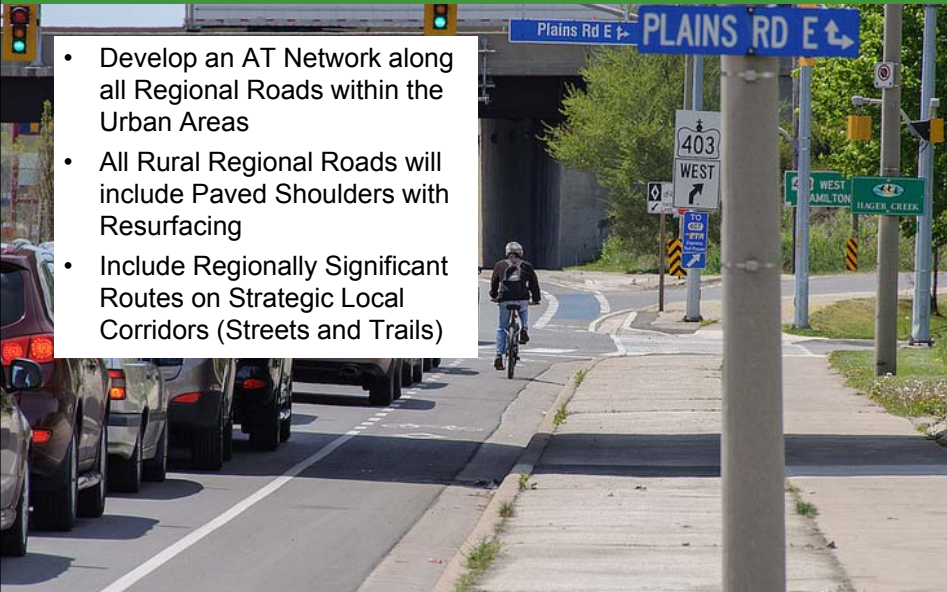
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### Network Development: Corridors



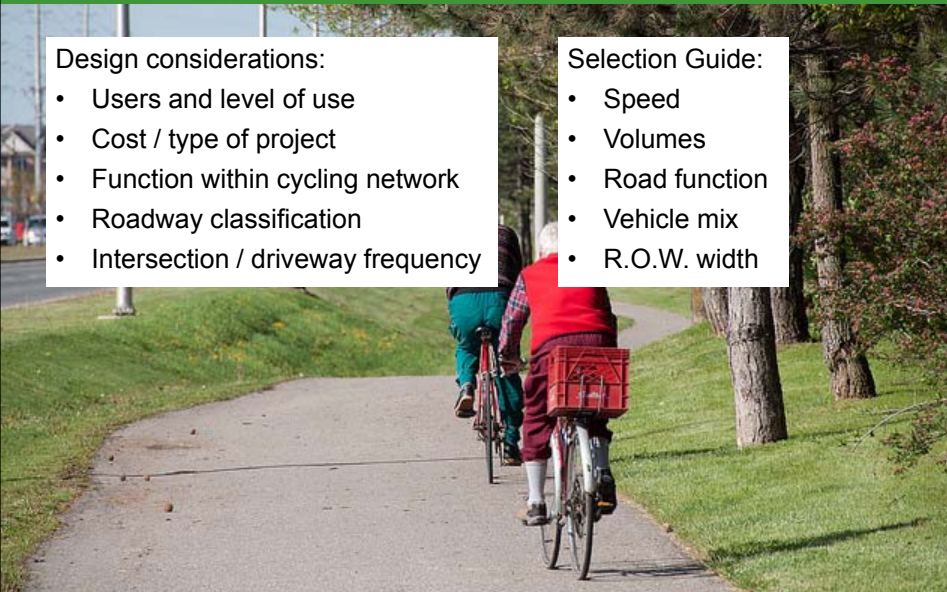
Considerations:

- Existing and planned urban / built-up boundaries
- Land use
- Existing pedestrian and bikeway infrastructure
- Existing and planned higher-order transit corridors
- Potential demand areas (short-trips, land use, etc.)
- Major destination centres
- Natural land features
- Public and stakeholder input

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### Network Development: Facility Types



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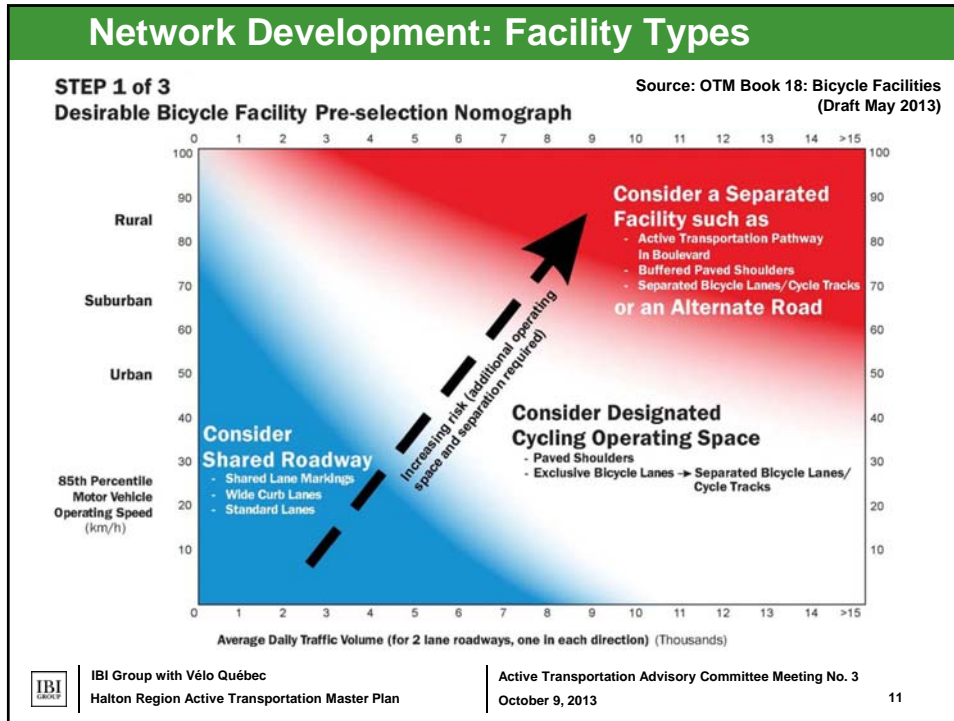
- Users and level of use
- Cost / type of project
- Function within cycling network
- Roadway classification
- Intersection / driveway frequency

Selection Guide:

- Speed
- Volumes
- Road function
- Vehicle mix
- R.O.W. width

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### Facility Types: Cycling Network

Buffered Bike Lanes



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### Facility Types: Cycling Network

Cycle Tracks



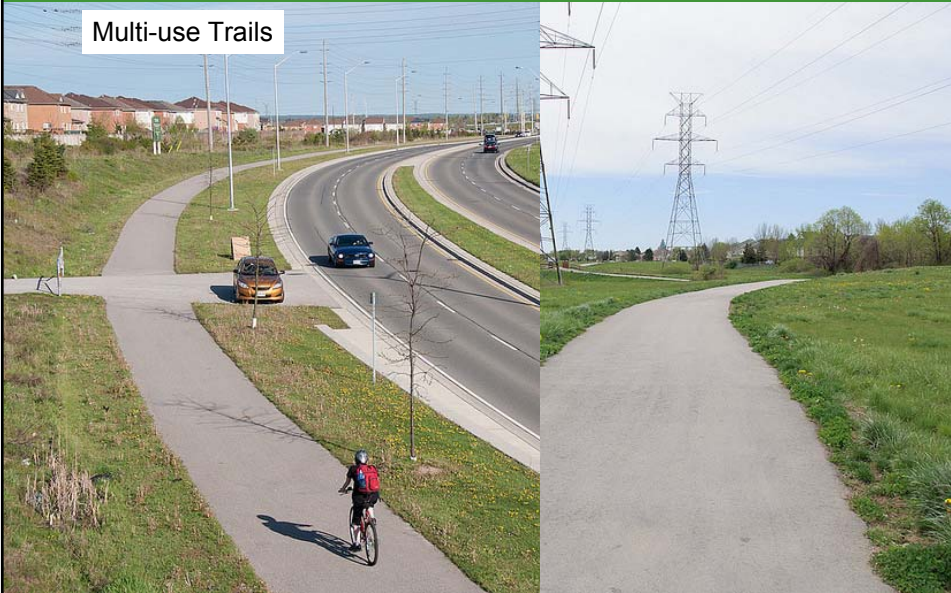
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### Facility Types: Cycling and Walking Networks

Multi-use Trails



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### Facility Types: Cycling and Walking Networks

Paved Shoulders



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## Facility Types: Walking Network

Sidewalks





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## Halton Region Cycling Network

Regional Roads	
Existing Facilities	km
On-road (centerline)	72
Off-road (each side)	53
Proposed Facilities	km
On-road (centerline)	251
Off-road (each side)	258

**Proposed Regional Bike Network**

- Cycle Tracks
- Buffered Bike Lanes
- Bike Lanes
- Boulevard Multi-Use Trail
- Paved Shoulders
- Interchange Improvement\*

**Routes not on Regional Roads**

- Existing Routes that are Regionally Significant
- Planned Routes that are Regionally Significant
- Proposed Routes that are Regionally Significant
- Greenbelt Cycling Route

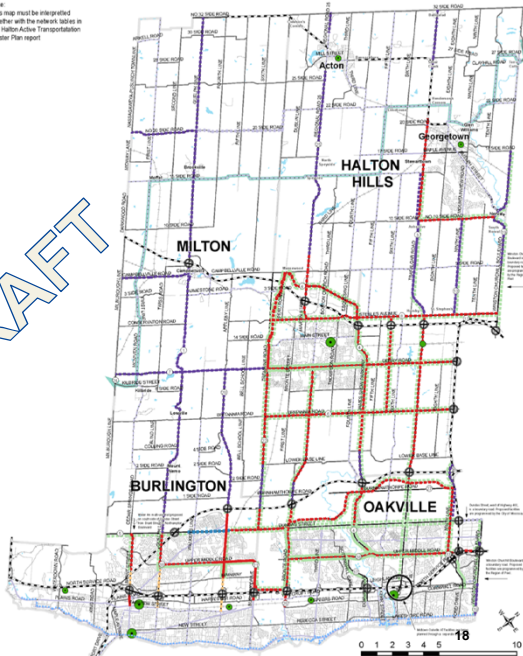
**Existing Regional Bike Network**


- Bike Lane
- Boulevard Trail
- Paved Shoulders
- Waterfront Trail

**Existing and Proposed Major Transit Stations\*\***

- Mobility Hub
- Existing GO Station
- Proposed GO Station

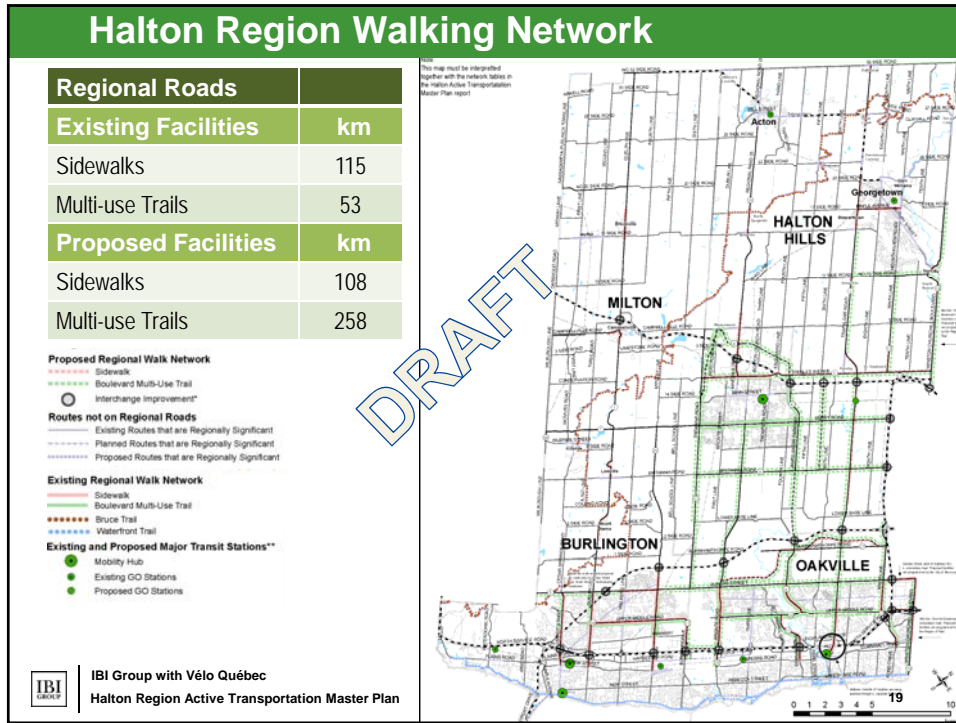
Note: This map must be interpreted together with the network tables in the Halton Active Transportation Master Plan report.





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### Cost Estimates

## What are We Building?

Regional Network is comprised of....	Existing (km)	Proposed (km)	Total (km)
<b>On-road (centerline)</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>308<sup>d</sup></b>
Bike lanes	11	167	178
Wide curb lanes	15	0	0
Buffered bike lanes	-	7	7
Cycle tracks	-	3	3
Paved shoulders	46 <sup>a</sup>	74	120
<b>Off-road (each side)</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>534</b>
Sidewalks	115	108 <sup>b</sup>	223
Multi-use trails	53	258 <sup>c</sup>	311

Notes: a. Includes 40 km of existing partially paved shoulders (≥1 m wide)  
 b. Does not include 5 km of sidewalk that will be replaced  
 c. Does not include 86 km of multi-use trail that will be replaced  
 d. Wide curb lanes replaced by proposed bike lanes

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Cost Estimates			
How Do We Build It?			
AT Facility to be built...	Proposed facilities	Cost <sup>b</sup>	% of Total Costs for AT Facilities
<b>...as part of the Capital Program</b>	<b>606 km</b>	<b>\$105 to 118 M</b>	<b>78%</b>
Build new on-road facility	190 km	\$50 to 55 M	
Replace off-road facility (widening)	91 km	\$12 to 15 M	
Build new off-road facility	325 km	\$43 to 48 M	
<b>...as an Infill Project</b>	<b>37 km</b>	<b>\$14 to 16 M</b>	<b>10%</b>
Build new on-road facility (widening)	9 km	\$5 to 6 M	
Build new off-road facility	28 km	\$9 to 10 M	
<b>...as part of the Resurfacing Program</b>	<b>65 km</b>	<b>\$15 to 19 M</b>	<b>12%</b>
Build new on-road facility	52 km	\$12 to 14 M	
Build new off-road facility	13 km	\$3 to 5 M	
<b>Total</b>	<b>617 km <sup>a</sup></b>	<b>\$134 to 153 M</b>	

Notes: a. Does not include 91 km of off-road facilities being replaced during road widening  
b. Cost includes upgrading 40 km of existing partially paved shoulders to 1.5 m wide

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Cost Estimates				
Network by Local Municipality				
AT Facility to be built...	Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
<b>...as part of the Capital Program</b>				
Build new on-road facility	\$6 to 7M	\$8 to 9 M	\$25 to 27 M	\$11 to 12M
Replace off-road facility (widening)	\$1 to 2 M	< \$0.5M	\$6 to 7M	\$5 to 6M
Build new off-road facility	\$4 to 5M	\$7 to 8M	\$21 to 23M	\$11 to 12 M
<b>...as an Infill Project</b>				
Build new on-road facility (widening)	\$4 to 5M	-	-	\$1 to 2M
Build new off-road facility	<\$1 M	-	<\$1 M	\$8 to 9M
<b>...as part of the Resurfacing Program</b>				
Build new on-road facility	\$5 to 6 M	\$3 to 4 M	\$3 to 4 M	<\$ 1 M
Build new off-road facility	\$1 to 2 M	\$2 to 3 M	<\$0.5 M	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21 to 27 M</b>	<b>\$20 to 24 M</b>	<b>\$56 to 61M</b>	<b>\$37 to 41M</b>

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**Cost Estimates**

## Network by Local Municipality

Responsibility of ...	Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
Region	\$16 to 20M	\$11 to 13 M	\$34 to 38 M	\$18 to 20 M
Local Municipality	\$6 to 7 M	\$9 to 11 M	\$22 to 23M	\$19 to 21 M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21 to 27 M</b>	<b>\$20 to 24 M</b>	<b>\$56 to 61M</b>	<b>\$37 to 41M</b>

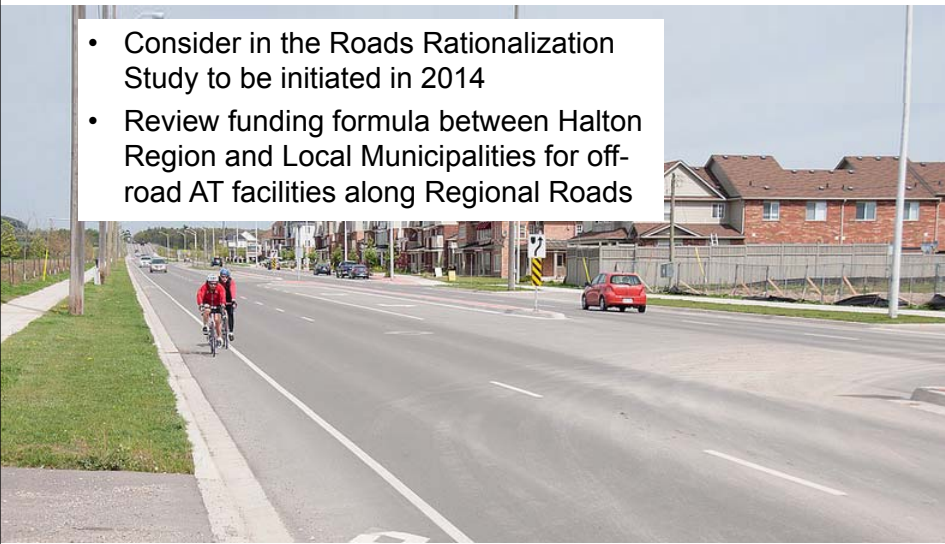
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**Cost Estimates**

## Funding of AT in Halton

- Consider in the Roads Rationalization Study to be initiated in 2014
- Review funding formula between Halton Region and Local Municipalities for off-road AT facilities along Regional Roads



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### Supportive Recommendations



- **AT Design Tool Box**
- Selected bibliography
- AT user characteristics
- Pedestrian facilities: sidewalks, street crossings
- Bikeways: paved shoulders, bike lanes, segregated bike lanes, boulevard multi-use trails; intersections
- Facility selection guidelines for Regional ROW Categories

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### Supportive Recommendations



- **Education—Community**
- AT Working Group
- AT identity and web portal
- Fact sheets; handlebar hang-tag; Drive SAFE campaign
- Transportation Services' Annual Report
- Bicycle Friendly Community and Walk Friendly Ontario designations

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### Supportive Recommendations



**Education**

**Workplace:**

- Outreach events promoting sustainable commuting
- Workplace clinics / workshops
- Employer bicycle parking info and repair kit

**Schools:**

- Input to AT travel initiatives
- Walking and cycling safety and promotional kits to parents, youth and teens

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### Supportive Recommendations



**Regulations and By-laws**

- HTA review
- Regional by-laws for on-road AT facilities
- Support local by-laws for AT vehicles

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## Supportive Recommendations

### Tourism

- Updates to the Halton AT map
- AT trip planning tool
- Cycling event planning support
- Regional way-finding and destination signage strategy
- Program support, i.e. Welcome Cyclists



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## Next Steps

### Part 3:

- PIC #2
  - November 19 and 20, 2013
- Active Transportation Master Plan
- Report to Council





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## THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

MEETING NO. 01-13

NAME OF MEETING: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, October 9, 2013  
9:30 a.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: Halton Room  
Halton Regional Centre  
1151 Bronte Road  
Oakville, Ontario

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor C. Best, Chair  
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Councillor J. Fogal, S. Siegal, G. Wasik

REGRETS: Councillor M. Grant

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Members of the Planning and Public Works Committee:

The Halton Active Transportation Advisory Committee met on the above-noted date and advised the following:

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A pecuniary interest is a direct or indirect financial interest in a matter. An extraordinary pecuniary interest exists when your interests exceed those that the Region could reasonably assume that you have. Committee members must advise of any extraordinary pecuniary interest and refrain from discussing or voting on the matter.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting No. 02-12 held on Monday, November 26, 2012**

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 02-12 held on Monday, November 26, 2012 be received as presented.

CARRIED

### **2. Introductions**

Members of the committee gave a brief introduction of themselves. The committee welcomed Gene Wasik to the committee. Gene is a member of the Burlington Cycling Committee and will be the City of Burlington's representative on this committee.

### **3. Overview of Study Progress**

Norma Moores of IBI Group, Project Manager for the Halton Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) Study provided the Committee a presentation which included the study's progress, development of the ATMP Network, preliminary cost estimates, supportive recommendations and next steps. Public Information Centres will be held November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The Draft Master Plan is anticipated to be presented to Committee and Council in Spring 2014.

### **4. Development of the ATMP**

Norma's presentation highlighted the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Process for which a Master Plan follows and confirmed that Phase I (Problem or Opportunity) and Phase II (Alternative Solution) will be completed. The majority of AT projects identified will be planned as part of the Class Environmental Assessment for road projects (i.e. road widenings or reconstructions) and will incorporate all identified on-road and/or off-road AT facilities. In order to accommodate growth and travel demands identified by 2031, the developed preferred network solution includes a combination of:

- Strategy 3 – provide AT facilities on all Regional roads; and
- Strategy 5 – Routes of 'Regional Significance' along Local municipal corridors.

The proposed Cycling and Walking Network maps will be presented at the upcoming PIC's in November for Public review and input.

Members of the Committee made the following comments regarding the proposed Cycling and Walking Network maps:

- Trafalgar Road (north of Lower Base Line to Steeles Avenue) – consider including on-road (cycling) and off-road facilities on both sides of the road. In the future, development will be on both sides of Trafalgar Road.
- The Burlington Lift Bridge is an important connecting link and should also be identified.
- Lakeshore Road through Burlington and Oakville is not marked, but is represented by the Waterfront Trail.
- Proposed Cycling map indicates proposed bike lanes on Upper Middle Road in Burlington from Guelph Line to Walker's Line. The Committee advised that these lanes should be identified as existing bike lanes.
- Cyclists avoid roads constructed with 'chip and tar' and therefore should be discouraged in areas for promoting Cycling Tourism within Halton.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT as part of the Active Transportation Master Plan there should be guidance for asset management planning in order to address the on-going maintenance costs required over the lifespan of off-road AT facilities (i.e. sidewalks and/or multi-use paths); and

THAT the comments of the Committee be considered by staff in the preparation of the plan.

CARRIED

**5. Supportive Recommendations**

In addition to the preferred network alternative, there are a number of supportive recommendations which include design, education and policies.

**Active Transportation Design Toolbox:** This is a resource to highlight best practices in the design of Active Transportation facilities.

**Education in the Community and Workplace:** Recommendations with respect

to education are a vital component to the success of the AT Master Plan. Education strategies being considered are:

- Establish AT Working Group with Local municipalities to co-ordinate resources and construction activities
- Develop web portal for information sharing
- Continue to include cycling and pedestrian safety as part of the Drive SAFE (Safety Awareness for Everyone) campaign
- Support Smart Commute Halton initiatives
- Provide employers with information on how to provide bicycle parking

**Regulations and By-laws** associated with cycling and walking. There needs to be more clarity and enforcement when it comes to regulations and by-laws. The Region needs to encourage the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) to review the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) as it pertains to cyclists and pedestrians. The Region should support the Local municipalities in developing by-laws regarding who can use AT facilities, particularly those that are off-road (i.e. multi-use paths and paved shoulders) which are not governed by the HTA.

## 6. Next Steps

Public Information Centre #2 to take place in November. Once the public's input has been received a Draft Active Transportation Master Plan will be presented to Committee and Council in Spring 2014.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Craig Kielburger High School in Milton has a large volume of students cycling to school. This school should be used as a champion and advocate for cycling to school to other students across Halton.

Members of the Committee inquired about safety and the lack of lighting on the multi-use trails.

City of Burlington's Cycling Committee discussed the removal of bike lanes along Upper Middle Road.

Staff requested that the City of Burlington's Cycling Committee forward a formal recommendation to the Region following their next meeting.

The growth of cycle tourism in the area has grown significantly. The City of Burlington attended presentations at an Urban Leadership Session which included the Waterfront Regeneration Trust and Share the Road Cycling Coalition which highlighted the increase in cycle tourism over the last few years. Councillor Dennison requested that

the presentations be forwarded to the Committee. The presentations will be sent electronically via email with the minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:05 AM

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**COMMITTEE NOTES**

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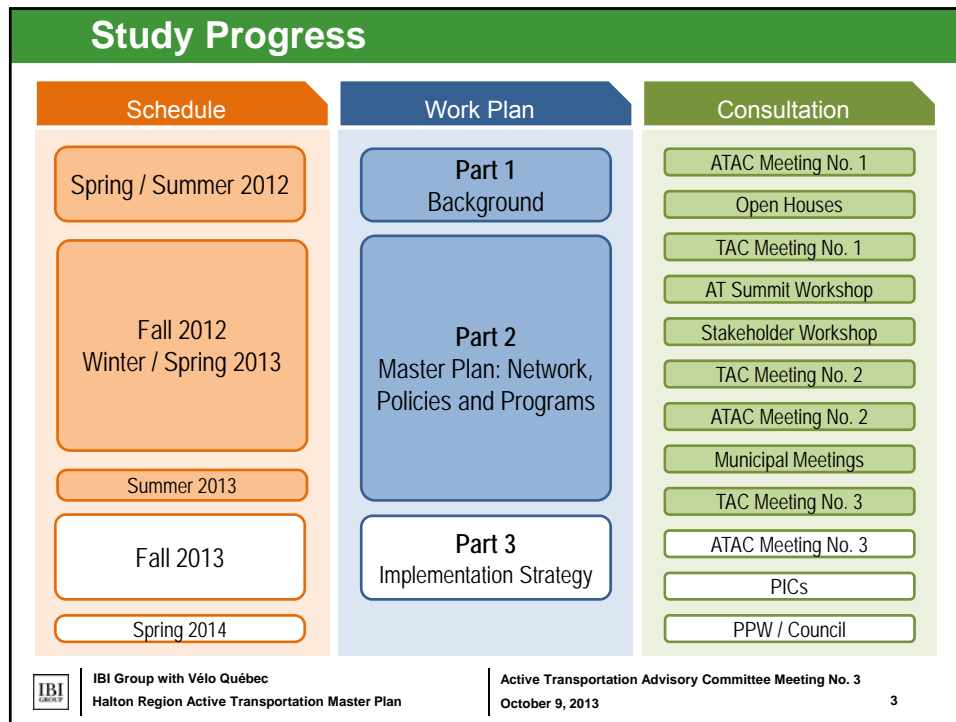
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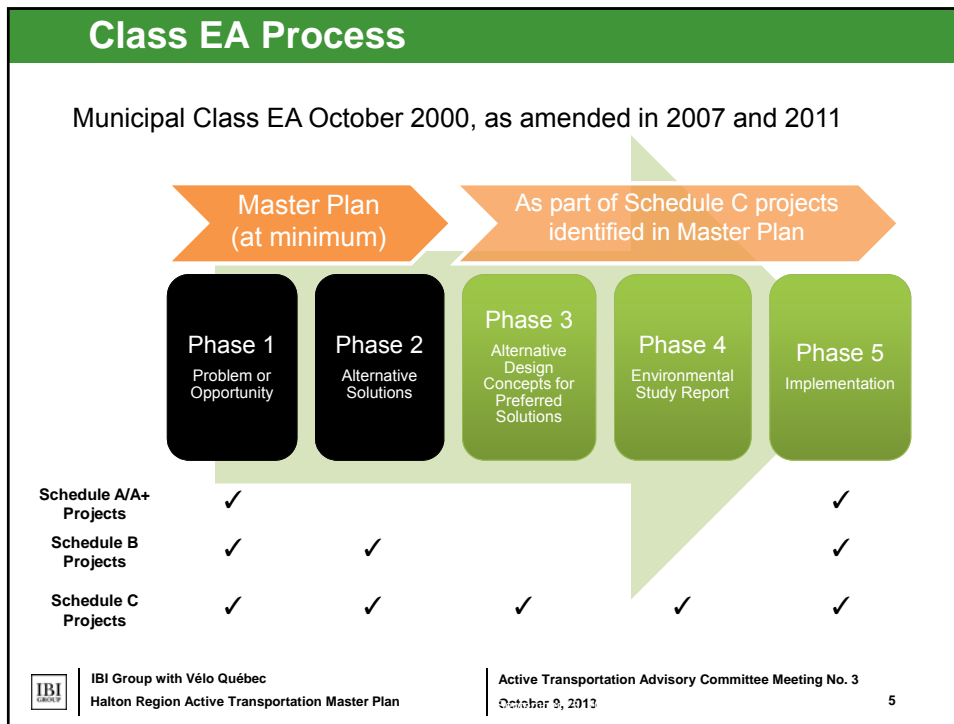
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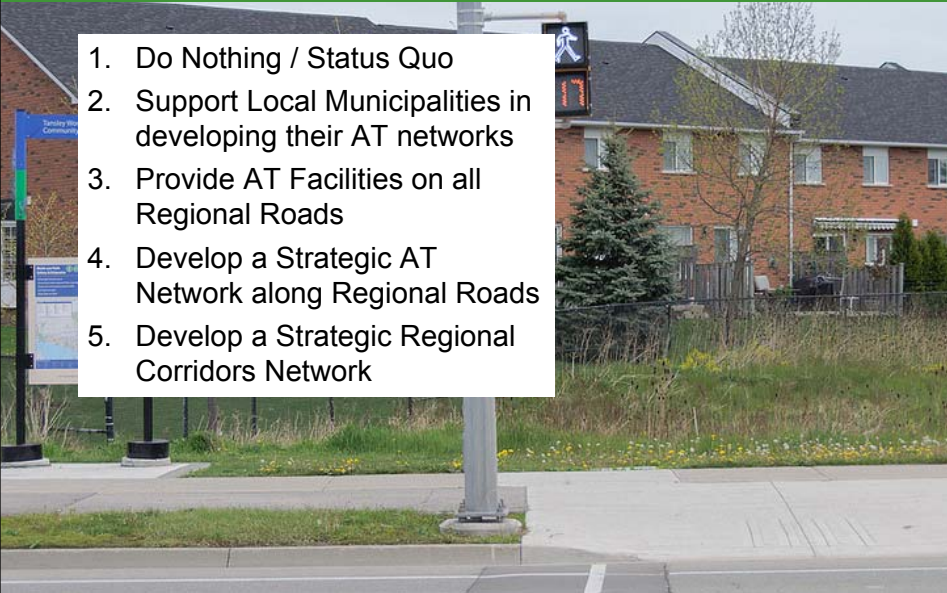
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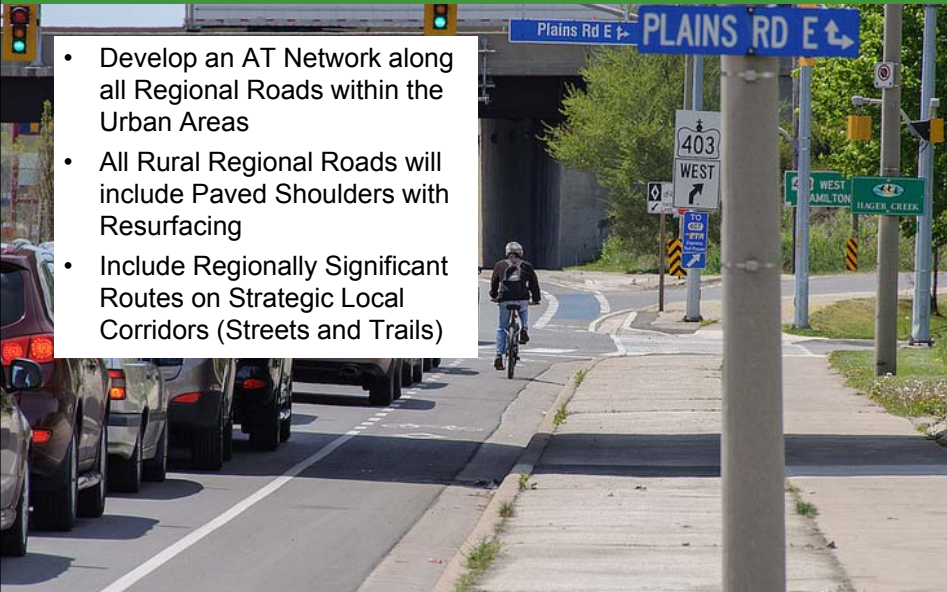
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### Network Development: Corridors



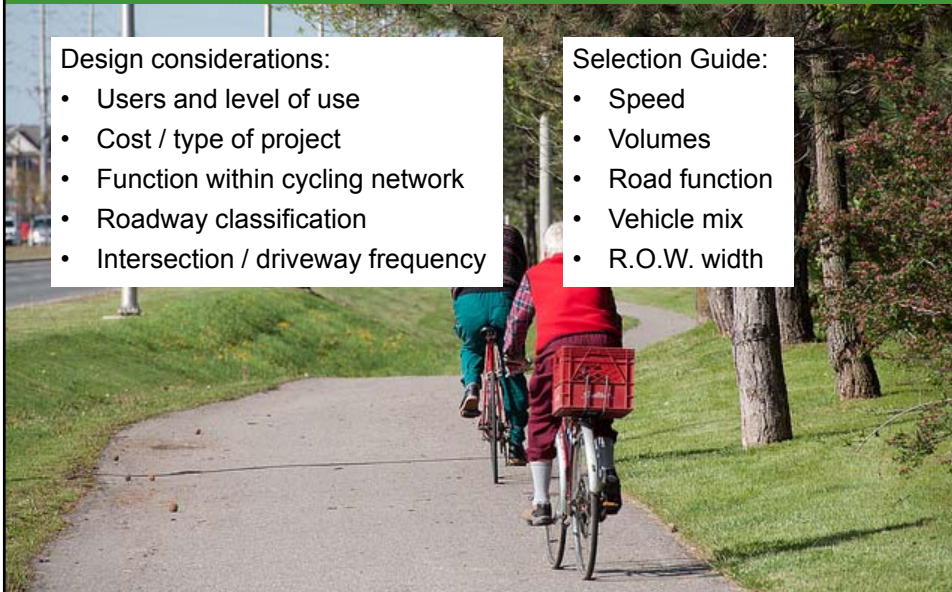
Considerations:

- Existing and planned urban / built-up boundaries
- Land use
- Existing pedestrian and bikeway infrastructure
- Existing and planned higher-order transit corridors
- Potential demand areas (short-trips, land use, etc.)
- Major destination centres
- Natural land features
- Public and stakeholder input

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### Network Development: Facility Types




Design considerations:

- Users and level of use
- Cost / type of project
- Function within cycling network
- Roadway classification
- Intersection / driveway frequency

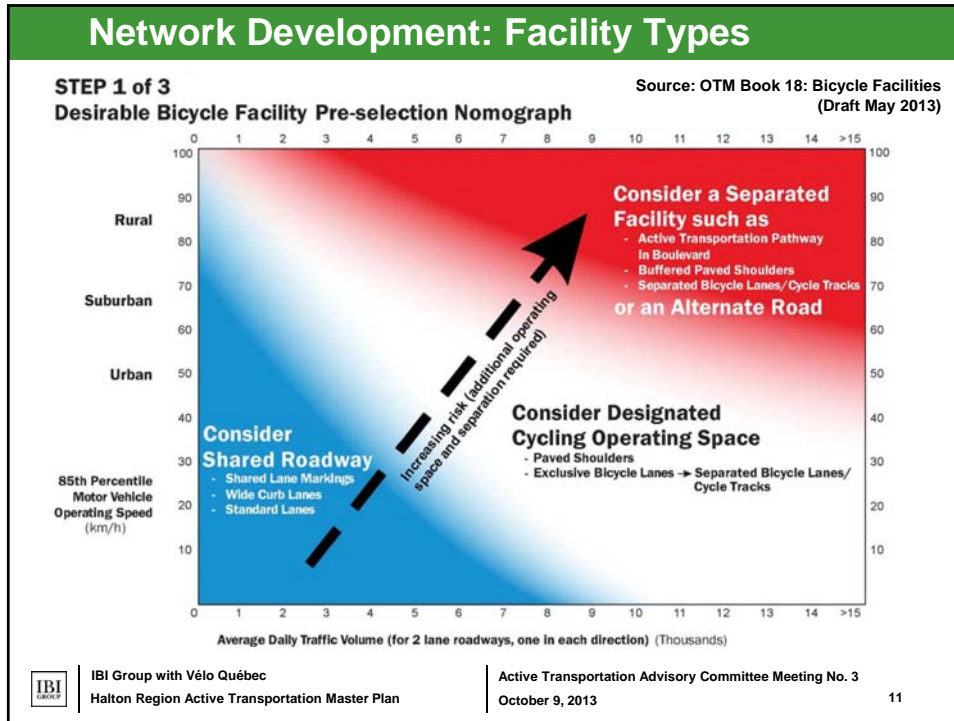
Selection Guide:

- Speed
- Volumes
- Road function
- Vehicle mix
- R.O.W. width

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### Facility Types: Cycling Network

Buffered Bike Lanes



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### Facility Types: Cycling Network

Cycle Tracks



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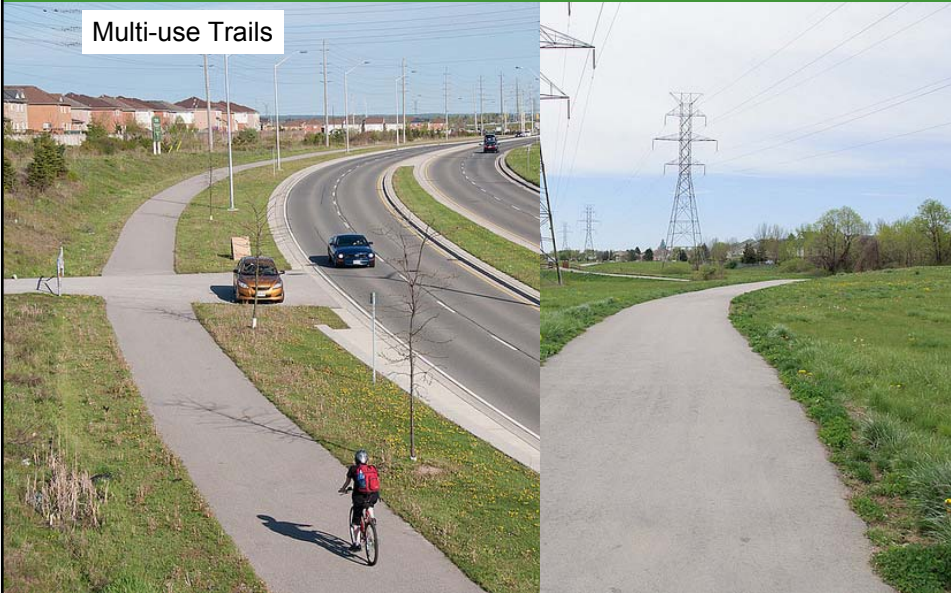
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### Facility Types: Cycling and Walking Networks

Multi-use Trails



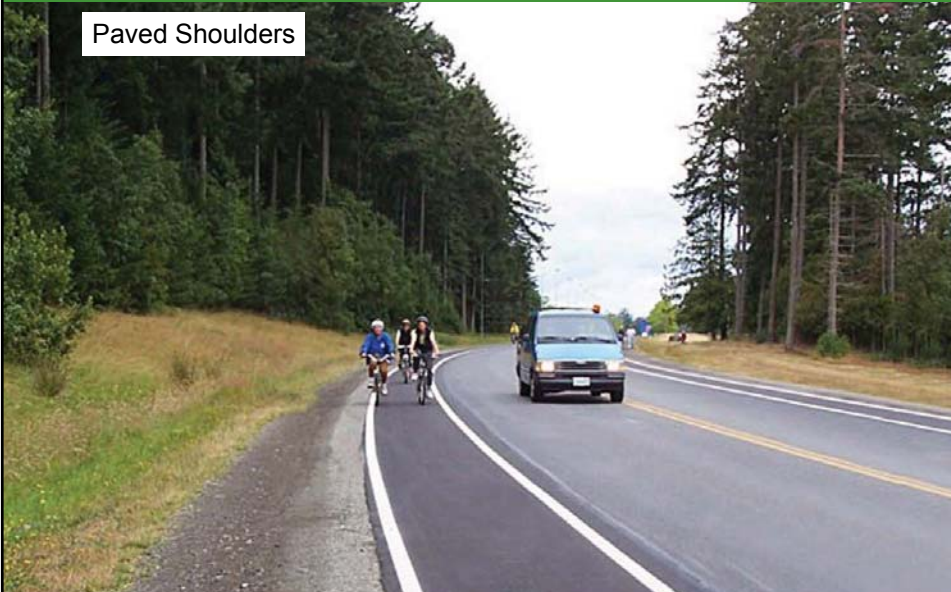
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### Facility Types: Cycling and Walking Networks

Paved Shoulders



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## Facility Types: Walking Network





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## Halton Region Cycling Network

Regional Roads	
Existing Facilities	km
On-road (centerline)	72
Off-road (each side)	53
Proposed Facilities	km
On-road (centerline)	251
Off-road (each side)	258

**Proposed Regional Bike Network**

- Cycle Tracks
- Buffered Bike Lanes
- Bike Lanes
- Boulevard Multi-Use Trail
- Paved Shoulders
- Interchange Improvement\*

**Routes not on Regional Roads**

- Existing Routes that are Regionally Significant
- Planned Routes that are Regionally Significant
- Proposed Routes that are Regionally Significant
- Greenbelt Cycling Route

**Existing Regional Bike Network**

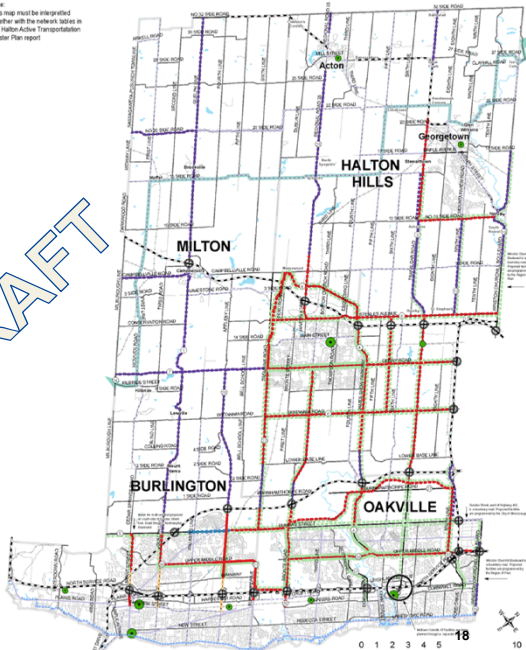
- Bike Lane
- Boulevard Trail
- Paved Shoulders
- Waterfront Trail

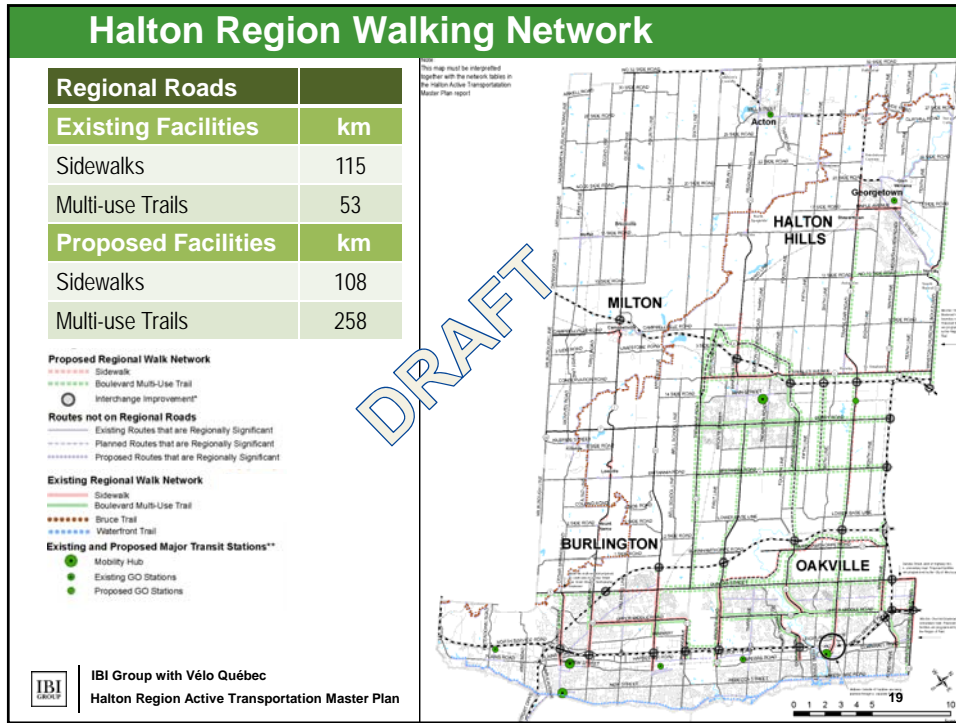
**Existing and Proposed Major Transit Stations\*\***

- Mobility Hub
- Existing GO Station
- Proposed GO Station

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Note: This map must be interpreted together with the network tables in the Halton Active Transportation Master Plan report.





### Cost Estimates

## What are We Building?

Regional Network is comprised of....	Existing (km)	Proposed (km)	Total (km)
<b>On-road (centerline)</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>308<sup>d</sup></b>
Bike lanes	11	167	178
Wide curb lanes	15	0	0
Buffered bike lanes	-	7	7
Cycle tracks	-	3	3
Paved shoulders	46 <sup>a</sup>	74	120
<b>Off-road (each side)</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>534</b>
Sidewalks	115	108 <sup>b</sup>	223
Multi-use trails	53	258 <sup>c</sup>	311

Notes: a. Includes 40 km of existing partially paved shoulders (≥1 m wide)  
 b. Does not include 5 km of sidewalk that will be replaced  
 c. Does not include 86 km of multi-use trail that will be replaced  
 d. Wide curb lanes replaced by proposed bike lanes

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Cost Estimates			
How Do We Build It?			
AT Facility to be built...	Proposed facilities	Cost <sup>b</sup>	% of Total Costs for AT Facilities
<b>...as part of the Capital Program</b>	<b>606 km</b>	<b>\$105 to 118 M</b>	<b>78%</b>
Build new on-road facility	190 km	\$50 to 55 M	
Replace off-road facility (widening)	91 km	\$12 to 15 M	
Build new off-road facility	325 km	\$43 to 48 M	
<b>...as an Infill Project</b>	<b>37 km</b>	<b>\$14 to 16 M</b>	<b>10%</b>
Build new on-road facility (widening)	9 km	\$5 to 6 M	
Build new off-road facility	28 km	\$9 to 10 M	
<b>...as part of the Resurfacing Program</b>	<b>65 km</b>	<b>\$15 to 19 M</b>	<b>12%</b>
Build new on-road facility	52 km	\$12 to 14 M	
Build new off-road facility	13 km	\$3 to 5 M	
<b>Total</b>	<b>617 km <sup>a</sup></b>	<b>\$134 to 153 M</b>	

Notes: a. Does not include 91 km of off-road facilities being replaced during road widening  
b. Cost includes upgrading 40 km of existing partially paved shoulders to 1.5 m wide

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Cost Estimates				
Network by Local Municipality				
AT Facility to be built...	Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
<b>...as part of the Capital Program</b>				
Build new on-road facility	\$6 to 7M	\$8 to 9 M	\$25 to 27 M	\$11 to 12M
Replace off-road facility (widening)	\$1 to 2 M	< \$0.5M	\$6 to 7M	\$5 to 6M
Build new off-road facility	\$4 to 5M	\$7 to 8M	\$21 to 23M	\$11 to 12 M
<b>...as an Infill Project</b>				
Build new on-road facility (widening)	\$4 to 5M	-	-	\$1 to 2M
Build new off-road facility	<\$1 M	-	<\$1 M	\$8 to 9M
<b>...as part of the Resurfacing Program</b>				
Build new on-road facility	\$5 to 6 M	\$3 to 4 M	\$3 to 4 M	<\$ 1 M
Build new off-road facility	\$1 to 2 M	\$2 to 3 M	<\$0.5 M	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21 to 27 M</b>	<b>\$20 to 24 M</b>	<b>\$56 to 61M</b>	<b>\$37 to 41M</b>

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**Cost Estimates**

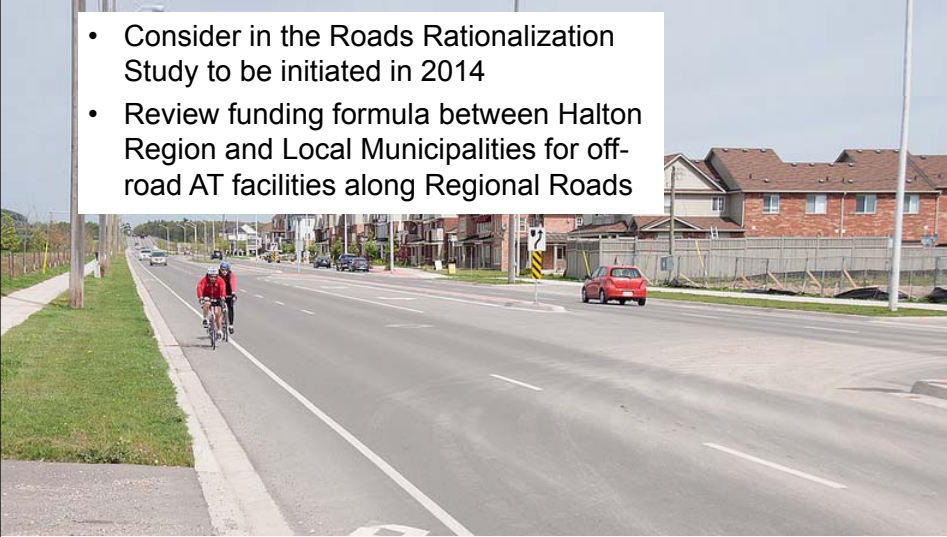
### Network by Local Municipality

Responsibility of ...	Burlington	Halton Hills	Milton	Oakville
Region	\$16 to 20M	\$11 to 13 M	\$34 to 38 M	\$18 to 20 M
Local Municipality	\$6 to 7 M	\$9 to 11 M	\$22 to 23M	\$19 to 21 M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21 to 27 M</b>	<b>\$20 to 24 M</b>	<b>\$56 to 61M</b>	<b>\$37 to 41M</b>


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**Cost Estimates**

### Funding of AT in Halton



- Consider in the Roads Rationalization Study to be initiated in 2014
- Review funding formula between Halton Region and Local Municipalities for off-road AT facilities along Regional Roads

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### Supportive Recommendations



**AT Design Tool Box**

- Selected bibliography
- AT user characteristics
- Pedestrian facilities: sidewalks, street crossings
- Bikeways: paved shoulders, bike lanes, segregated bike lanes, boulevard multi-use trails; intersections
- Facility selection guidelines for Regional ROW Categories

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### Supportive Recommendations



**Education—Community**

- AT Working Group
- AT identity and web portal
- Fact sheets; handlebar hang-tag; Drive SAFE campaign
- Transportation Services' Annual Report
- Bicycle Friendly Community and Walk Friendly Ontario designations

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### Supportive Recommendations



**Education**

**Workplace:**

- Outreach events promoting sustainable commuting
- Workplace clinics / workshops
- Employer bicycle parking info and repair kit

**Schools:**

- Input to AT travel initiatives
- Walking and cycling safety and promotional kits to parents, youth and teens

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### Supportive Recommendations



**Regulations and By-laws**

- HTA review
- Regional by-laws for on-road AT facilities
- Support local by-laws for AT vehicles

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## Supportive Recommendations

### Tourism

- Updates to the Halton AT map
- AT trip planning tool
- Cycling event planning support
- Regional way-finding and destination signage strategy
- Program support, i.e. Welcome Cyclists



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## Next Steps

### Part 3:

- PIC #2
  - November 19 and 20, 2013
- Active Transportation Master Plan
- Report to Council





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# Minutes

**To/Attention** Notes to File **Date** October 11, 2012  
**From** Norma Moores **Project No** 31898  
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**Subject** Technical Agencies Committee Meeting No. 1  
Multi-Purpose Room #2, Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre,  
2302 Bridge Road, Oakville, ON L6L 2G6  
Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

**Present** Daryl Bender, City of Hamilton  
Rick Bruno, 407 ETR  
Chris Clapham, Town of Oakville  
Margie Chung, Region of Peel  
Paul Cripps, Town of Milton  
Jane DeVito, Conservation Halton  
Jacqueline Hunter, City of Mississauga  
Karen Lacroix, Halton Student Transportation  
Joseph Lai, Ministry of Transportation, Ontario  
Keith Moore, Halton Regional Police Service  
Pat O'Reilly, Conservation Halton  
Matt Roj, Town of Halton Hills  
Dom Renzella, Halton District School Board  
Halton Region:  
Maureen Van Ravens, Manager, Transportation Planning & Road  
Jeff Reid, Senior Transportation Planner (Project Manager)  
Melissa Green-Battison, Supervisor, Transportation Planning  
Patrick Monaghan, Transportation Planner  
Nick Zervos, Supervisor, Road Operations & Maintenance  
Fabio Cabarcas, Public Health  
IBI Group:  
Norma Moores  
Marian Saavedra

**Distribution** All Present  
Technical Agencies Committee Distribution List

## Introduction to the Active Transportation Master Plan

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| 1. | N. Moores reviewed the meeting agenda to clarify the purpose of the meeting. The agenda is provided in the attachments.  | INFO |
| 2. | J. Reid (Project Manager) provided a brief introduction to the Active Transportation Master Plan study and the Consultant Team. Attendees then each introduced themselves and their affiliated Technical Agency. | INFO |

Item Discussed	Action By
<p>3. N. Moores presented an overview of the study purpose including background, vision and guiding principles of ROPA 38 and the Region’s completed Transportation Master Plan—The Road to Change (to 2031).</p>	INFO
<p>4. N. Moores described the study process, which consists of three parts: Background Review (Part 1), Development of the Plan (Part 2) and Implementation Strategy (Part 3). Part 1 of the study is complete. The study team anticipates consulting with the committee at least three times during the course of the study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This first TAC meeting is at the start of Part 2, as Part 1 (Background Review) was a research exercise and did not require TAC’s input. Comments and discussion received from this meeting will be used to develop the Plan, including revisions to the Draft Vision and preparing options for the ATMP network.</li> <li>• The purpose of the second meeting, towards the end of Part 2, will be to present and refine options developed for the ATMP network.</li> <li>• The third meeting will be during Part 3 to present the preferred network and draft Implementation Strategy.</li> </ul>	INFO
<p>5. Each attendee was asked to provide a briefing on active transportation initiatives in their respective agencies; discussion notes (at the end of the minutes) are provided for the following agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 407 ETR</li> <li>• Conservation Halton</li> <li>• Town of Halton Hills</li> <li>• Halton Catholic School Board</li> <li>• Halton Transportation Services</li> <li>• City of Hamilton</li> <li>• Metrolinx</li> <li>• Town of Milton</li> <li>• City of Mississauga</li> <li>• Region of Peel</li> <li>• Town of Oakville</li> <li>• Ministry of Transportation</li> </ul>	INFO
<p><b>Input on Draft Vision</b></p>	
<p>6. The committee was presented with the following Draft Vision:</p> <p><i>The Active Transportation Master Plan will help to promote an integrated, sustainable, accessible, affordable and efficient multi-modal transportation network where Active Transportation will be a viable alternative to strengthen linkages between communities and municipalities.</i></p>	INFO

**Item Discussed**

**Action By**

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| <p>7. Comments received from the committee regarding the draft vision are provided in the Discussion Notes at end of the minutes. <b>The project team will revise the draft vision in consideration of input from the Technical Agencies Committee.</b></p> | <p>N. Moores, IBI Group</p> |
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**Development of the ATMP network**

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| <p>8. N. Moores described background efforts to date that will be used to inform the development of the ATMP network. Background data collected in Part 1 of the study such as the existing AT facilities, current local plans and on-going capital projects. It was noted that the study team has held the first round of public consultation and met with the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC). Both the public and the ATAC were solicited for their input into the network priorities and challenges.</p>                      | <p>INFO</p> |
| <p>9. Four maps were presented to the committee both in large displays and provided in the hand-outs (see attachments) for the committee to review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Existing Walking Network</li> <li>ii. Existing Cycling Network</li> <li>iii. Key Destinations</li> <li>iv. Barriers</li> </ul> <p>The display maps for Key Destinations and Barriers were marked up with public feedback. <b>Any errors or additions to the maps should be sent to norma.moores@ibigroup.com.</b></p>                           | <p>All</p>  |
| <p>10. Committee members were invited to discuss three topics in regard to developing the network:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Barriers and Opportunities</li> <li>ii. Walking and Cycling Activity Centre and Corridors, defining what is "Regional Significance"</li> <li>iii. Classification Framework for Facility Types</li> </ul> <p>The discussion notes from these topics are provided at the end of the minutes. The study team will consider input from the committee in developing options for the ATMP network.</p> | <p>INFO</p> |

Item Discussed	Action By
<b>Stakeholder Workshop</b>	
11. A Stakeholder Workshop is scheduled for November 5, 2012. <u>There will be two sessions:</u> an afternoon session (from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM) and an evening session (from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM). The workshop is another opportunity for the Technical Agencies and other interested parties to discuss Active Transportation issues and opportunities in a more interactive and in-depth process. The Stakeholder Workshop will be a World Café format; groups of six to eight people will have a facilitated discussion around key questions. The questions range from network priorities, types of walking and cycling facilities, design pilot projects, education and outreach and trip-planning tools.	All
<b>Other Business</b>	
12. None reported.	INFO
<b>Next TAC Meeting</b>	
13. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for <b>November 14, 2012 at 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM</b> . Location and agenda will be forwarded to the committee at a later date.	INFO

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Discussion Notes
- Presentation Handout
- Maps Handout

## Halton Region Active Transportation Master Plan— Technical Agencies Committee Meeting No. 1

Multi-Purpose Room #2, Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre  
2302 Bridge Road, Oakville, ON L6L 2G6  
Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

### Agenda

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| 1. Introductions   | All       | 5 mins.      |
| 2. Study Purpose and Process   | IBI Group | 5 mins.      |
| 3. Briefing from Technical Agencies on AT initiatives; key challenges and opportunities  | All       | 3 mins. each |
| 4. Input on Draft Vision   | All       | 10 mins.     |
| 6. Development of the ATMP network:  |           |              |
| • Identify barriers and connectivity issues  | All       | 20 min.      |
| • Identify walking and cycling activity centres and corridors—what is of regional significance?  | All       | 20 min.      |
| • Discuss a classification framework for AT facilities: recreational versus utilitarian; traffic volume and speed; on-road versus off-road, etc. | All       | 20 min.      |
| 7. Stakeholder workshop: November 5, 2012  | IBI Group | 5 min.       |
| 8. Other Business  | All       | 5 min.       |
| 9. Next TAC Meeting: November 14, 2012, 1 PM to 3:30 PM  | INFO      |              |



# Discussion Notes

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## 1. Active Transportation Initiatives among the Technical Agencies

This section contains notes summarizing the active transportation-related initiatives being undertaken by agencies of the committee and some of the challenges they face.

### 1.1 407 ETR

No active transportation initiatives to date. The agency is present at the TAC meeting to learn about the ATMP study and how their organization and mandate fits with active transportation. It is recognized that there may be interaction with active transportation facilities at ramps.

### 1.2 Conservation Halton

Recreation, health and wellness are part of the mandate of Conservation Halton (CH). Therefore, the interest in active transportation is related to encouraging walking and cycling for these purposes. CH has worked with Active Halton on initiatives related to the promotion of cycling for tourism.

CH is responsible for 6 primary parks that are visited by 450,000 visitors (plus 300,000 skiing visitors) annually from around the Region and elsewhere. These parks are popular destinations for hiking and biking, are major venues for AT events, are generally connected to the Bruce Trail and are often used as pit stops for rural cyclists or other long-distance trail users. Therefore, CH would encourage safe links from the surrounding community to the parks.

Particularly popular parks are Kelso and Hilton Falls for off-road biking. Urban growth, i.e. infrastructure and proximity, is placing greater strain on the park with higher demand. Roads around the park are generally operated at high speeds and cyclists (at various comfort levels) use these roads to access the park; this conflict is a challenge with recreation-focused visitors.

The Kelso Master Plan is currently being updated with a major trail centre (i.e. ski, hike, etc.), information in the plan may inform the study. CH is also working on upgrading their trail standard to conform to the new AODA requirements for Parks Ontario.

With respect to regulations, CH is encouraging the development of trails in valley and flood plains. However, there is currently no provision on public lands for this development in established areas. One strategy CH is using are setbacks in new areas to allow for trails. Trails in CH lands generally do not have a hard surface and experience issues with erosion, providing maintenance access to valleys and creek. Some challenging areas are trails in creek valleys and across bridges.

### 1.3 Halton Catholic School Board and Halton District School Board

Active transportation is considered by the school boards through school site design guidelines and by working with local municipalities. Both school boards experience public and political challenges to promote active transportation due to support and requests for bus transportation.

### 1.4 Halton Student Transportation Services

No active transportation initiatives to date. The mandate of the agency is to *provide* transportation to students, through reviewing student routes to schools and determining the need for bus transportation. Challenges faced by the agencies are a lack of school crossing guards along student routes and the costs of bussing students to school. Parents typically cite safety as the reason their child requiring bussing, while at times a perception of convenience is more likely the underlying rationale.

### 1.5 Town of Halton Hills

The Town of Halton Hills is currently working with developers to implement new paths and bike lanes. Generally, the strategy is to build paved shoulders where possible along rural roads as they are reconstructed or resurfaced. The Town is working to retrofit “Share the Road” signs along popular cycling routes. Programs such as the Walking School Bus, traffic calming near schools and bike to the Farmers’ Markets are some other AT initiatives. The key challenge is funding for new AT infrastructure.

### 1.6 City of Hamilton

The City of Hamilton have several plans: the Trails and Recreation Master Plan and the Cycling Master Plan are currently approved. The Pedestrian Master Plan is currently in progress. The City of Hamilton aims to annually build 10 to 20 km of their cycling and trails network both on- and off-road. There is a designated TDM coordinator on staff who works on the programming and communications aspect of encouraging more walking and cycling as a primary mode of travel. Political will is a challenge in building the network on a project by project basis; politicians are often “nervous” to make trade-offs (e.g. removing parking even where there is low demand). The City has used the popularity of cycling for recreation to help garner support for the cycling network that serves all cyclists, not just transportation trips.

Other challenges are:

- School and municipal policies regarding funding and catchment areas are working against encouraging active transportation (i.e. they are getting too large to make walking and cycling reasonable options);
- By-laws that strictly prohibit cycling on sidewalks can discourage cycling in general areas with no cycling facilities, or facilities that do not suit their comfort level;
- With new developments, cycling facilities are constructed last after complete built-out when residents are already accustomed to claiming on-road space intended for bike lanes as parking and their “right” to have it;

Other notes:

- Complete Streets is a good justification tool for implementing active transportation infrastructure;
- Active Routes to School is present in Hamilton through Smart Commute and Metrolinx;
- Bike Lane Winter Maintenance Pilot Project was started last year on select routes to test various snow clearing practices and to determine which are most effective; and
- Monitoring (pedestrian and cyclist counts) of AT routes provides useful information to determine where there are successes in building the network and where routes may be underutilized

### 1.7 Metrolinx

Generally, Metrolinx is looking into improving access to GO stations via walking and cycling; the Mobility Hub-Cycling Network Interface Study looked at the cycling network (existing and planned) around the 51 mobility hubs within the GTHA. The Mobility Hub Guidelines includes provisions to improving facilities for the pedestrian realm. In Toronto and Hamilton, there are pilot projects with secured bike parking. Throughout the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, Metrolinx provides financial support to the Smart Commute program.

Metrolinx may also provide promotion opportunities for other modes.

### **1.8 Town of Milton**

The Town of Milton is working towards implementing bike lanes and paths in a connected system. The Town recognizes that not all users are comfortable on road nor exclusively use cycling facilities for commuting purposes. Therefore paths are sometimes built for the less skilled and recreational users (e.g. children, families, seniors) parallel to on-road cycling facilities.

The Town will be undertaking a Trails and Cycling Master Plan update in 2012 / 2013.

### **1.9 City of Mississauga**

The City of Mississauga approved their Cycling Master Plan in 2010 (to replace the previous Trails Master Plan). The plan outlines a strategy to develop over 900 km of on- and off-road cycling routes. The current network consists of 400 km of routes. A challenge in Mississauga is the built-up environment and the need to make trade-offs between providing cycling facilities that compete for space with other elements in the right-of-way. The objective for the cycling network is to connect trails to roads and create a connected transportation network.

### **1.10 Region of Peel**

In 2012, the Region of Peel approved their Regional Active Transportation Master Plan. The policies in the ATMP are being worked into ROPA 26. Now they are working through the planning (Class Environmental Assessment Studies) required to implement the network identified in the plan. Some of the challenges that Peel Region faces are issues with land/space and competing needs for utilities and AT. Other initiatives by the Region:

- Stepping it Up includes a school program supported by Metrolinx to promote walking to school
- GPS study tracking cyclist movements throughout the Region
- The Walk n' Roll website is being updated

### **1.11 Town of Oakville**

The Active Transportation Master Plan for the Town of Oakville was approved in 2009 for the area south of Dundas. North of Dundas is currently under review. The plan includes the five "E's": Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Encouragement, and Evaluation and Planning and an implementation strategy for the proposed AT network. The Transportation Master Plan is currently approved (in principle: the required EA review period has just been closed with no comment). The Town's TMP is heavily focused at directing transportation growth to transit, active transportation and other TDM strategies. The biggest challenge is to integrate the network with the Town's Official Plan, Regional Roads (as Halton Region does not yet have a plan) and working with other stakeholders to coordinate programming. It should be noted that Halton Region has approved Regional Right-of-way Guidelines that were approved as part of the Region's TMP study.

### **1.12 Ministry of Transportation, Ontario**

Two relevant policies may impact the development of the Region's ATMP study. First, head office is working on updating the 1992 Bicycle Policy; currently there is no tentative schedule for completion of the policy. The second initiative is an update to the Bikeway Planning and Design Guide, which is anticipated to be ready for public consultation in Spring 2013. The safe accommodation of pedestrians and cyclists (and all users) across interchanges is a recognized challenge that the MTO is working on.

## 2. Input into the Draft Vision

The following comments were received regarding the draft vision statement:

- The term “communities and municipalities” is not broad enough to include large parks (e.g. Conservation Halton parks), or other destinations that attract people from across the Region;
- The vision should also recognize the recreational function of the plan to target a larger audience, not just target transportation trips;
- The need for a safe network should be addressed in the vision;
- Go beyond providing “viable alternative”, include in the vision education and changing public mindset, aim to have active transportation as first choice options and not just alternatives
- Health and wellness need to be mentioned in the vision;
- The plan will help “to implement” is recommended as stronger, more effective wording (compared to “to promote”);
- The term “affordable” is unclear in the vision; does it refer to cost to user, of infrastructure, or both;
- A more integrated network may encourage users not desirable on trails (e.g. ATVs, equestrians, etc.) and may cause more damage to trails; perhaps specific uses should be encouraged over multi-use trails;
- Mention network connectivity, which will have different meanings in an urban or rural context. In urban settings, connect to neighbourhoods for walking and cycling. In rural areas, provide connections within and between communities.

## 3. Development of the Active Transportation Master Plan

Three topics areas were discussed with the committee to help develop the ATMP network: barriers and opportunities, defining Regional Significance, and a Classification Framework. These notes outline the discussion for each topic.

### 3.1 Barriers and Opportunities

#### 3.1.1 Dundas Street and Future 6-lane Roads

Dundas Street is still considered to some residents and stakeholders as a rural “highway”, thus a major barrier to connecting communities to the north and south. The intersections on Dundas Street are perceived by some residents as “not safe” due to the high volumes, speeds and number of lanes. From the school board’s perspective, there needs to be more coordinated efforts for Active and Safe Routes to School (ASRTS) to overcome this barrier. Halton Transportation Services is under pressure to provide (bus) transportation across Dundas Street due to safety concerns from parents for elementary, middle and secondary students. Alton community is a prime example of communities who feel divided along Dundas Street; however Neyagawa Boulevard is another location with similar issues.

The committee discussed future concerns along other Regional roads stemming from further widening and design practices akin to the current design on Dundas Street. Many Regional roads within the urban areas are slated to be widened to 6-lanes by 2031. The project team recognized that the future design of Regional roads will follow the new Regional Right-of-Way Guidelines, which provides different design elements from the current design to provide multi-modal corridors. The committee have identified the need for a “character change” for these roads to be more comfortable environments for active transportation including elements such as:

- Lower speeds



- Reflect the characteristics of the land use (e.g. mixed use with more destinations)
- More crossing opportunities
- More transit service

### ***3.1.2 Freeways and Interchanges***

The committee recognized that the physical structure of freeways presents a barrier to pedestrians and cyclists in terms of network connectivity on a Regional scale due to limited access points. However, it is important to highlight improvements where active transportation has been successfully accommodated. Some examples are:

- Underpass and off-road trail at Bronte Road
- Sixth Line across the QEW; and
- Paved shoulders along the adjacent service road to Highway 6 (installed during reconstruction, Burlington).

### ***3.1.3 Railway Crossings***

For rail crossings, the barriers map should specify crossing type (at grade, overpass or underpass). Where new developments are built, railways with at-grade crossings automatically become barriers to student transportation; Halton Transportation Service is required to provide (bus) transportation to students without grade-separated railway crossings. An example is Derry Road, just west of Bronte Street, which is currently under construction for the new grade separation.

### ***3.1.4 Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs)***

Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESAs) can divide communities given that limited connections are permitted through ESAs. Existing paths are informal (unpaved or unsigned) and experience problems from erosion and overuse. Conservation Halton prefers to pave trails in less environmentally sensitive locations.

### ***3.1.5 Clarification of Regional Responsibilities***

The committee identified a need for clarification regarding responsibilities that the Region is willing to assume with regard to developing the ATMP network; unclear roles and responsibilities between the Region and area municipalities is considered by the committee a barrier to future implementation. Specific cases need to be addressed:

- Funding for trails—the Region needs to clarify the basis for the funding model between the Region and area municipalities
- Building the ATMP network where facilities are on-road versus off-road within the Regional road right-of-way
- Building off-road facilities outside of the Regional road right-of-way (and determining where off-road routes are of “Regional significance”, or connect neighbourhoods versus communities)
- Recognized route of “Regional significance” where no party is able to assume a clear role or responsibility in their implementation

### ***3.1.6 Other Barriers and Opportunities***

- Steeles Avenue west of Trafalgar Road is a temporary barrier due to the alignment between the north and south; it is currently being reconstructed.
- The Niagara Escarpment is a barrier that is difficult to cross.

- The ATMP network should ensure inter-regional connections to serve people traveling across regional boundaries. (The Peel Region GPS cycling study has shown cyclists traveling between Oakville and Brampton).

### **3.2 Defining Regional Significance**

The committee was asked to identify corridors or centres with higher walking and cycling activity. Below are their comments regarding areas defining destinations of "Regional significance:

- North-South access: there needs to be a couple safe routes for more experienced cyclists and to support existing bicycle tourism in the rural areas. Consider "Welcome Cyclist" signage in the plan.
- "Communities and municipalities" by default of the draft vision are identified as "Regionally significant" to connect to. The definition of "Regional significance" should somehow result in identifying the primary parks with a large number of visitors coming for active transportation purposes.
- Committee members encourage the connection of the ATMP network to major employers; a typical definition for major employers for TDM programming is a location with more than 100 employees.

### **3.3 Classification Framework**

Part of the study is to develop a classification framework for selecting the type of AT facilities recommended along corridors in the ATMP network. The committee was asked to discuss models or issues associated with developing a classification framework.

#### ***3.3.1 Examples of Regional Funding Models***

The committee requested examples of funding models in other Regions to understand the implications of a classification framework. The project team provided the following examples:

- In York Region, the Region supports a 50% cost-share program to support area municipalities in implementing off-road trails of regional significance. The program has an annual budget of roughly \$250,000 to \$500,000.
- In Waterloo Region, the Region is finalizing their ATMP for early 2013. As part of the plan, the Region is considering assuming the responsibility for constructing new sidewalks and boulevard multi-use trails along Regional roads, but not along other corridors.
- In Niagara, the Region helped the local municipalities in fundraising for the Greater Niagara Circle Route and Welland Canals Parkway Trail with some cost sharing with partners.

#### ***3.3.2 Comments regarding selection of AT Facilities Along Corridors***

The discussion notes are related to selecting the type of AT facility:

- In Mississauga, the posted speed limit is used as a guideline to determine the comfort level of anticipated cyclists. Where the posted speed limit is less than 60 km/h, on-road facilities are preferred. Where the speed limit is 60 km/h and greater, off-road facilities are preferred. Other considerations in selecting between on- and off-road facilities are: number of lanes, number of driveways including their frequency and spacing. Options for on-road facilities include bike lanes, buffered bike lanes and paved shoulders;
- In Halton Hills, the primary criteria used in selecting AT facilities are: operating speed (as opposed to posted speed), the terrain and hidden driveways (and its impact on sight distance);

- In Oakville, the principle is adopted that every road must accommodate cycling. On trails, design of AT facilities is more challenging due to the presence of a greater variety of users;
- In Hamilton, priorities are flagged for paved shoulders in rural area with the criteria of connecting communities. Generally, paved shoulders are considered shared-use paths for cyclists and pedestrians; therefore, paved shoulders are not signed as bike lanes.
- The Highway Traffic Act (HTA) technically does not permit use of the paved shoulder for vehicle travel (a bicycle is defined as a vehicle). Some municipalities adopt by-laws that designate the paved shoulders as bike lanes where their permitted use is specified in the by-law.
- The Ministry of Transportation Ontario prefers off-road facilities for pedestrians along roads crossing freeways. In general, the facility should be comfortable for a variety of user but should be designed to accommodate the least experienced user.
- The classification framework should stay in the realm of guidelines (instead of a standard) due to the variety of active transportation users and skill levels. It can be difficult to follow a standard where too many user types with conflicting design requirements.
- Certain public pressure exists that push strictly for separated facilities and it is not always possible to deliver. There should be clear justification requirements for segregated cycling infrastructure.
- In Peel, the selection of AT facilities is general linked to the Regional road classification.

### **3.3.3 AT Facilities at Other Locations**

- The Town of Oakville in their experience has recognized the need for tools to accommodate cyclists at intersections. Example tools are: bike boxes, detection and modifying the signals both physically and / or operationally).
- It is recommended that the project team consider signal activation for pedestrians and cyclists. Example elements are: pedestrian detection or default to walk phase, calibration and marking for bike detection and signal actuation.
- Book 18 (Ontario Traffic Manual for Bikeways) was recently updated and includes selection criteria that should be considered in developing the classification framework. It has not yet been published.
- In the experience of Peel, the treatment of trail crossings for pedestrians is not addressed by the warrant system for signalized intersections. Guidance for this case may be helpful for the ATMP.

### **3.3.4 Other Considerations for the ATMP**

- Halton Region has an illumination policy, but may identify illumination needs at transit stops / stations, specific pedestrian lighting criteria and standards, etc.
- The potential implications of winter maintenance policies should be considered when selecting facility type. In Hamilton, trails must be illuminated and paved to receive winter maintenance. The City is currently undergoing a pilot project monitoring the effect of new maintenance policies on bike lane winter cycling routes.
- A potential TDM role for the school board and transportation services is to refer students to AT education and outreach efforts when they do not qualify for bus

transportation. It may be difficult for Halton Student Transportation Services to fulfill this role as their current mandate is limited to providing transportation for qualified Halton students.





### TAC Meeting No. 1 Agenda

- Study purpose and process
- Briefing on your initiatives
- Input on Draft Vision
- Developing the AT network
- Stakeholder workshop
- Next TAC meeting

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## Your input



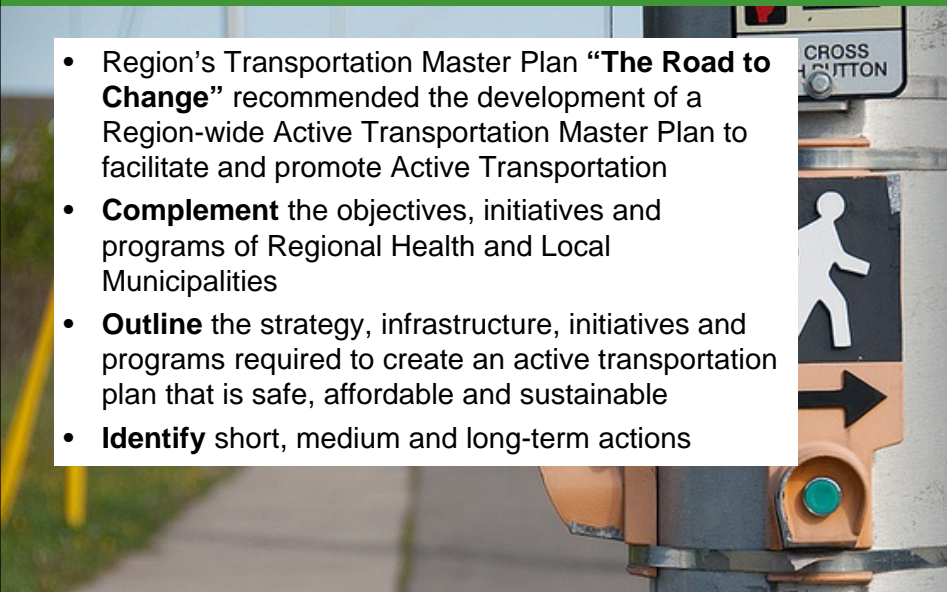
1. Draft vision
2. Your challenges and opportunities
3. AT network development:
  - Identify barriers and connectivity issues
  - Identify walking and cycling activity centres and corridors—what is of regional significance?
  - Discuss a classification framework for AT facilities

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## Study Purpose



- Region's Transportation Master Plan "**The Road to Change**" recommended the development of a Region-wide Active Transportation Master Plan to facilitate and promote Active Transportation
- **Complement** the objectives, initiatives and programs of Regional Health and Local Municipalities
- **Outline** the strategy, infrastructure, initiatives and programs required to create an active transportation plan that is safe, affordable and sustainable
- **Identify** short, medium and long-term actions

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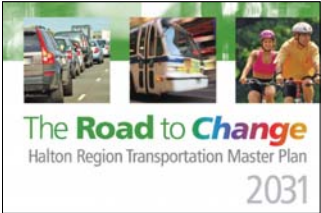
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## Study Purpose

**Planning and Transportation Vision:**

- **ROPA 38:** Halton’s planning vision is to “preserve for this and future generations a landscape that is rich, diverse, balanced, productive and sustainable, and a society that is economically strong, equitable and caring.... Halton believes in building “healthy communities”... where mobility is provided primarily through an affordable, convenient, safe and efficient public transportation system and non-motorized travel modes.
- **TMP Vision:** Accommodate various travel choices and support a sustainable and multi-modal network. It must encourage people to change their travel characteristics, maximize the use of transit and other alternatives to the single occupant vehicle.
- **TMP Guiding Principles:**
  - Balanced Needs
  - Healthy Communities
  - Economic Vitality
  - Sustainability
  - Well-maintained Infrastructure



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## Study Process

Communications & Consultation Strategy

Part 1

- Technical Assessment and Background Information Review

Part 2

- Development of the Halton Region Active Transportation Master Plan


Part 3

- Implementation Strategy and Reporting

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### Brief us on your initiatives!



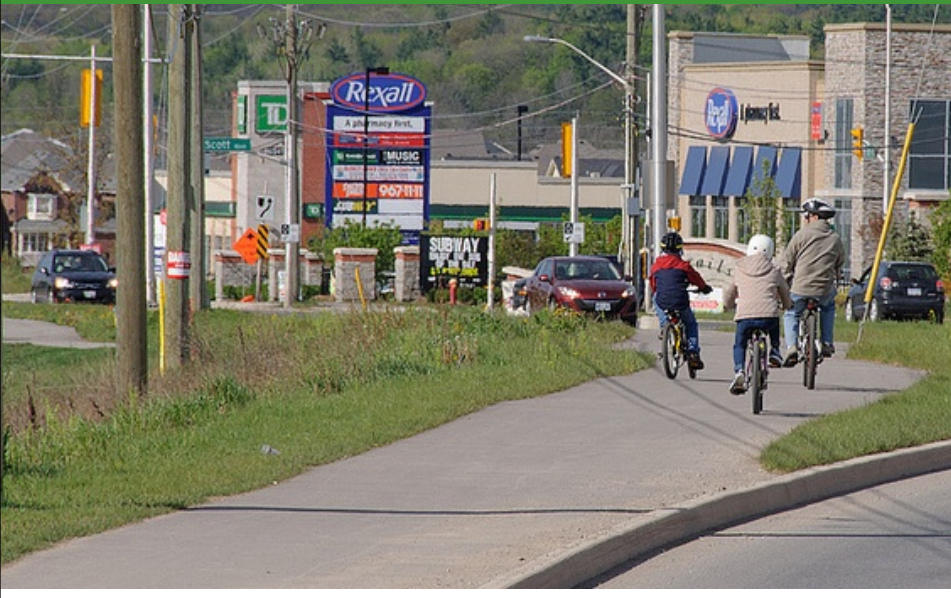
- Burlington Cycling Master Plan
- Oakville Active Transportation Master Plan
- Milton Trails Master Plan
- Halton Hills Cycling Master Plan
- Metrolinx The Big Move
- Peel Active Transportation Master Plan
- Caledon Trails Master Plan and Walking Charter
- Brampton Pathways Master Plan
- Mississauga Cycling Master Plan
- Hamilton Cycling and Pedestrian Plans
- Wellington Active Transportation Plan


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### Your initiatives, challenges and opportunities



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### Draft Vision

Real Choice

Safe

Efficient

Equitable

Affordable

Convenient

Well-maintained

Accessible

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### Draft Vision

The Active Transportation Master Plan will help to promote an integrated, sustainable, accessible, affordable and efficient multi-modal transportation network where Active Transportation will be a viable alternative to strengthen linkages between communities and municipalities.

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### Developing the AT Network

Barriers and connectivity issues in and adjacent Halton Region




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### Developing the AT Network

- Identify walking and cycling activity centres and corridors
- What is of regional significance?



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### Developing the AT Network

Classification framework:

- Recreation / leisure versus utilitarian / commuting
- On-road and off-road
- Regional versus local



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### Stakeholder Workshop Nov. 5

World Café table topics: **DRAFT**

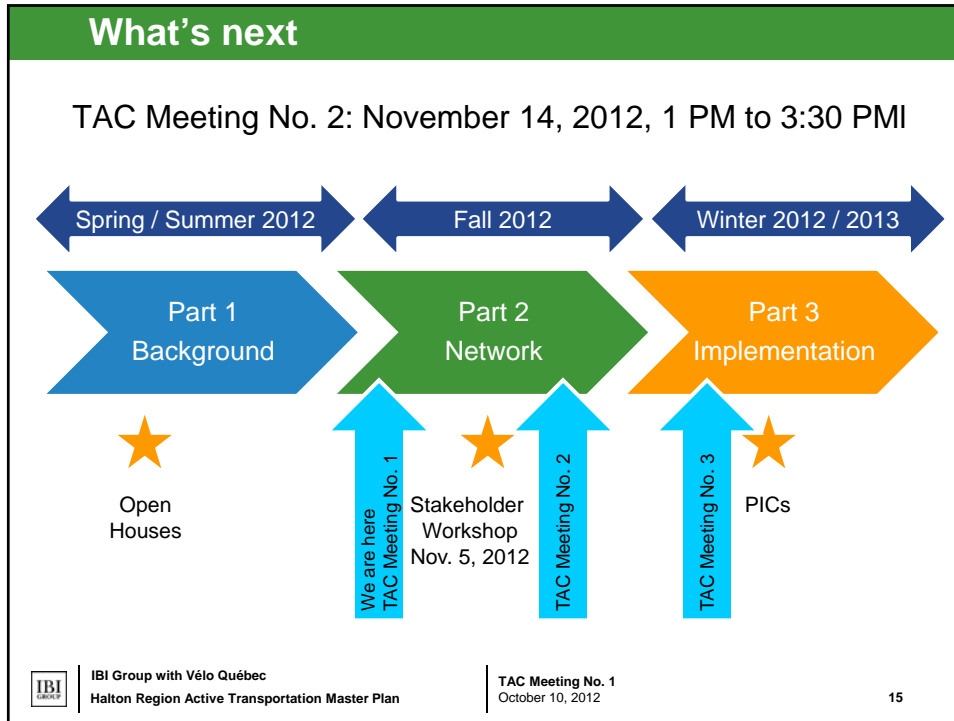
1. What types of improvements are most needed along Regional roads
2. What are the key priorities for the walking network
3. What are the key priorities for the cycling network
4. What new design ideas would you like to see the Region try as pilot projects?
5. What programs would be most effective in encouraging more people to walk or bicycle in Halton?
6. What are the important elements of a web-based trip planning tool for walking and cycling trips?



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# Minutes

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<b>From</b>	Norma Moores	<b>Project No</b>	31898
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<b>Subject</b>	Technical Agencies Committee Meeting No. 2 Great Hall, McMasters' Ron Joyce Centre, 4350 South Service Road, Burlington, ON Wednesday, November 14, 2012 1:00PM to 3:30PM		
<b>Present</b>	Daryl Bender, City of Hamilton Chris Clapham, Town of Oakville Keith Moore, Halton Regional Police Service Matt Roj, Town of Halton Hills Dom Renzella, Halton District School Board Lynn Robichaud, City of Burlington Jenny Setterfield, City of Burlington Henrik Zbogor, City of Brampton Halton Region: Tim Dennis, Director of Transportation Maureen Van Ravens, Manager, Transportation Planning & Road Melissa Green-Battison, Supervisor, Transportation Planning Jeff Reid, Senior Transportation Planner (Project Manager) Patrick Monaghan, Transportation Planner Fabio Cabarcas, Public Health Operations IBI Group: Norma Moores Marian Saavedra		
<b>Distribution</b>	All present Technical Agencies Circulation List		

## Item Discussed

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### Introduction, Agenda and Study Update

1. J. Reid (project manager) welcomed attendees, initiated a round of introductions for members who were not present at TAC Meeting No.1 and outlined the meeting agenda.
2. N. Moores provided a progress update of the study:
  - Minutes from TAC Meeting No. 1 will be distributed to the TAC circulation list along with the minutes from this meeting.
  - The study team presented the ATMP study at the Halton

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Active Communities Summit on October 18, 2012 in Oakville. It included a 10 min. "Espresso Café" Workshop (shortened from the planned 45 mins. due to the Summit agenda running late) where attendees were invited to submit their input on three topic themes: promotion, priorities and opportunities/barriers. Top ideas from the Summit include: promotion through school programs; education and communication to the public, including signage; hosting special events; partnering with others to share resources. With respect to priorities and barriers, the need for appropriate walking and cycling infrastructure was the top comment followed by the need to connect these facilities to key destinations.

- The Stakeholder Workshop was held on November 5, 2012 in Milton. The Workshop was open to the public, technical agencies, and other stakeholders. One session was held in the afternoon and another during the evening. Six key questions were presented for discussion related to the walking and cycling network, types of improvements, pilot projects, programs, and trip planning.
- **The results of the Summit and Stakeholder Workshops will be included in the next study newsletter update on consultation.**

**Network Options and Evaluation Criteria**

3. M. Saavedra presented the proposed methodology for development of the ATMP alternatives to satisfy requirements of the Municipal Class EA. A copy of the presentation is attached.
4. The proposed Problem and Opportunity Statement will include the following :
  - (From Halton TMP) an active transportation mode share target of 5% of all PM peak hour trips by 2031 (currently less than 2%) to be realized through investments in walking and cycling infrastructure and the introduction of policies to encourage shifts from auto to active modes.
  - (From ROPA 38) to build "healthy communities" by providing mobility through affordable, convenient, safe and efficient public transportation and non-motorized travel modes.
5. The proposed (Tier 1) Alternative Strategies are:
  - A. Do Nothing / Status Quo
  - B. Develop a Regional Walking and Cycling Network (Tier 2)\*
  - C. Develop AT education, communications and outreach initiatives
  - D. Update AT policies, tools and guidelines for design,

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<p>enforcement and monitoring</p> <p>The preferred solution to address the problem will involve a combination of the above strategies and the preferred network solution.*</p> <p>6. The proposed (Tier 2) Network Options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Do Nothing / Status Quo</li><li>ii. Support Local Municipalities in developing their AT networks</li><li>iii. Provide AT Facilities on all Regional Roads</li><li>iv. Develop an AT Network along Regional Roads</li><li>v. Develop a Regional Corridors Network</li></ul> <p>N. Moores facilitated a discussion with TAC members about their understanding of the proposed network options. Discussion notes are provided at the end of these minutes. <b>Definitions of the network options will be clarified based on TAC's comments.</b></p>	<p>N. Moores, IBI Group</p>
<p>7. The proposed Evaluation Criteria are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. <i>Transportation</i>: AT mode share target; connected network; safe AT facilities; convenient transportation trips by AT; transit integration; infrastructure efficiency;</li><li>ii. <i>Natural Environment</i>: air quality; impact to environmentally sensitive area and features; aquatic and terrestrial environment;</li><li>iii. <i>Social / Cultural</i>: opportunity for recreation / tourism; promotion of health and wellness; cultural / heritage resources; connections with communities and regional destinations; compatibility with TMP / ROPA 38 policies; land requirements; and</li><li>iv. <i>Economic</i>: capital costs; operating costs; cost-effective transportation; access to economic centres; opportunities for partnership.</li></ul> <p>N. Moores facilitated a discussion with TAC members to solicit input to the proposed evaluation criteria. Definitions for the criteria were provided in a handout (attached). Discussion notes are provided at the end of these minutes. <b>The evaluation criteria will be refined based on TAC's comments.</b></p>	<p>N. Moores, IBI Group</p>
<p><b>Classification Framework for Pedestrian and Cycling Facilities</b></p>	
<p>8. N. Moores presented and facilitated a discussion on the proposed classification framework for pedestrian facilities and bikeways and described its development for Halton Region. A copy of the presentation is attached. The pedestrian facility classification recognizes the design pedestrian, accessibility</p>	<p>N. Moores, IBI Group</p>

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needs, and safety, convenience and comfort enhancements by Regional road category. The bicycle facility classification recognizes the design cyclists, types of cyclists, types of bikeways and additional enhancements by Regional road category. Discussion notes are provided at the end of these minutes. **The classification will be refined based on TAC's comments.**

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**Other Business**

9. None reported.

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**Next TAC Meeting**

10. **TBA: The next TAC meeting will take place in the Winter 2013 to present the draft network, policies and programs. As required, meetings with representatives of the Local Municipalities will be held individually to solicit their input on the development of the network and corridor recommendations.**

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Attachments:

- Agenda
- Discussion Notes
- Class EA Presentation Handout
- Network Options and Evaluation Criteria Handout
- Classification Framework Presentation Handout

## Halton Region Active Transportation Master Plan— Technical Agencies Committee Meeting No. 2

Great Hall, McMaster's Ron Joyce Centre  
4350 Stouh Service Road, Burlington, ON  
Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

### Agenda

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| 1. Introductions   | All       | 5 mins.  |
| 2. Overview of Study Progress  | IBI Group | 5 mins.  |
| 3. Input received to date from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, stakeholders and members of the public                      | IBI Group | 10 mins. |
| 4. Development of the ATMP network:  |           |          |
| • Presentation on Updated maps: Existing and Planned Active Transportation Facilities, Regional Destinations, Barriers and Opportunities | IBI Group | 10 mins. |
| • Presentation and Discussion on Network Development Alternatives  | All       | 30 mins. |
| • Presentation and Discussion on Evaluation Criteria   | All       | 20 mins. |
| • Active Transportation Facilities Classification Framework  | All       | 20 mins. |
| 7. Walking tours: December 4 and 5, 2012   | IBI Group | 5 min.   |
| 8. Other Business  | All       | 5 min.   |
| 9. Next TAC Meeting: 2013 to be confirmed  | INFO      |          |

# Discussion Notes

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## 1. Alternative Strategies and Network Options

The following comments were received regarding the network options:

- Whatever option is selected, it needs to be “seamless to users”.
- Network “coverage” may differ for pedestrians versus cyclists because their needs and trip distances / times are different. This principle also applies for differing network functionality for destinations too, such as schools versus employment.
- It is recognized that **Network Option 1** reflects a Status Quo more so than the term Do Nothing (i.e., Do Nothing implies no AT facilities will be built). The approved Regional ROW Guidelines provides for paved shoulders, sidewalks, boulevard multi-use trails and bike lanes by Regional ROW category and these would be built with each road capital project. “Fragmented implementation” is noted as potential outcome of **Network Option 1**. Without an identified network, there could be lack of facility continuity, gaps or discontinuities.
- **Network Option 3** is understood as providing walking and cycling facilities “everywhere” within the Regional rights-of-way. Though this option suggests an extensive Regional network, it may potentially lack co-ordination and connectivity in terms of delivery of the active transportation network. Limiting context sensitive solutions is a key characteristic of this option.
- **Network Option 4** provides an AT network along “specific” Regional roads. It has the weakness of not being able to provide coverage or service in areas without Regional roads. It also needs discussion about the implications of when Regional roads become local roads.
- There needs to be a stronger distinction about the differences and implications between **Network Options 4 and 5**. Both emphasize connectedness and are understood as targeting specific corridors to develop the AT network. **Network Option 4** may lead to an outcome “close” to **Network Option 5** as local municipalities continue to pursue their AT networks.
- **Network Option 5** provides an AT network along “specific” Regional and local roads and non-road corridors. It is a big (i.e. ambitious) solution particularly because it will have different levels of sophistication incorporating local roads and non-road corridors. It will require co-ordination with perhaps top-down guidance to co-ordinate between municipalities. It is a positive approach from a user perspective as users typically do not understand changes in jurisdiction, but they will benefit from a seamless network.

## 2. Evaluation Criteria

The committee discussed the proposed evaluation criteria as follows:

- The definition for “AT mode share target” should be more explicit about the number of trips (12,000 increase of trips is equivalent to a doubling of trips) as opposed to modal share of 5% of all trips during the PM peak.
- The committee was divided about whether “connected network” and “convenient transportation trips by AT” were related and if they should be consolidated into one criterion. Some expressed that convenience to walk and cycle is provided through a connected network. Some suggested that convenience is not singularly associated with connectivity. Others reasoned that convenience is difficult to assess at a network level,

that it is provided at the detailed design level such as in selecting the facility type and transitions between routes and facilities on- and off-road.

- It was proposed that “convenient transportation trips by AT” be assessed based on the time and distance, i.e. considering if the network option puts users “out of the way”, by the ability of the network to overcome barriers (Dundas Street and Bronte Creek were provided as examples). The currently proposed definition is the provision of direct routes between residential communities to and from employment and commercial land uses.
- “Impact to other modes / LOS” was discussed as a possible Transportation criterion, however the TMP already includes an assessment of a corridor-based LOS that resulted in the mode share target for AT.
- “Benefit / cost” was discussed as a possible Transportation criterion in terms of the “benefit” of achieving the AT mode share goal versus the costs of delivering a network that can support that goal, and support for other transportation alternatives. This assessment was completed within the TMP and that the several “costs” elements will be evaluated in a reasoned argument as part of the Economic criteria.
- The definition of “air quality” should not be limited to greenhouse gas emissions, but should also consider the impact of smog to the environment.
- The definition for “promotion of health and wellness” should relate more to encouraging a more active lifestyle through increased use of walking and cycling as a means of (utilitarian) transportation.
- It is proposed that “year-round accessibility of the network” be considered as a Transportation criterion; the ability to sustain walking and cycling trips in all seasons is important for supporting more active transportation trips on a daily basis.
- It is difficult to distinguish between “connection to communities and regional destinations” and “access to economic centres”. It seems that “economic centres”, which can be defined as urban growth centres, or other commercial centres and districts that encourage economic activity, is analogous to “regional destinations”. Clarify or combine these criteria.
- “Land requirement” should be renamed to “Property Impacts” to better associate the criterion with social and cultural effects. The term “land requirement” is typically the cost associated with purchasing property for capital projects.
- Refine the definition of “capital costs” to incorporate land requirements and asset management considerations.
- “Operating costs” should include year-round (i.e. winter) maintenance considerations
- “Cost-effective transportation” emphasizes transportation options that are viable to the individual versus costs to the Region or other agencies.

### **3. Classification Framework**

The following comments were discussed regarding the classification framework:

- It was noted that other jurisdictions are considering whether or not to recognize paved shoulders as pedestrian facilities along rural roads. Pedestrian facility planning and design guides recognize that they accommodate pedestrians in rural areas.
- Other considerations to add to the toolbox of pedestrian enhancements are: way-finding in key areas, frequency of crossings, grade-separated crossings and possible guidance on distinguishing space that is pedestrian-only vs. shared-use (with cyclists, etc.)



- It may be useful to include both local roads and (off-road) trails into the pedestrian classification framework.
- The bikeway classification framework needs to recognize and address the need to evolve existing or approved bikeways towards preferred bikeway types as development intensifies. In particular, existing or approved multi-use trails are located along Regional roadways categorized as Node 1 and Node 2. As the node is built up, the framework should provide guidance about transitioning those multi-use trails towards segregated bikeways and sidewalks, similar to the transition of general purpose lanes towards high-occupancy vehicles or bus rapid transit lanes.
- The treatment of the Regional roadways categorized as Node 1 and Node 2 may also differ along the length of the road. The Regional ROW Guidelines define Nodes as “generally located at the intersections of major transit corridors within the identified intensification areas, and extend approximately 200-400 metres from the intersection.” The bikeway classification should be updated to reflect this.
- Along with the discussion of evolving bikeways, the committee questioned whether the issue of sidewalk riding can be tolerated in areas with low pedestrian volumes as an interim facility. This raises concerns of transitioning interim facilities (i.e. retracting an allowed practice) to the recommended bikeway in the classification framework. Burlington is currently the only local municipality where sidewalk riding is permitted (except in the downtown) through a by-law.
- “Cross-rides” should be explicitly considered in the toolbox of bikeway enhancements (they would fall under driveway and intersection treatments) and have the potential to address the conflict of riding through a crosswalk, which is illegal under Ontario’s HTA.
- Restricted right-turns-on-red (RTOR) may be considered a potential TDM tool to shift auto traffic towards public transportation and active modes due to the ability to restrict auto capacity at intersection. An acceptable auto LOS is defined in the TMP as a V/C of 0.9 or better.
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles can be used to enhance the urban environment through design that reduces opportunities for crime and nuisance activity. CPTED tools should be considered for the toolbox of pedestrian / bikeway enhancements to promote personal safety and security with active transportation. Examples are vandal-proof lighting and encouraging mixed traffic that include pedestrian, cyclists and motorists.

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Network Options  
Evaluation Criteria

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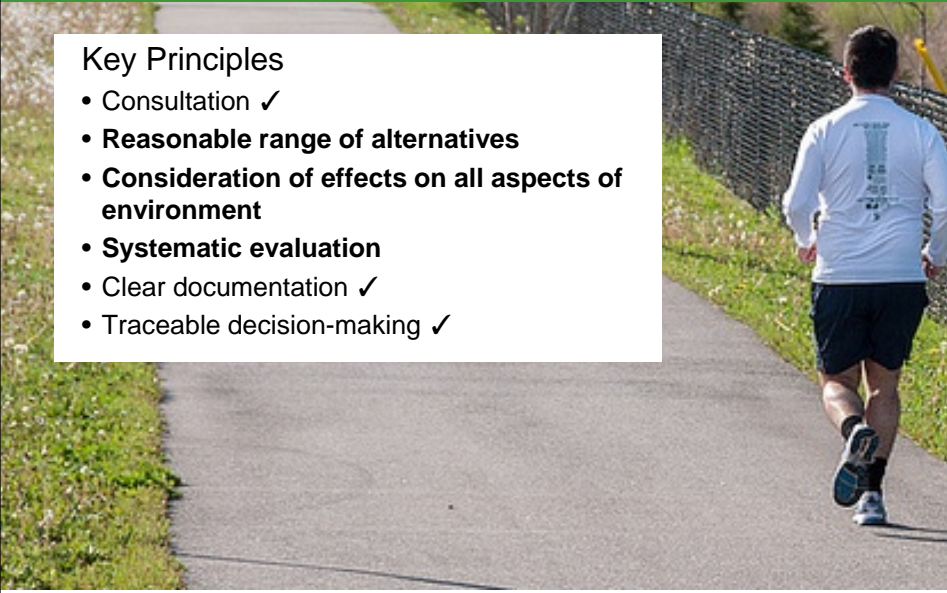
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## Class EA Principles

**Key Principles**

- Consultation ✓
- **Reasonable range of alternatives**
- **Consideration of effects on all aspects of environment**
- **Systematic evaluation**
- Clear documentation ✓
- Traceable decision-making ✓





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## Class EA Process


Municipal Class EA October 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011

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As part of Schedule C projects  
identified in Master Plan

	Phase 1 <small>Problem or Opportunity</small>	Phase 2 <small>Alternative Solutions</small>	Phase 3 <small>Alternative Design Concepts for Preferred Solutions</small>	Phase 4 <small>Environmental Study Report</small>	Phase 5 <small>Implementation</small>
Schedule A/A+ Projects	✓				✓
Schedule B Projects	✓	✓			✓
Schedule C Projects	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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## Class EA Process

Description of the Project <i>(Note: The Schedules shall be reviewed inclusively to ensure that the correct schedule is selected.)</i>	Cost Limit for Project Approved Under Schedule			
	Pre-Approved		B	C
	A	A+		
<b>GENERAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LINEAR PAVED FACILITIES AND RELATED FACILITIES</b>				
3. Construction or operation of sidewalks or bicycle paths or bike lanes within existing rights-of-way		NL	-	-
<b>CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF LINEAR PAVED FACILITIES AND RELATED FACILITIES</b>				
19. Reconstruction where the reconstructed road or other linear paved facilities (e.g. HOV lanes) will be for the same purpose, use, capacity and at the same location as the facility being reconstructed (e.g. no change in the number of lanes)		NL	-	-
20. Reconstruction or widening where the reconstructed road or other linear paved facilities (e.g. HOV lanes) will not be for the same purpose, use, capacity or at the same location as the facility being reconstructed (e.g. additional lanes, continuous centre turn lane)			<2.4 m	>2.4 m
21. Construction of new roads or other linear paved facilities (e.g. HOV lanes)			<2.4 m	>2.4 m
22. Redesignation of an existing General Purpose Lane (GPL) or High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes through signage or pavement marking modifications (i.e. not requiring physical construction): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new parking or turning lane markings on an existing roadway</li> <li>• conversion of one-way or two-way streets</li> <li>• redesignation of existing GPL to HOV, or HOV to GPL</li> </ul>		NL		
27. Construction of new grade separations			<9.5 m	>9.5 m
28. Construction of underpasses or overpasses for pedestrian, recreational or agricultural use			<2.4 m	>2.4 m
29. Construction of new interchanges between any two roadways, including a grade separation and ramps to connect the two roadways			<9.5 m	>9.5 m

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## Class EA for ATMP

Many approaches to satisfy requirements:

- Address key principles
- Address at least Phase 1 and 2
- A strategic level of assessment
- Implementation through separate projects



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### PHASE 1 – Problem or Opportunity

- Identify and describe the problem or opportunity
- Build upon analysis and policies in the Halton TMP and ROPA 38



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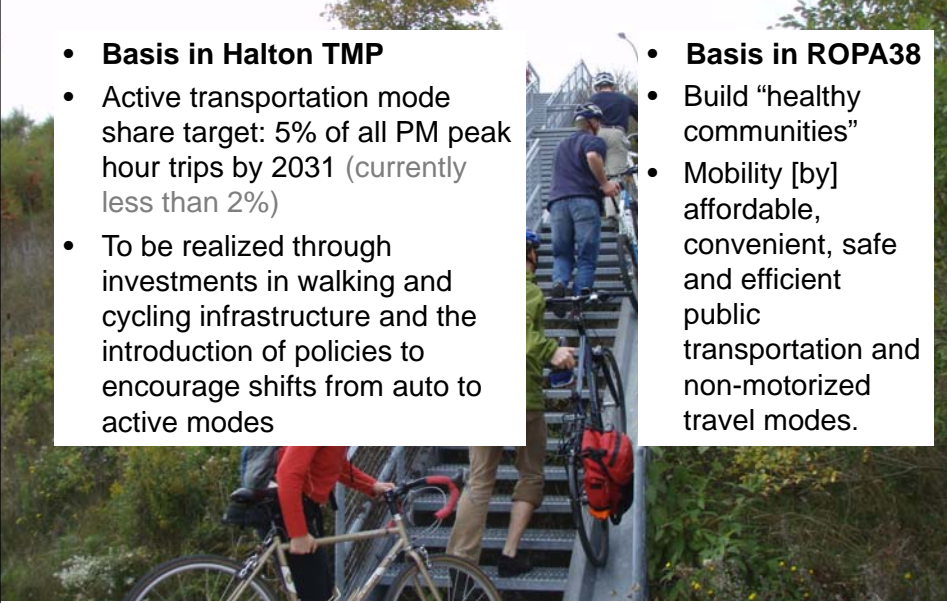
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### PROPOSED: Problem Statement

- **Basis in Halton TMP**
- Active transportation mode share target: 5% of all PM peak hour trips by 2031 (currently less than 2%)
- To be realized through investments in walking and cycling infrastructure and the introduction of policies to encourage shifts from auto to active modes

- **Basis in ROPA38**
- Build “healthy communities”
- Mobility [by] affordable, convenient, safe and efficient public transportation and non-motorized travel modes.



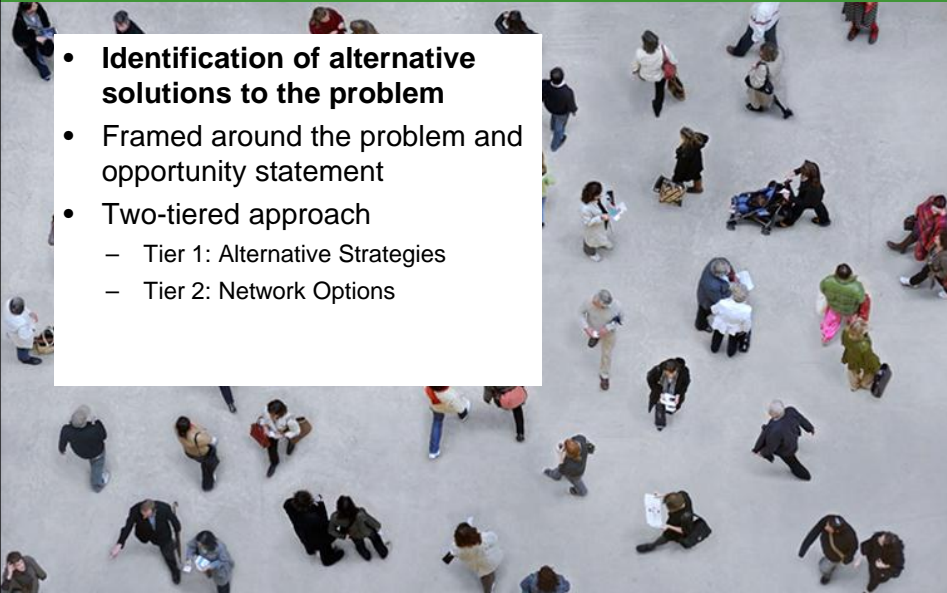
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## PHASE 2 - Alternative Solutions



- **Identification of alternative solutions to the problem**
- Framed around the problem and opportunity statement
- Two-tiered approach
  - Tier 1: Alternative Strategies
  - Tier 2: Network Options

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## PROPOSED: Alternative Strategies (Tier 1)



- A. Do Nothing / Status Quo
- B. Develop a Regional Walking and Cycling Network (Tier 2)\*
- C. Develop AT education, communications and outreach initiatives
- D. Update AT policies, tools and guidelines for design, enforcement and monitoring

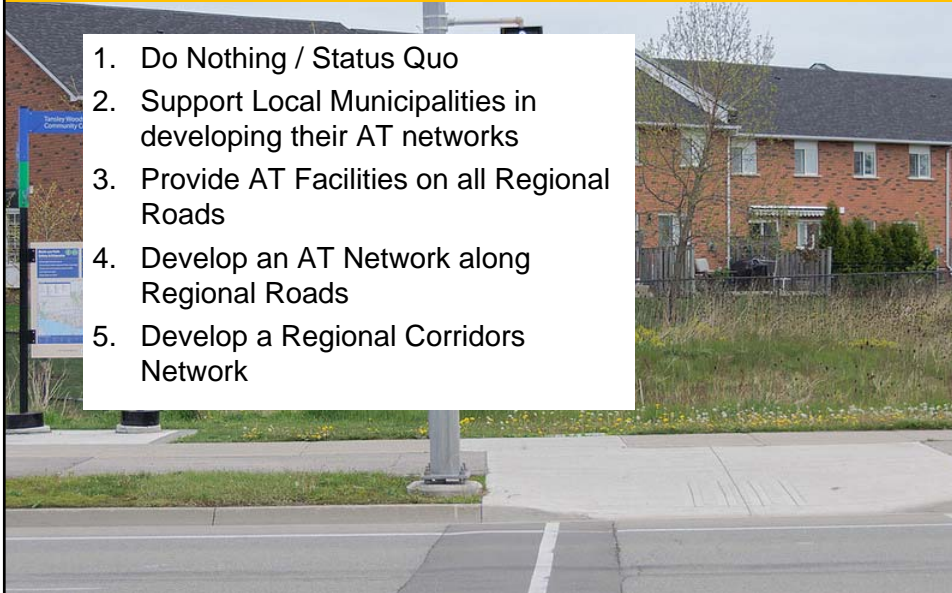
Preferred solution to address the problem will involve a combination of the above strategies and the preferred network solution\*

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### PROPOSED: Network Options (Tier 2)



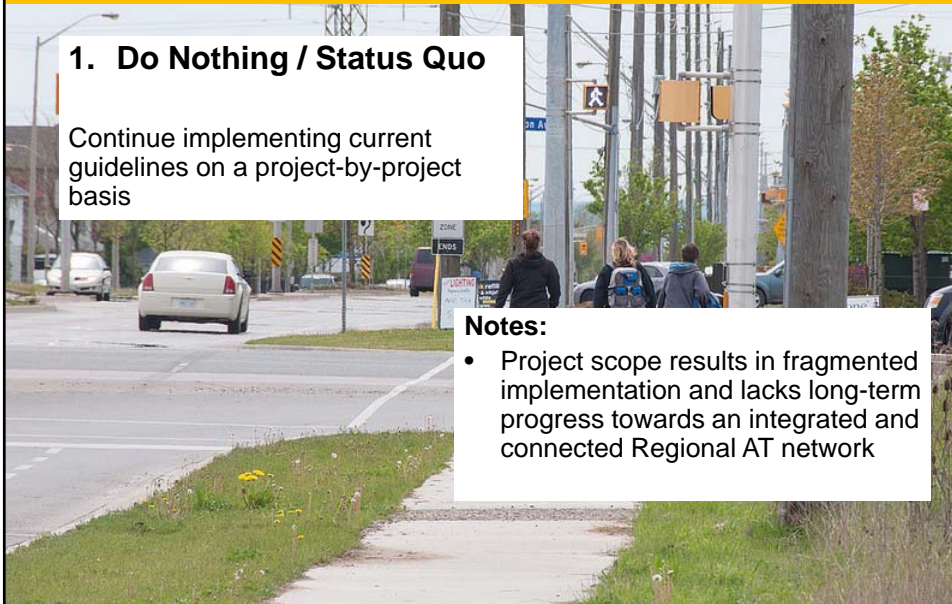
1. Do Nothing / Status Quo
2. Support Local Municipalities in developing their AT networks
3. Provide AT Facilities on all Regional Roads
4. Develop an AT Network along Regional Roads
5. Develop a Regional Corridors Network

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### PROPOSED: Network Option 1




- 1. Do Nothing / Status Quo**

Continue implementing current guidelines on a project-by-project basis

**Notes:**


- Project scope results in fragmented implementation and lacks long-term progress towards an integrated and connected Regional AT network

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**PROPOSED: Network Option 2**



**2. Support Local Municipalities in developing their AT networks**

Coordinate implementation of AT network with local municipalities

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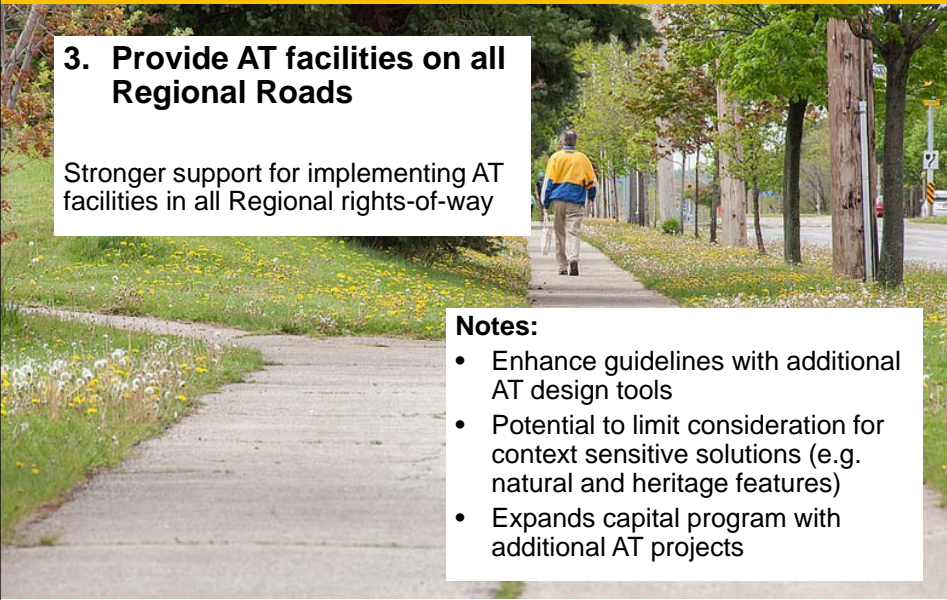
- Potential lack of continuity at boundaries
- Implementation of AT network emphasized at local scale

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**PROPOSED: Network Option 3**



**3. Provide AT facilities on all Regional Roads**

Stronger support for implementing AT facilities in all Regional rights-of-way

**Notes:**

- Enhance guidelines with additional AT design tools
- Potential to limit consideration for context sensitive solutions (e.g. natural and heritage features)
- Expands capital program with additional AT projects

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**PROPOSED: Network Option 4**



**4. Develop an AT network along Regional Roads**

Develop a targeted network of corridors along Regional rights-of-way

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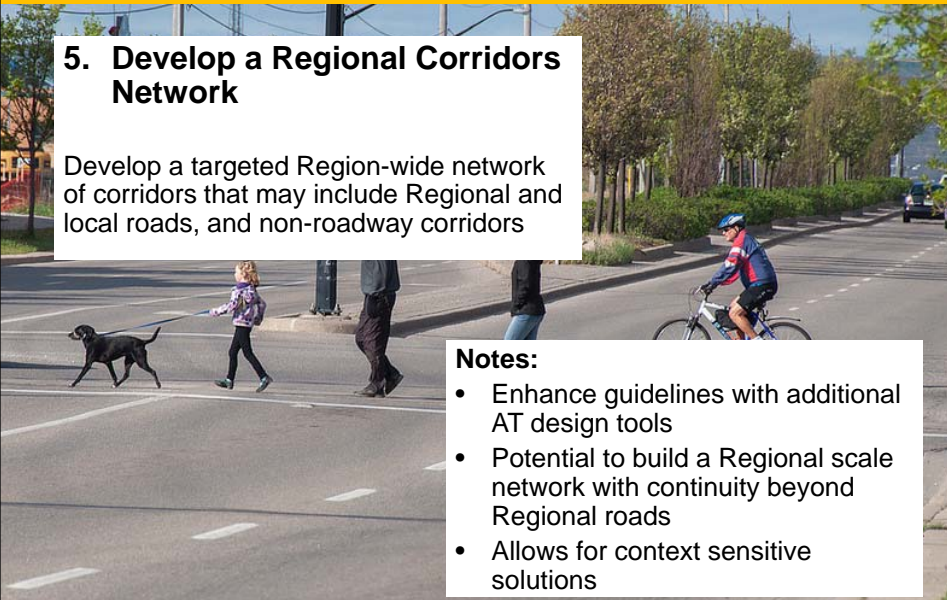
- Enhance guidelines with additional AT design tools
- Lacks continuity beyond Regional roads
- Allows for context sensitive solutions

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**PROPOSED: Network Option 5**



**5. Develop a Regional Corridors Network**

Develop a targeted Region-wide network of corridors that may include Regional and local roads, and non-roadway corridors

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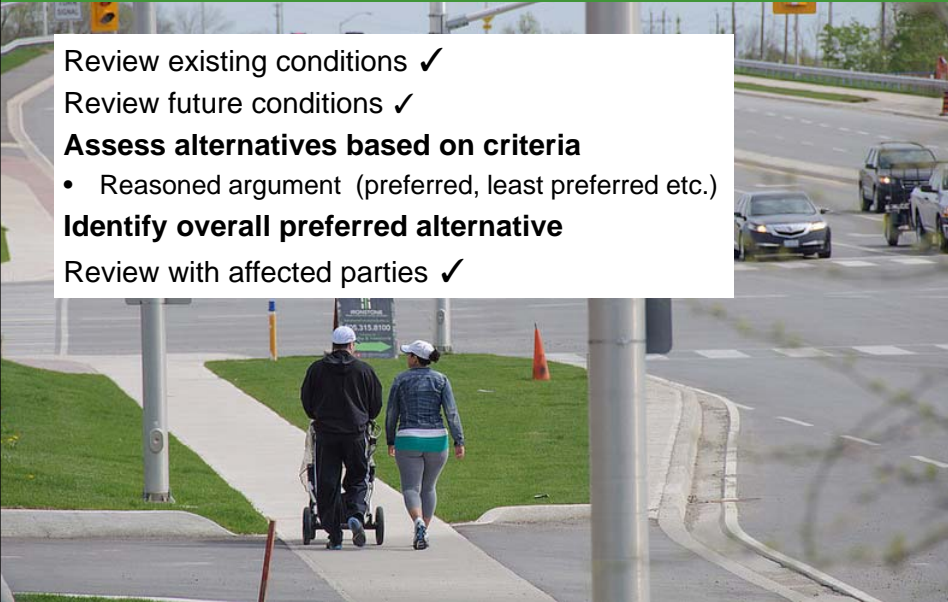
- Enhance guidelines with additional AT design tools
- Potential to build a Regional scale network with continuity beyond Regional roads
- Allows for context sensitive solutions

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### EA Evaluation Process



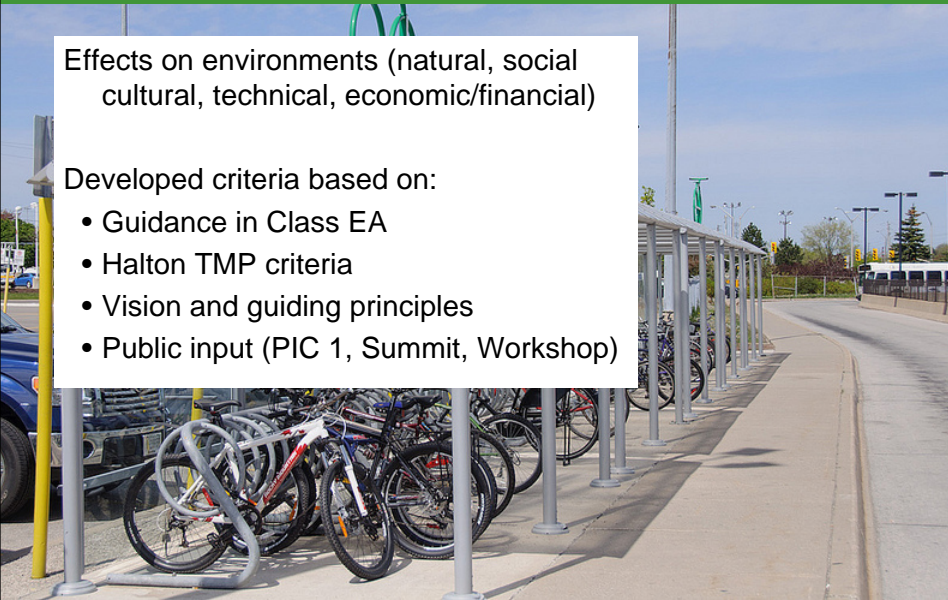
- Review existing conditions ✓
- Review future conditions ✓
- Assess alternatives based on criteria**
  - Reasoned argument (preferred, least preferred etc.)
- Identify overall preferred alternative**
- Review with affected parties ✓

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### Evaluation Criteria



Effects on environments (natural, social cultural, technical, economic/financial)

Developed criteria based on:

- Guidance in Class EA
- Halton TMP criteria
- Vision and guiding principles
- Public input (PIC 1, Summit, Workshop)

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### Example: Class EA Road Projects / Halton TMP

- Transportation**
  - Existing / future network (LOS)
  - Support for AT/transit
  - Infrastructure efficiency
- Natural Environment**
  - Aquatic features
  - Natural Heritage
  - Etc.
- Cultural**
  - Heritage features
- Social Environment**
  - Existing communities
  - Existing residents/business
  - Recreational facilities
  - Land use impact
- Economic**
  - Capital Costs
  - Property Costs
  - Maintenance
  - Etc.

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### Draft Vision

The Active Transportation Master Plan will help to promote an integrated, sustainable, accessible, affordable and efficient multi-modal transportation network where Active Transportation will be a viable alternative to strengthen linkages between communities and municipalities.

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### Example: Vision and Guiding Principles

Transportation

- Supports AT mode share targets
- Safe, efficient infrastructure
- Integration with other modes

Natural Environment

- Air Quality
- Impact to ESAs
- Etc.

Social Environment

- Connects communities
- Compatible with TMP / ROPA 38 land use policies
- Opportunity for recreation
- Promote health / wellness

Economic

- Capital Costs
- Public access to mobility options
- Long-term operating costs

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### Example: Public Input

Transportation

- Safe infrastructure
- AT convenience
- Integration with transit
- Infrastructure efficiency
- Connected

Natural / Cultural

- Air Quality

Socio-Economic

- Existing communities / residents
- Existing districts / businesses
- Public access to mobility options
- Opportunities for partnerships

Public Health

- Recreational facilities
- Promote health and wellness
- Children health

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**PROPOSED: Evaluation criteria**

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Transportation	Natural Environment	Social / Cultural	Economic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AT mode share target</li><li>• Connected network</li><li>• Safe AT facilities</li><li>• Convenient transportation trips by AT</li><li>• Transit integration</li><li>• Infrastructure efficiency</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Air Quality</li><li>• Impact to environmentally sensitive area and features</li><li>• Aquatic and terrestrial environment</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opportunity for recreation / tourism</li><li>• Promotion of health and wellness</li><li>• Cultural / Heritage resources</li><li>• Connections with communities and regional destinations</li><li>• Compatibility with TMP / ROPA 38 policies</li><li>• Land requirements</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capital Costs</li><li>• Operating Costs</li><li>• Cost-effective transportation</li><li>• Access to economic centres</li><li>• Opportunities for partnership</li></ul>

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### Regional ROW Categories<sup>1</sup>

- **Rural / Natural Heritage System:** respect the rural character of the area
- **Corridors:** intensification areas along major roads or higher-order transit, mixed-use development and employment, vary along their length
- **Node:** compact, transit-oriented, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use / residential centres

1. Halton Region, *The Road to Change: Appendix E—Regional Right-of-way Guidelines*, Final Report, 2011.

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Regional ROW Categories									
	Code	ROW Width	Travel Lanes	Priority Lanes (HOV / BRT)	Trees in Blvd.	Ped. Lighting	Building setback	Pedestrian Facility	Bikeway
Rural	R(1)	35	2	-	-	-	-	Paved shoulder	Paved shoulder
	R(2)	42	4						
Corridor	C(1)	42	4	-	Yes	Key areas	Variable	Sidewalk / Multi-use path	Variable (Multi-use path / Wide curb lane / Bicycle lane)
	C(2)	35							
	C(3)	42							
	C(4)	47		2					
	C(5)	50							
Node	N(1)	50	4	2	Yes	Yes	Minimized	Sidewalk	Variable (Wide curb lane / Bicycle lane)
	N(2)	50							

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## Bikeway Classification / Selection Tool

Design cyclist  
Types of cyclists  
Types of bikeways  
Bikeway enhancements



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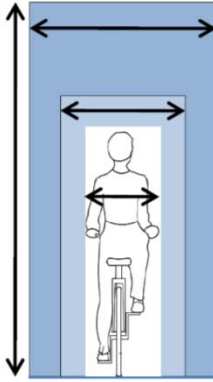


## Design Cyclist

**Operating Speed (on flat grade):**  
 Unstable under 5 km/h  
 Weaves side to side for balance (typical speed for young children) 6 to 10 km/h  
 Cruising speed for most cyclists 11 to 20 km/h  
 Continual, moderate effort 21 to 25 km/h  
 More intense effort 30 km/h  
 Competitive cyclists 40 to 65 km/h (sprint)

**Length:**  
 Child bicycle 1.5 m  
 Adult bicycle 1.8 m  
 Tandem bicycle 2.75 m  
 Bicycle with trailer bike or trailer 3.0 m


Minimum vertical clearance  
3.0 m



Comfortable lateral clearance  
1.5 m wide

Space occupied by cyclist while pedaling and steering for balance  
1.0 m wide

Space occupied by cyclist  
0.6 m wide

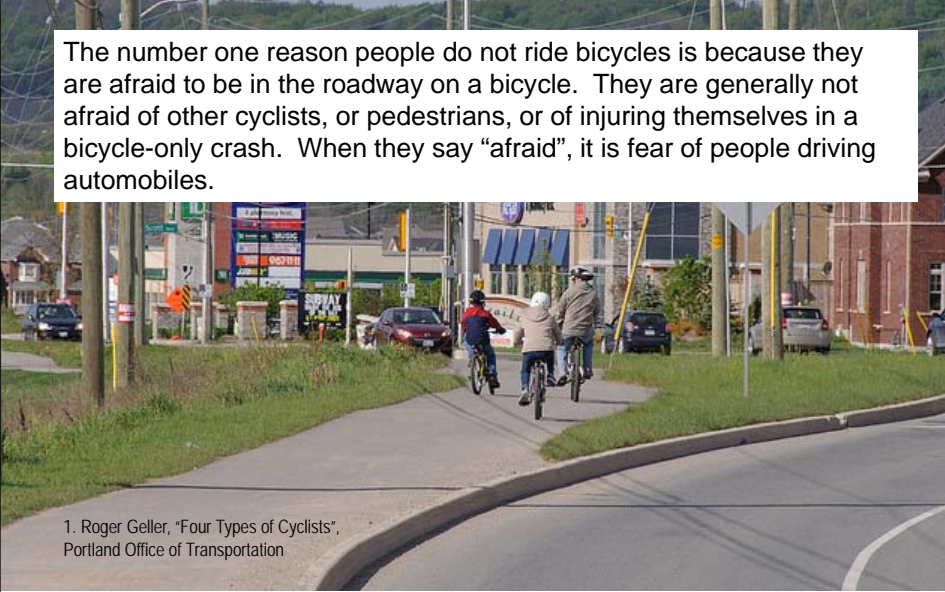
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## Types of Cyclists<sup>1</sup>

The number one reason people do not ride bicycles is because they are afraid to be in the roadway on a bicycle. They are generally not afraid of other cyclists, or pedestrians, or of injuring themselves in a bicycle-only crash. When they say “afraid”, it is fear of people driving automobiles.

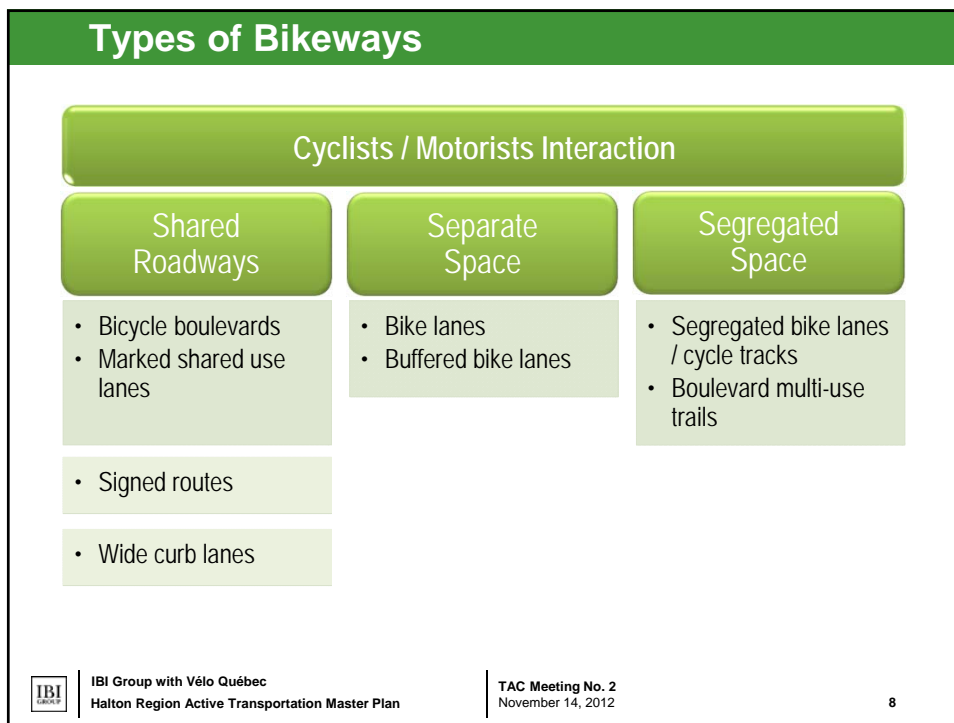
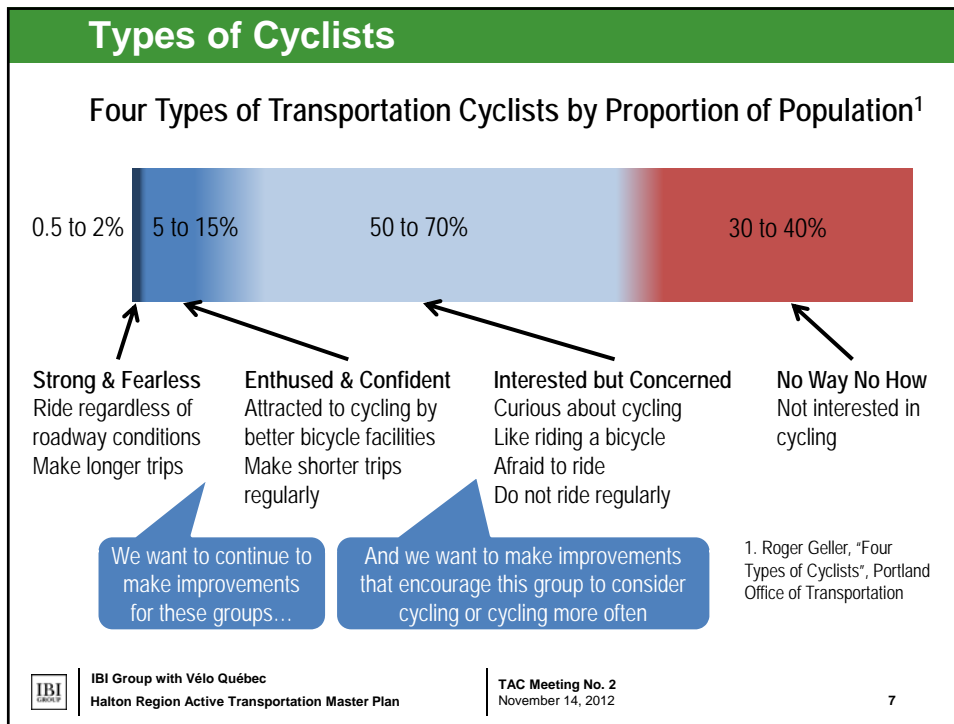


1. Roger Geller, “Four Types of Cyclists”, Portland Office of Transportation

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## Bikeways Enhancements

Way-finding Signage	Roadway Crossings	Driveway Treatments	Intersection Treatments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Route identification / confirmation</li> <li>Route direction</li> <li>Destinations (distance / time)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic signals</li> <li>Median Refuge Islands</li> <li>Beacons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conflict zone markings and signage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conflict zone markings and signage</li> <li>Turn lanes, bike boxes and mixing zones</li> <li>Signal activation, timing and phasing</li> <li>Bending in / out</li> <li>Bicycle traffic signals</li> </ul>

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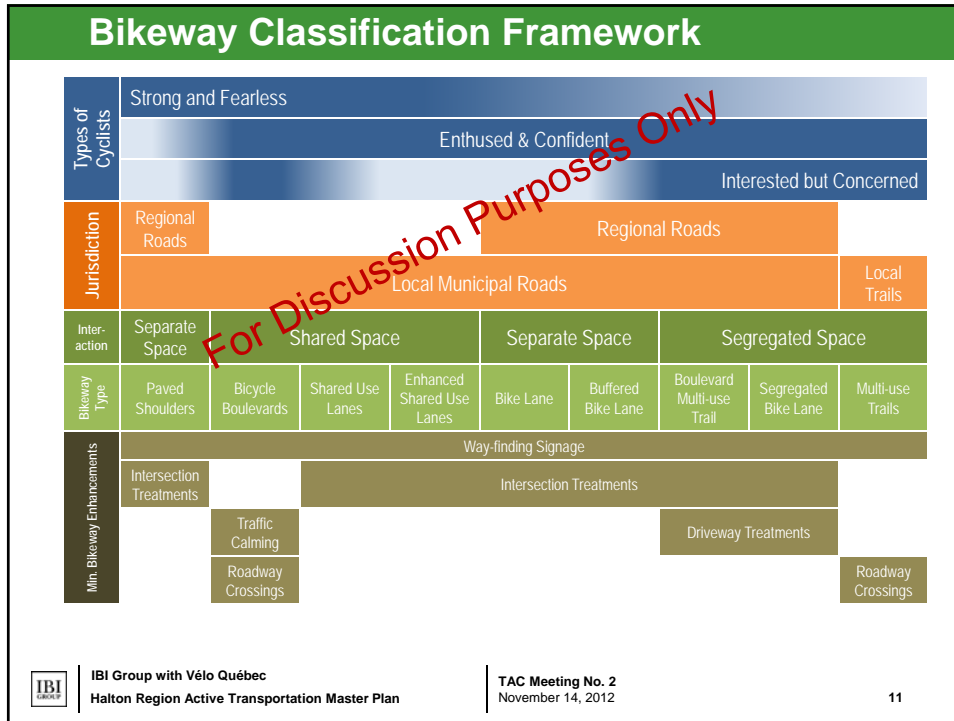
## Bikeway Classification Framework

Types of Cyclists	Strong and Fearless				
	Enthusied & Confident				
	Interested but Concerned				
Regional ROW Categories	Rural (1)	Corridor (1)			
	Rural (2)	Corridor (2)			
		Corridor (3)			
		Corridor (4)			
		Corridor (5)			
		Node (1)			
		Node (2)			
	Interaction	Separate Space	Separate Space		Segregated Space
Bikeway Type	Paved Shoulders	Bike Lane	Buffered Bike Lane	Boulevard Multi-use Trail	Segregated Bike Lane
Bikeway Enhancements	Way-finding Signage				
	Intersection Treatments				
	Driveway Treatments				

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### Pedestrian Enhancements Selection Tool

Design pedestrian  
Accessibility  
Types of pedestrian facilities  
Types of pedestrian enhancements



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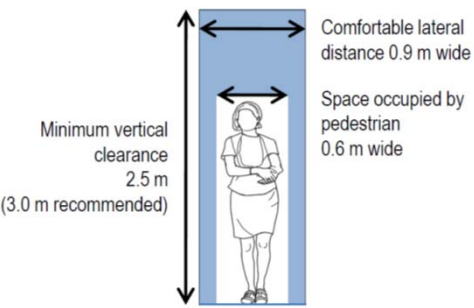
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### Design "Pedestrian"

**Operating Speed (on flat grade):**  
 Mobility-impaired pedestrian 0.3 m/s or more  
 Senior and child pedestrian 0.9 to 1.6 m/s  
 Able-bodied adult pedestrian 1.2 to 2.1 m/s

**Length:**  
 Pedestrian stride 0.5 to 1.0 m  
 Pedestrian with guide dog 1.0 m  
 Wheelchair user 1.4 m  
 Pedestrian with guide cane 1.5 to 2.0 m  
 Pedestrian with stroller 1.6 to 2.1 m

**Spatial "bubble":**  
 Pleasure walk 10 m or more  
 Normal walk 4.5 to 5.5 m  
 Shopping 2.5 to 3.5 m  
 Public event 1.8 m

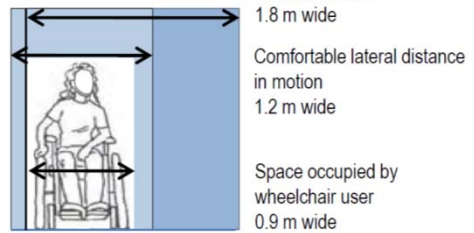


Minimum vertical clearance  
2.5 m  
(3.0 m recommended)

Comfortable lateral distance 0.9 m wide

Space occupied by pedestrian 0.6 m wide


**Spatial "bubble":**  
 Pleasure walk 10 m or more  
 Normal walk 4.5 to 5.5 m  
 Shopping 2.5 to 3.5 m  
 Public event 1.8 m



Space required to turn around or pass other wheelchair user 1.8 m wide

Comfortable lateral distance in motion 1.2 m wide

Space occupied by wheelchair user 0.9 m wide

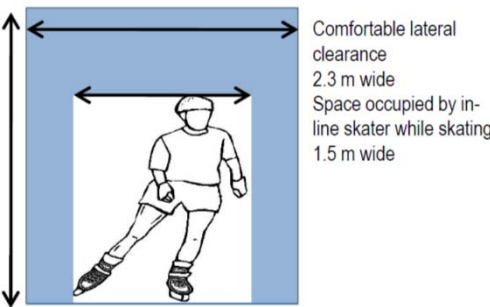


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### Design "Pedestrian"


**Operating Speed (on flat grade):**  
 In-line skater: beginner 3 to 4 km/h; average 10 km/h, expert 20 km/h  
 Skateboarder and push-scooter 10 to 15 km/h

Minimum vertical clearance  
2.5 m



Comfortable lateral clearance 2.3 m wide

Space occupied by in-line skater while skating 1.5 m wide



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## AODA Standards



One in seven people in Ontario have a disability; will rise as the population ages. AODA is intended to create a province where every person who lives or visits can participate fully; includes creating accessible public right-of-ways. Applies to public spaces that are new or redeveloped by municipalities. Exceptions permitted when not practicable because of existing constraints that prohibit modification or addition of elements; or would erode the heritage attributes of a property defined under the Ontario Heritage Act.

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## Pedestrian Accessibility

Design for all abilities

Movement	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Width</li><li>• Slopes</li><li>• Surface</li><li>• Curbs ramps (types and placement)</li><li>• Driveway crossings</li><li>• Clear path (no obstacles or protruding objects)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hazard warnings</li><li>• Audible and tactile messages / signals</li><li>• Intersection layout (crosswalk and curb ramp placement)</li></ul>

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### Types of Pedestrian Facilities

Motorist / Pedestrian Interaction

Low	Moderate	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paved shoulders both sides</li> <li>Walkway or sidewalk one side</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sidewalk</li> <li>Boulevard multi-use trail</li> <li>Both sides</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sidewalk</li> <li>Both sides</li> </ul>

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### Types of Pedestrian Enhancements

Safety	Convenience	Comfort
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curb radii</li> <li>Crosswalk visibility</li> <li>Countdown pedestrian signals</li> <li>Signal phasing and timing</li> <li>Urban smart channel</li> <li>Lighting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crossing distance and spacing</li> <li>Crosswalk location</li> <li>Mid-block crossings (pedestrian signals and median refuge islands)</li> <li>Signal phasing and timing</li> <li>Transit stop treatments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streetscape: furniture, plantings / trees, shade</li> <li>Transit stop treatments</li> <li>Buffers to traffic</li> <li>Separation from higher-speed users (cyclists)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beacons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beacons</li> </ul>	

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Pedestrian Facility Classification Framework				
Accessibility	Where possible	Pedestrian facility and street crossing		
Regional ROW Categories	Rural (1)	Corridor (1)		
	Rural (2)	Corridor (2)		
		Corridor (3)		
			Corridor (4)	
			Corridor (5)	
			Node (1)	
			Node (2)	
Inter-action	Low	Moderate to High		High
Facility Type	Paved Shoulders both sides Walkway or sidewalk one side	Sidewalk both sides Boulevard multi-use trail both sides		Sidewalk both sides
Min. Enhancements	Safety	Safety & Convenience	Safety, Convenience & Comfort	Safety, Convenience & Comfort

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3. N. Moores provided an update on the study's progress:
- Since TAC Meeting No. 2, the project team has held ATAC Meeting No. 2. Meetings were also held with each of the Local Area Municipalities to review and provide feedback/input on the draft Cycling and Walking Networks within their representative jurisdictions.
  - The project team is near the end of Part 2 of the study. This stage includes the development of an ATMP Cycling and Walking Networks, policies and programs. Part 3 is the development of an Implementation Strategy.

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### Development of the ATMP Network

4. N. Moores provided a review of the methodology used to apply the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Process to the study:
- The opportunity statement for the plan is based in the Halton Transportation Master Plan and includes a goal of 5% mode share for active transportation for all PM peak hour trips by 2031 (currently less than 2%).
  - Four Alternative Strategies (Tier 1) were identified to address the opportunity statement. The preferred solution involves a combination of:
    - Developing a Regional AT Network (Tier 2)\*
    - Developing AT education, communications and outreach initiatives
    - Updating AT policies, tools and guidelines for design, enforcement and monitoring
  - Five Network Alternatives (Tier 2) were identified for developing an ATMP Network. The preferred solution involves a combination of:
    - Providing AT Facilities on all Regional Roads
    - Developing a network of Strategic Regional Corridors on existing, planned or proposed local municipal roads or corridors
5. N. Moores reviewed the considerations used to identify corridors in the ATMP Network. These include:
- Existing and planned urban / built-up boundaries
  - Land use
  - Existing pedestrian and cycling infrastructure
  - Existing and planned higher order transit corridors
  - Potential demand areas (short-trips, land use, etc.)
  - Major destination centres

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- Natural land features
  - Public and stakeholder input
6. N. Moores reviewed design considerations used to identify facility types in the proposed network: INFO
- Users and level of use
  - Cost / type of project
  - Function within cycling network
  - Roadway classification
  - Intersection / driveway frequency
- For Regional roads, the following factors were considered, resulting in the desire to accommodate cyclists on separate facilities instead of in shared lanes with traffic:
- Speed
  - Traffic volumes
  - Road function
  - Vehicle mix
  - Right-of-way widths
7. N. Moores reported that providing separate space on Regional roads for cyclists aligns with the draft Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 Bicycle Facilities. In May 2013, OTM Book 18 was released in draft for review by Agencies and the Public by the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Traffic Council. It includes a full discussion regarding Bicycle Facility Type Selection. Using the Book 18 nomograph for facility type selection, it can be seen that given the typical speeds and volume of traffic on Regional roads it is desirable that cyclists be accommodated in defined/separated space. INFO
- Under current conditions, the accommodation of cyclists has been within a 4.2 wide curb lane. As we move forward with the Active Transportation Master Plan, we will be moving towards the provision of a bike lane instead of wide curb lanes as defined space for cyclists.
8. N. Moores provided an overview (with examples) of the types of facilities under consideration for the development of the ATMP Cycling and Walking Networks. These include: bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, cycle tracks, multi-use trails, paved shoulders and sidewalks. INFO
9. M. Saavedra presented the draft Regional Cycling Network as of September 2013: INFO
- Within Halton Region along Regional roads, there are 251 km and 258 km of proposed new on-road and off-road

facilities, respectively, within the 2031 horizon

- In urban areas, the adopted approach was to propose both on-road and off road facilities (i.e., bike lanes and multi-use trails on both sides of the road) where possible. The rationale for this approach is the need to accommodate a range of users (i.e. both experienced and less experienced cyclists).
  - For some corridors, there are projects already in progress that provide the opportunity to build AT facilities in the short-term. For these corridors, the proposed facilities were determined by on-going or approved Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Studies.
  - In some urban corridors, multi-use trails were not recommended where:
    - Intersection or driveway frequency is greater than 1 per 300 m due to the safety concerns associated with traffic turning across a trail offset from the road in the boulevard with users coming from both directions
    - The Regional road category was associated with higher volumes of pedestrians and cyclists such that a shared-use facility was not considered appropriate. In these cases, bikeways with a higher level of motorist-cyclists separation were considered (e.g. buffered bike lanes and cycle tracks) along with the provision of sidewalks for pedestrians
  - In rural areas, paved shoulders are proposed on all Regional Roads
  - In areas that transition between urban and rural, paved shoulders with a multi-use trail are proposed along Regional roads
  - Across the Region, both the Waterfront Trail and the Greenbelt Cycling Route are identified in the Cycling Network
  - “Routes that are Regionally Significant” represent other connections not located on Regional Roads. These reflect routes identified within local active transportation plans
10. Based draft Regional Cycling Network consists of the following (lengths updated October 9, 2013):
- In Burlington, there are 48 km and 15 km of proposed new on-road and off-road cycling facilities, respectively
  - In Halton Hills, there are 46 km and 40 km of proposed new on-road and off-road cycling facilities, respectively
  - In Milton, there are 108 km and 131 km of proposed new

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- on-road and off-road cycling facilities, respectively
- In Oakville, 49 km and 72 km of proposed new on-road and off-road cycling facilities, respectively
11. M. Saavedra presented the draft Regional Walking Network as of September 2013 (lengths updated October 9, 2013):
- Across the Region, there are 108 km and 258 km of proposed new sidewalks and multi-use trails, respectively
  - In urban areas, sidewalks and/or multi-use trails are generally proposed on both sides of the road
  - In rural areas, sidewalks are proposed within settlement areas along Regional Roads
  - Paved shoulders on all Regional roads can be used by pedestrians
  - In Burlington, there are 15 km and 15 km of new proposed sidewalks and multi-use trails, respectively
  - In Halton Hills, there are 28 km and 40 km of proposed new sidewalks and multi-use trails, respectively
  - In Milton, there are 33 km and 131 km of proposed new sidewalks and multi-use trails, respectively
  - In Oakville, there are 32 km and 72 km of proposed new sidewalks and multi-use trails, respectively
12. N. Moores presented the preliminary cost estimates associated with the draft ATMP Cycling and Walking Networks. The total value of the proposed network is estimated to be in the range of \$130 to 140 M (\$20 to 30 M in Burlington, \$20 to 30 M in Halton Hills, \$50 to 60 M in Milton and \$30 to 40 M in Oakville). These costs will be further refined during the development of the Implementation Strategy. Note that the costs provided only represent the capital cost associate with constructing the proposed AT facilities. Implications on maintenance will be reviewed as part of the Implementation Strategy.
13. The Technical Agency Committee was solicited for comments regarding the Draft Regional ATMP Networks. Feedback is summarized in the following items.
14. **Upper Middle Road at Bronte Creek:** It was questioned if a previously proposed connection along Upper Middle Road from Burloak Drive to Bronte Road was considered. The Region is not recommending another crossing/connection over Bronte Creek. There are already plans to extend North Service Road and Harvester Road / Wycroft Road between Burloak Drive and Bronte Street, which will provide AT facilities over Bronte Creek.
15. **Ninth Line, north of Upper Middle Road:** It was questioned if a multi-use trail was needed on the east side of Ninth Line, north of Upper Middle. Note that the draft ATMP Network maps
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represent an ultimate scenario for proposed facilities to 2031.

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| 16. <b>Bronte Road, QEW to Dundas:</b> It was questioned if both sidewalks and multi-use trails on both sides of Bronte Road were needed. The proposed multi-use trail on both sides would replace existing sidewalks.   | INFO  |
| 17. <b>407 ETR Corridor:</b> It was suggested that active transportation facilities within the hydro corridor adjacent 407 ETR be considered. The Region is not recommending facilities along the 407 ETR corridor. There are future opportunities for consultation with 407 ETR to accommodate pedestrians and cyclist across interchanges at Regional roads.   | INFO  |
| 18. <b>Acton GO Station:</b> The existing Acton GO Station (between Young Street and Eastern Avenue in Acton) was highlighted and will be added to the draft ATMP Network maps. <b>IBI Group will update the maps accordingly.</b>   | <b>M. Saavedra,<br/>IBI Group</b>                           |
| 19. <b>Georgetown geometric constraints:</b> It was noted that the creek crossing along Side Road 17 / Tenth Line to Winston Churchill Boulevard is a potential constraint.  | INFO  |
| 20. <b>Winston Churchill Boulevard in Norval</b> (also known as Adamson Street): It was noted that there are geometric constraints to providing a multi-use trail along this section of Winston Churchill Boulevard. Peel Region is reviewing options to accommodate active transportation.  | INFO  |
| 21. <b>Regional Road 25 in Halton Hills:</b> The need to accommodate pedestrians along Regional Road 25 was identified. In particular, it was noted that residents of Acton walk along Regional Road 25 to access employment opportunities in the north of Milton. The committee discussed the potential to upgrade the proposed paved shoulders to wider, buffered paved shoulders. <b>The project team will review options to accommodate pedestrians on Regional Road 25 in Halton Hills.</b> | <b>J. Reid, Halton<br/>Region, N. Moores,<br/>IBI Group</b> |

### Supportive Recommendations

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| 22. N. Moores presented supportive recommendations to be included in the ATMP report. These include recommendations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. An Active Transportation Design Toolbox</li><li>b. Pilot projects throughout the Region (crossing treatments at intersections for multi-use trails, cycle tracks, a public display of bicycle counts, and bike detection)</li><li>c. Education in the Community (workplace and schools)</li><li>d. Regulations and By-Laws</li></ul> | INFO |
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- e. Tourism
23. The Technical Agency Committee was solicited for comments about monitoring programs (i.e. what data related to pedestrian and cyclists activity is collected within their working groups and how is it used). Responses are noted in the following items. INFO
24. **Town of Oakville** collects reported collision data associated with pedestrians and cyclists; data about sidewalk cycling; monitors collision reports between cyclists and pedestrians due to sidewalk riding; and collects data about attendance at cycling events (e.g. Canadian Open bicycle valet). INFO
25. **Peel Region** counts cyclists as part of intersection turning movement counts and cordon counts; collects data about cycling mode share from the Transportation for Tomorrow Survey (TTS); and provides input to school travel planning. INFO
26. **Oakville Transit** will be implementing sensors on their buses (in 2014) that automatically tracks passengers boarding / alighting and the deployment of bike racks. INFO
27. **City of Mississauga** counts deployment of bike racks on buses; counts cyclists separately in intersection turning movement counts (by updating standard instructions for consultants); has installed automatic counters on some trails and bike lanes; and has some data about enforcement of cycling infractions. INFO
28. **Halton School Board, D. Denzella, will follow up with internal staff on data collected.** D. Denzella, Halton Region School Board
29. **Halton Regional Police Service** collects data on bike theft; and deploys officers on bikes (for park enforcement). Statistics about bike collisions are typically recorded only when there is a fatality or property damage is involved. There is generally less information for cyclist collisions resulting in non-fatal injuries. The project team is welcome to submit a formal written request (via K. Moore) to investigate the feasibility of collecting data for specific monitoring needs. **The project team will consider potential data needs as part of the Implementation Strategy.** J. Reid, Halton Region, N. Moores, IBI Group
30. **Conservation Halton (CH)** has noticed an increase in the number of people accessing their parks by walking and cycling. Visits to CH parks are at record levels. INFO
31. **Halton Planning Service** has access to resident data and travel mode share. INFO
32. **Town of Halton Hills** started collecting cyclists counts as part of intersection turning movement counts last fall; has recorded attendance at cycling events (e.g. "Ride to the Market"); monitors cycling safety based on vehicle collision reports; and is given data about the use of bike racks at schools. INFO
33. **City of Burlington** counts cyclists as part of intersection turning INFO



movement counts; is investigating options to count users on multi-use trails (vandalism is an issue with the current automatic counters).

34. **Metrolinx** has staff dedicated to walk/bike options for school travel planning; is reviewing cycling access to GO Train stations; conducts a bi-annual survey of customers (that collects information about travel preferences and where they live). According to recent data, thirty percent of GO Train users want alternatives to driving to the station.

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### Next Steps

35. The next steps of the project are to: develop an Implementation Strategy; present the draft recommendations to ATAC, host the second Public Information Centres; and prepare the ATMP report for Council (Spring 2014).
36. Public Information Centre (PIC) #2 is scheduled for November 19 and 20, 2013. **The project team will provide a formal Notice of PIC#2 to all members of the Technical Agency Committee**

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**J. Reid, Halton  
Region, N. Moores,  
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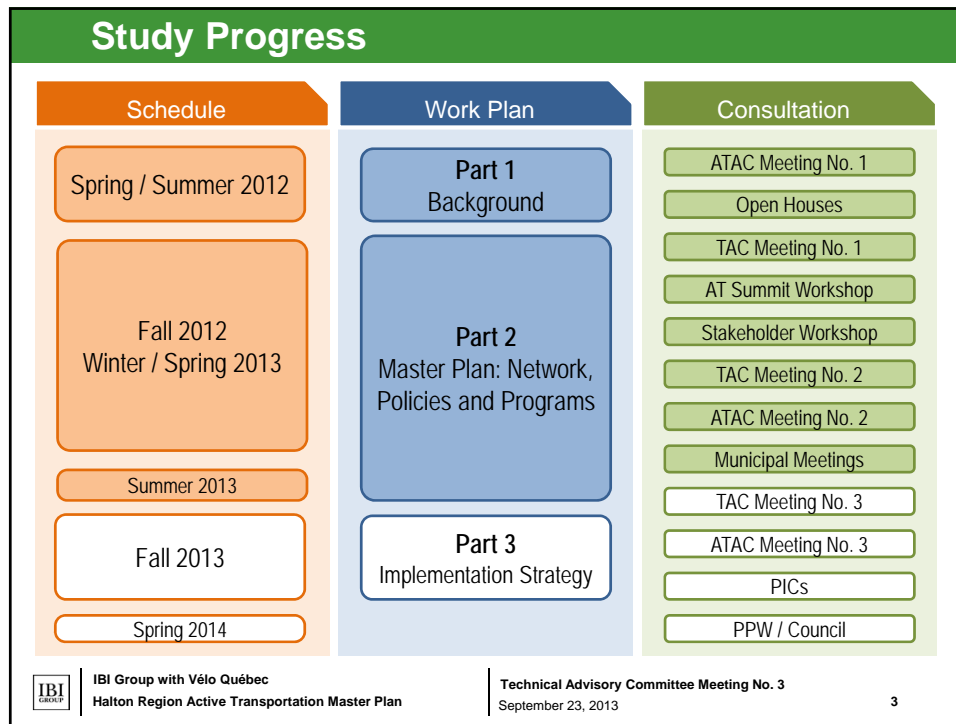
**Agenda**

1. Introductions
2. Overview of Study Progress
3. Development of the ATMP Network
4. Supportive Recommendations
5. Preliminary Cost Estimates
6. Monitoring Programs and Reporting
7. Next Steps
8. Other Business

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### Opportunity Statement

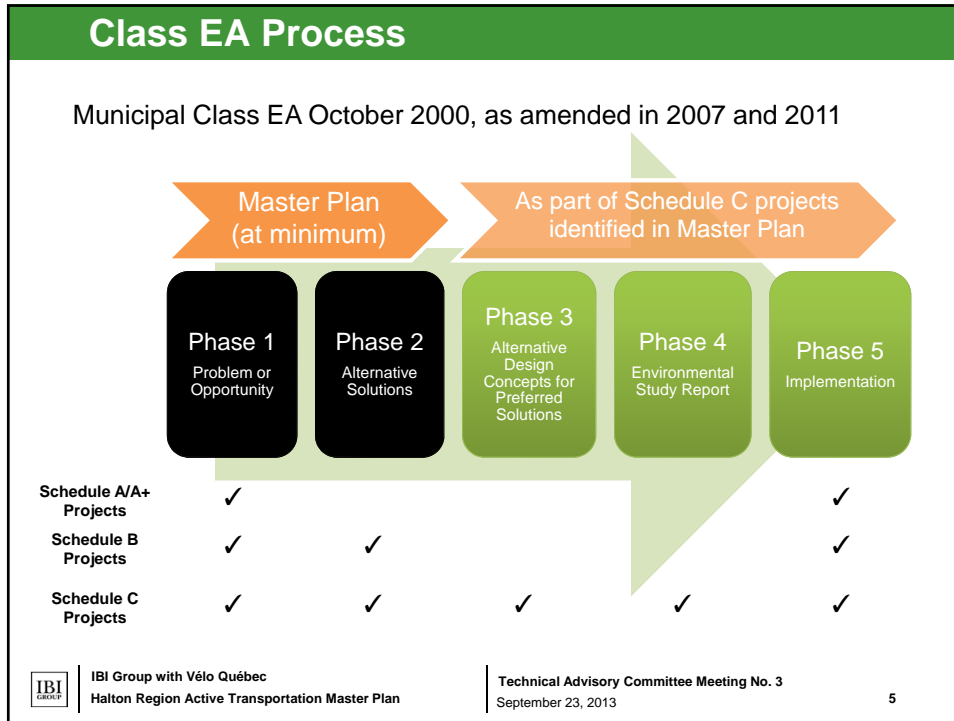
**Basis in Halton TMP:**

- The transportation system identified to 2031 must accommodate growth in travel demand in a manner that supports the vision and guiding principles while maintaining current levels of service.
- Increase the use of active transportation as a year-round travel mode option available for all members of the community.
- Meet mode share targets for active transportation of 5% of all PM peak hour trips by 2031 (currently less than 2%)

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### Alternative Strategies (Tier 1)

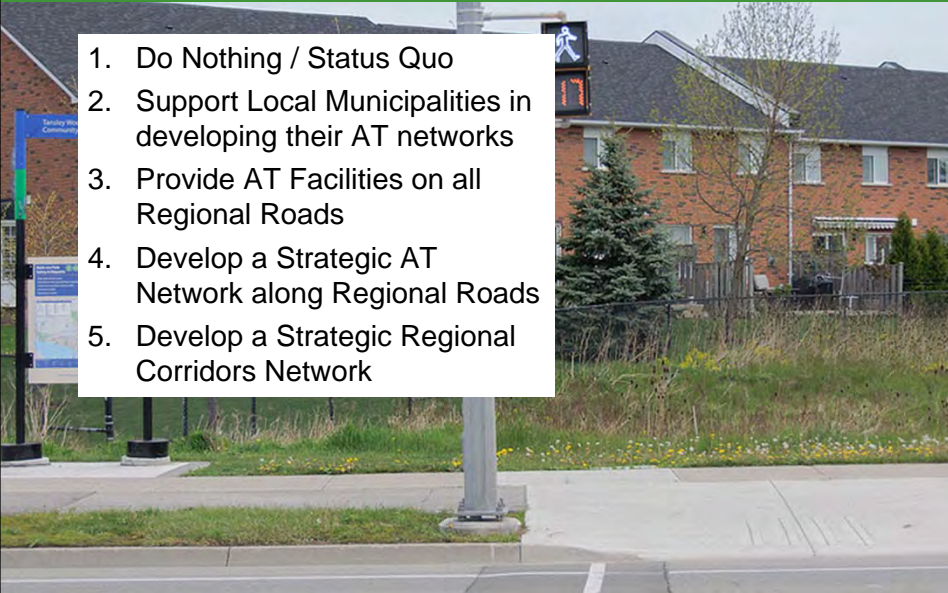
- A. Do Nothing / Status Quo
- B. Develop a Regional Walking and Cycling Network (Tier 2)\*
- C. Develop AT education, communications and outreach initiatives
- D. Update AT policies, tools and guidelines for design, enforcement and monitoring

Preferred solution to address the problem statement will involve a combination of the above strategies and the preferred network alternative\*

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### Network Alternatives (Tier 2)



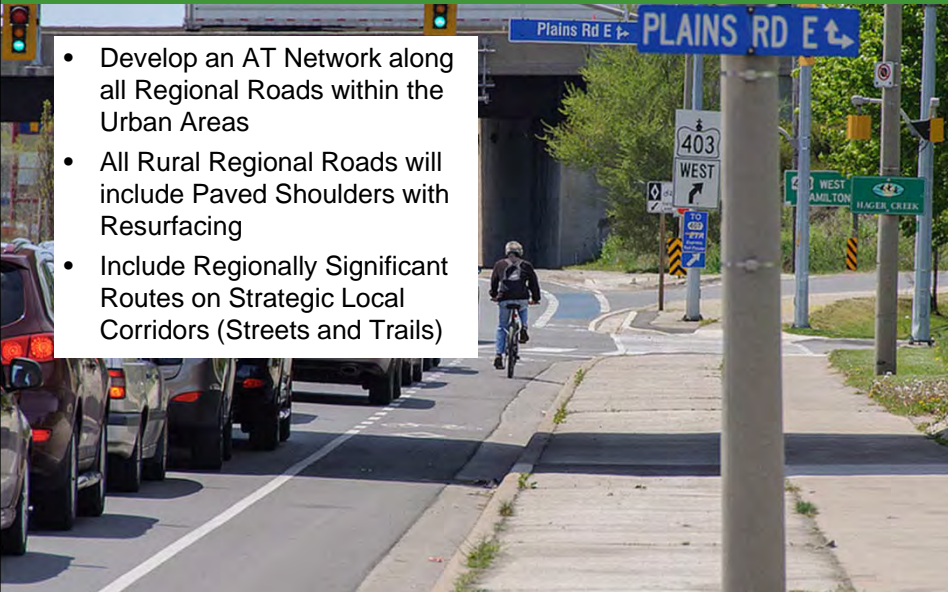
1. Do Nothing / Status Quo
2. Support Local Municipalities in developing their AT networks
3. Provide AT Facilities on all Regional Roads
4. Develop a Strategic AT Network along Regional Roads
5. Develop a Strategic Regional Corridors Network

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### Preferred Network: Hybrid of Alternatives 3 & 5



- Develop an AT Network along all Regional Roads within the Urban Areas
- All Rural Regional Roads will include Paved Shoulders with Resurfacing
- Include Regionally Significant Routes on Strategic Local Corridors (Streets and Trails)

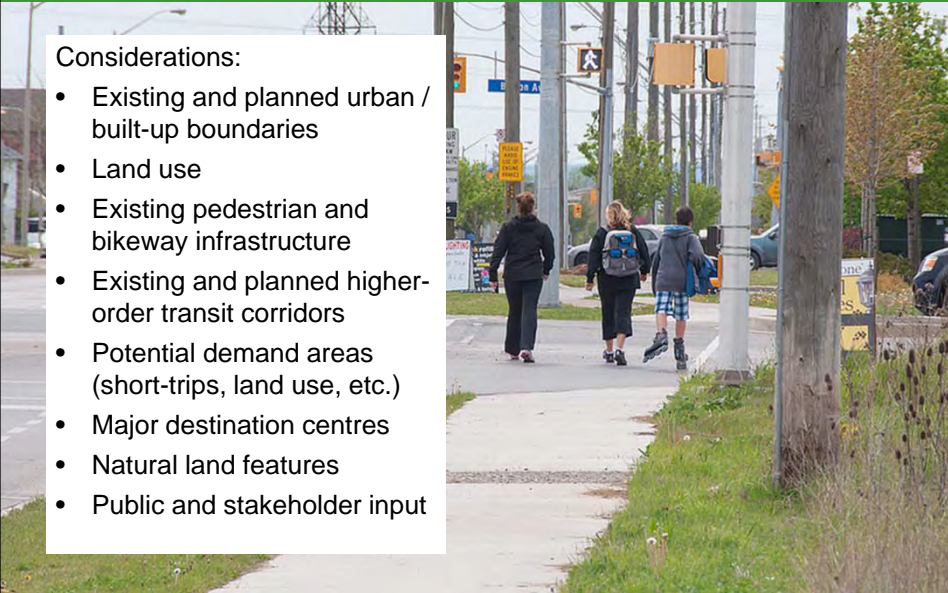
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### Network Development: Corridors



Considerations:

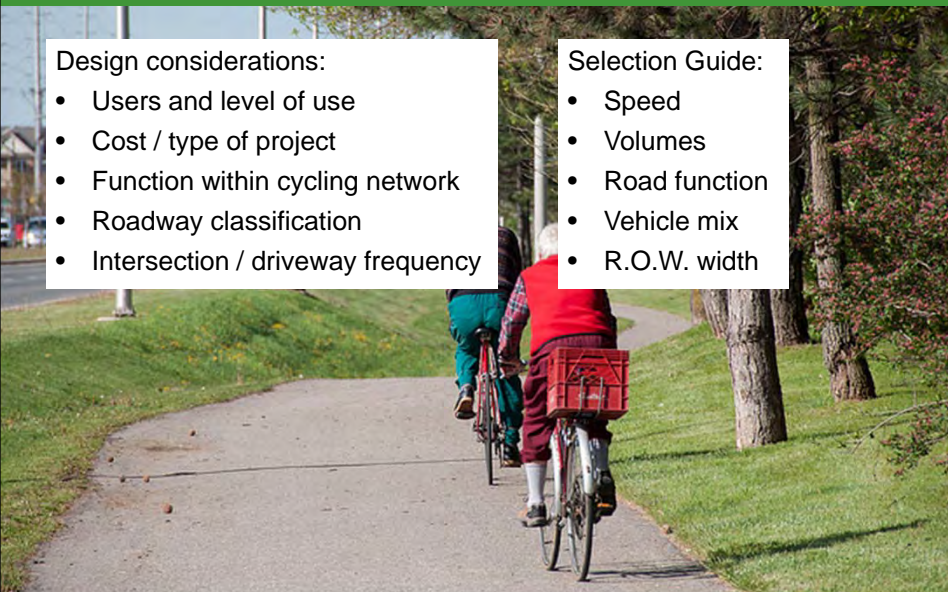
- Existing and planned urban / built-up boundaries
- Land use
- Existing pedestrian and bikeway infrastructure
- Existing and planned higher-order transit corridors
- Potential demand areas (short-trips, land use, etc.)
- Major destination centres
- Natural land features
- Public and stakeholder input

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### Network Development: Facility Types



Design considerations:

- Users and level of use
- Cost / type of project
- Function within cycling network
- Roadway classification
- Intersection / driveway frequency

Selection Guide:

- Speed
- Volumes
- Road function
- Vehicle mix
- R.O.W. width

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### Facility Types: Cycling Network

Cycle Tracks



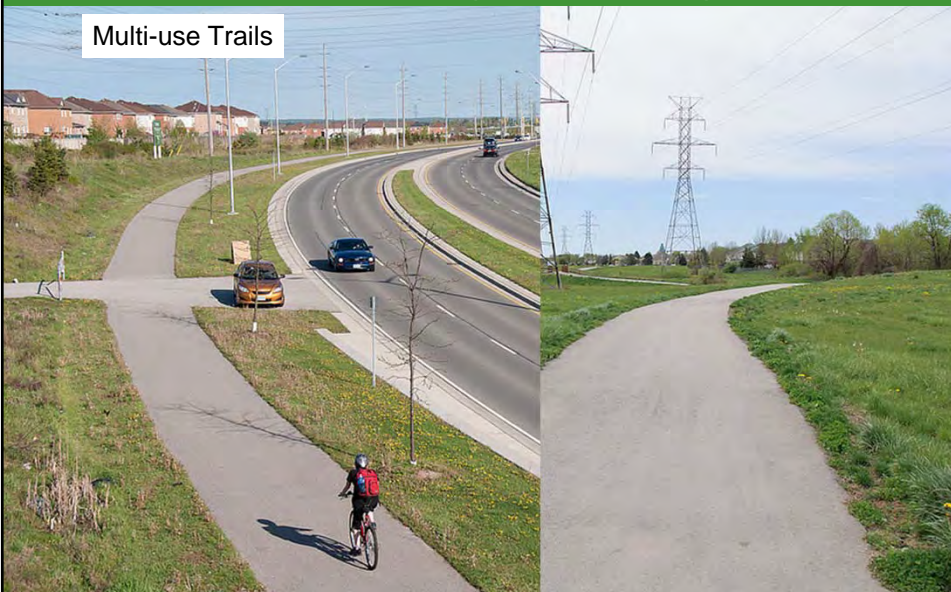
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### Facility Types: Cycling and Walking Networks

Multi-use Trails



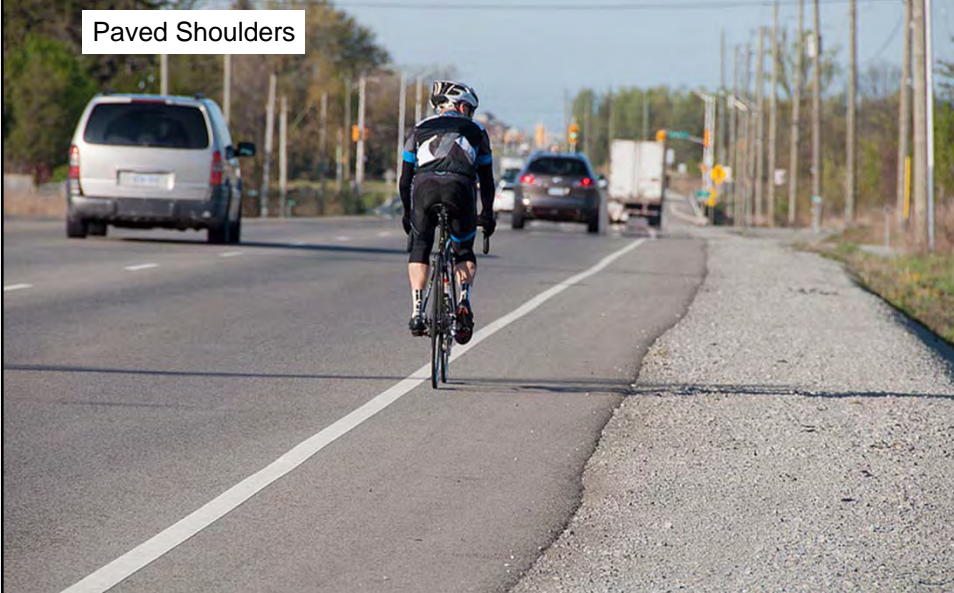
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### Facility Types: Cycling and Walking Networks

Paved Shoulders



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The image shows a cyclist in a black and blue jersey riding on a paved shoulder of a multi-lane road. A white van is in the left lane, and a dark car is in the right lane. The shoulder is a wide, flat asphalt surface. The background shows utility poles and trees under a clear sky.

### Facility Types: Walking Network

Sidewalks



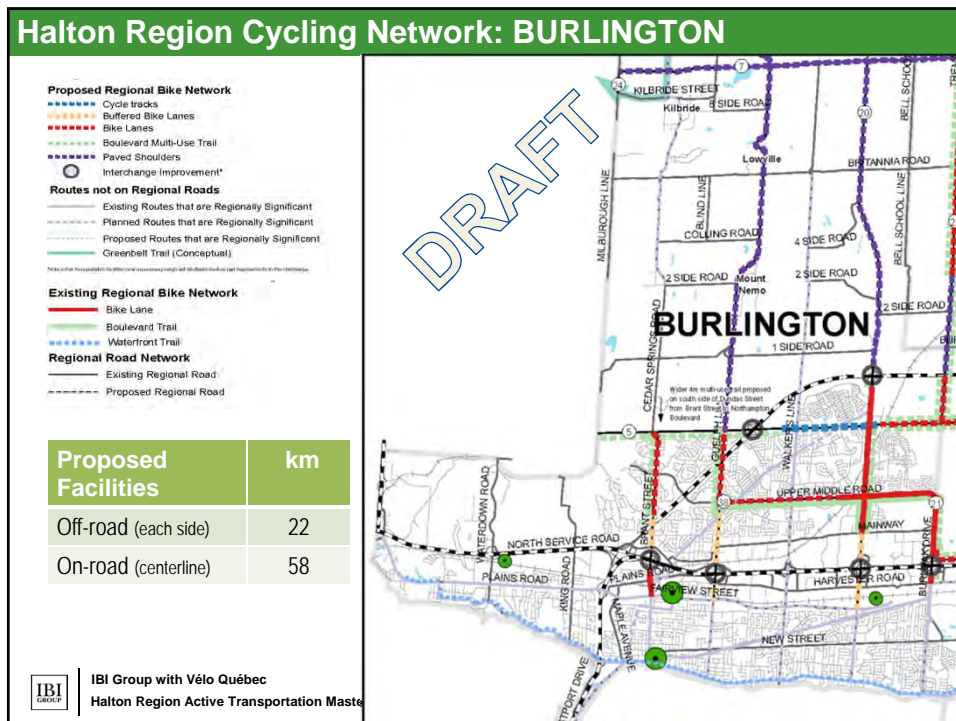
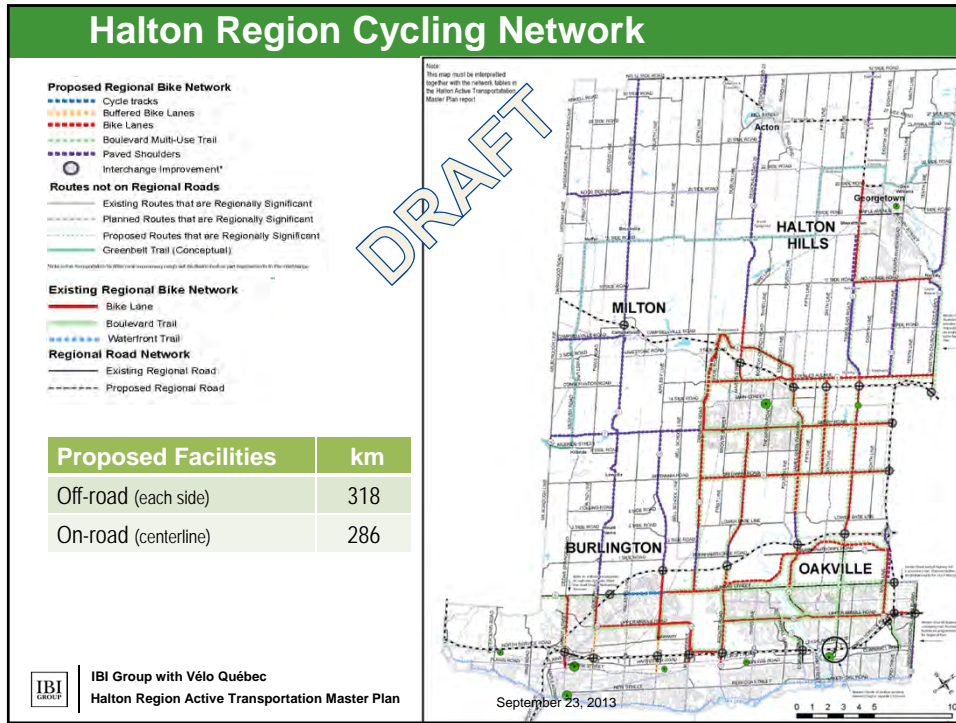
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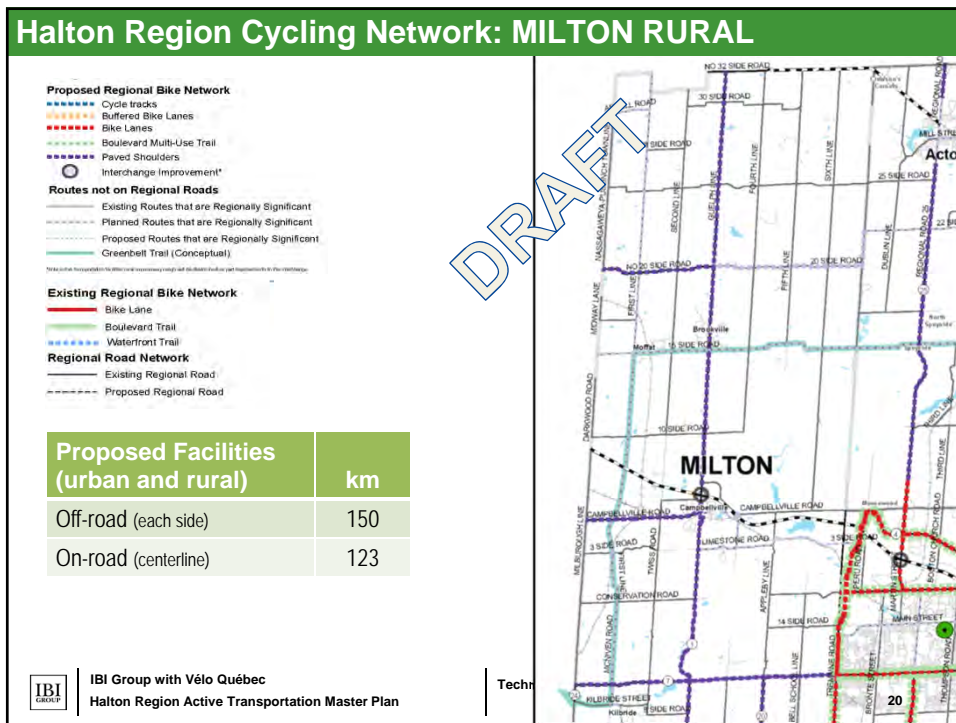
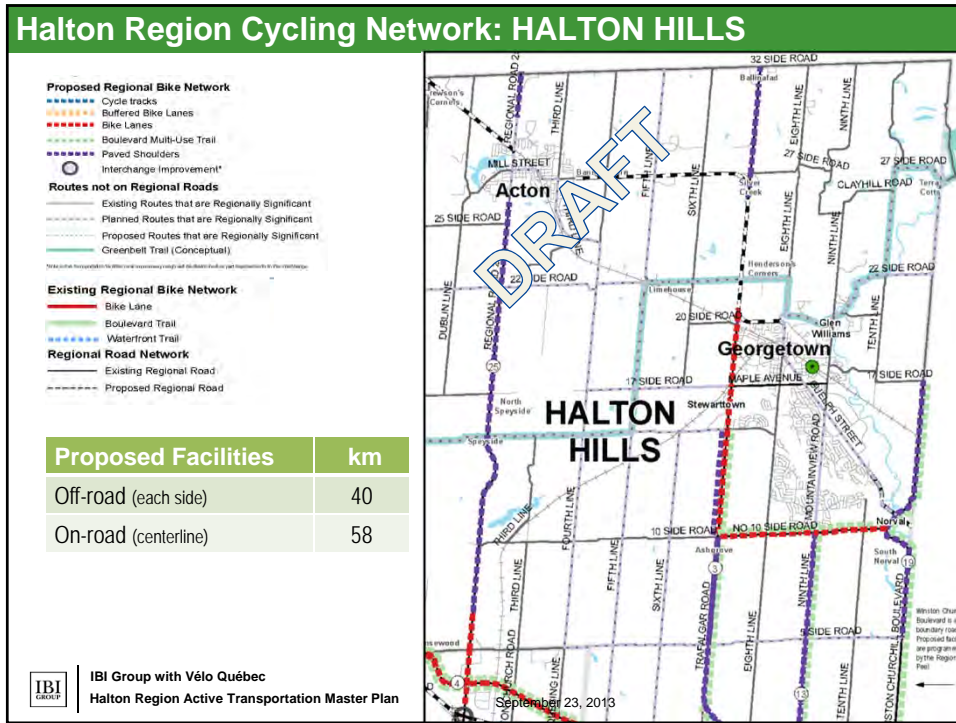
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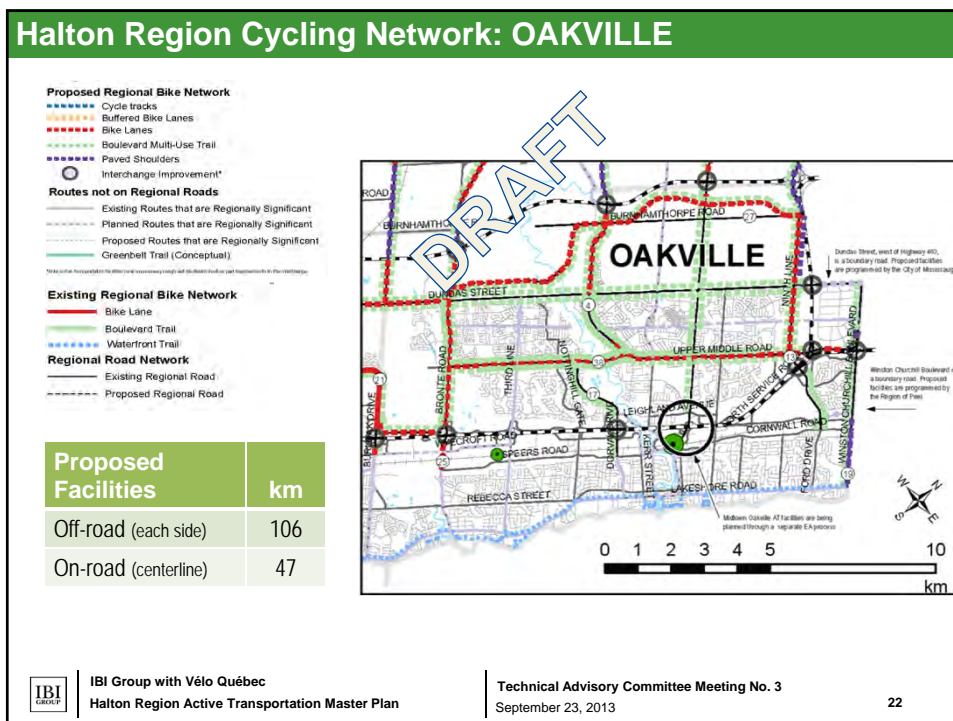
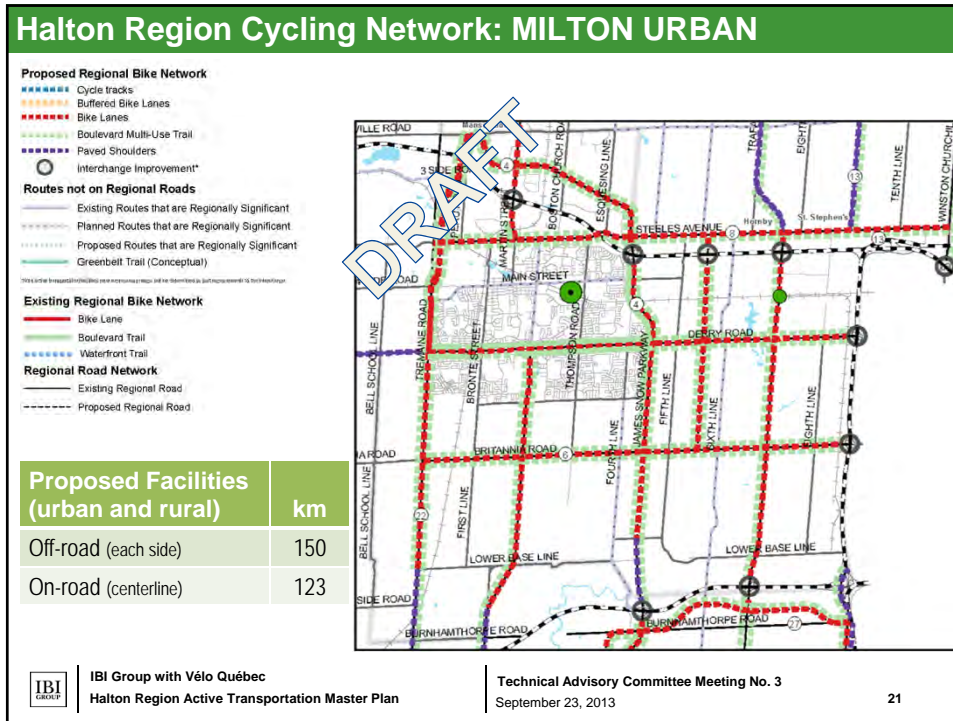
The image shows a person pushing a stroller and another person walking on a concrete sidewalk. The sidewalk is wide and runs alongside a multi-lane road with traffic. There are utility poles and a grassy area between the sidewalk and the road. The background shows a clear sky and some trees.

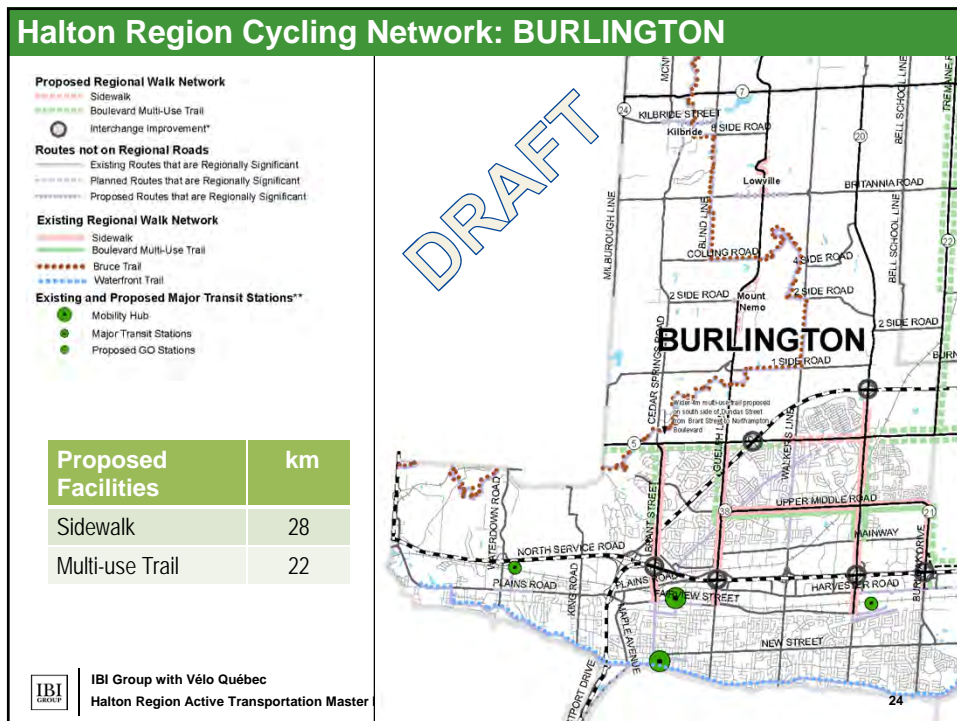
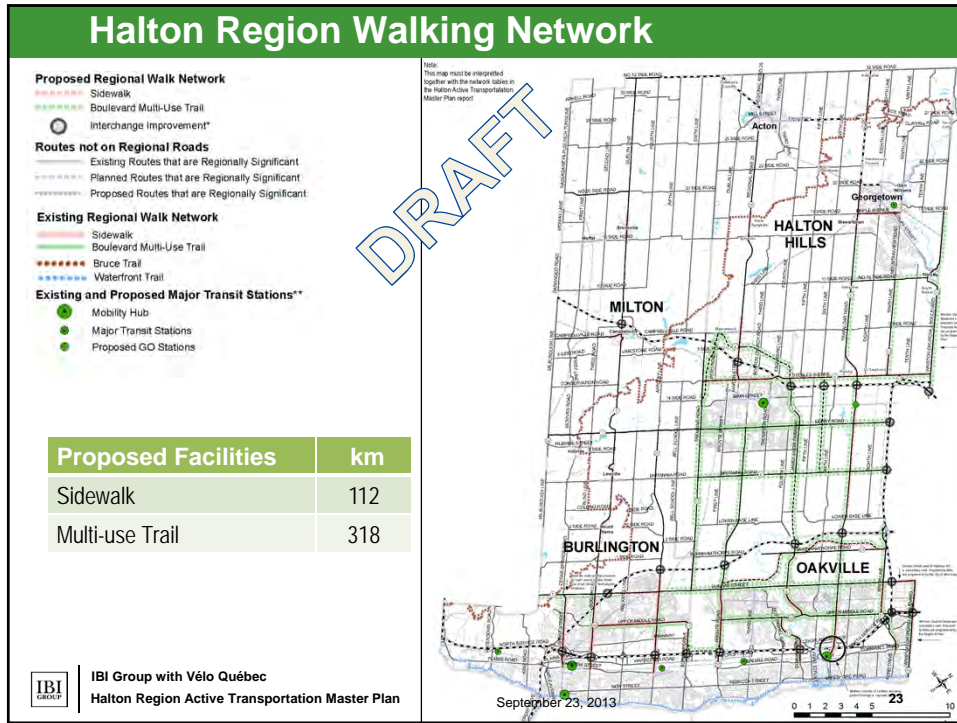




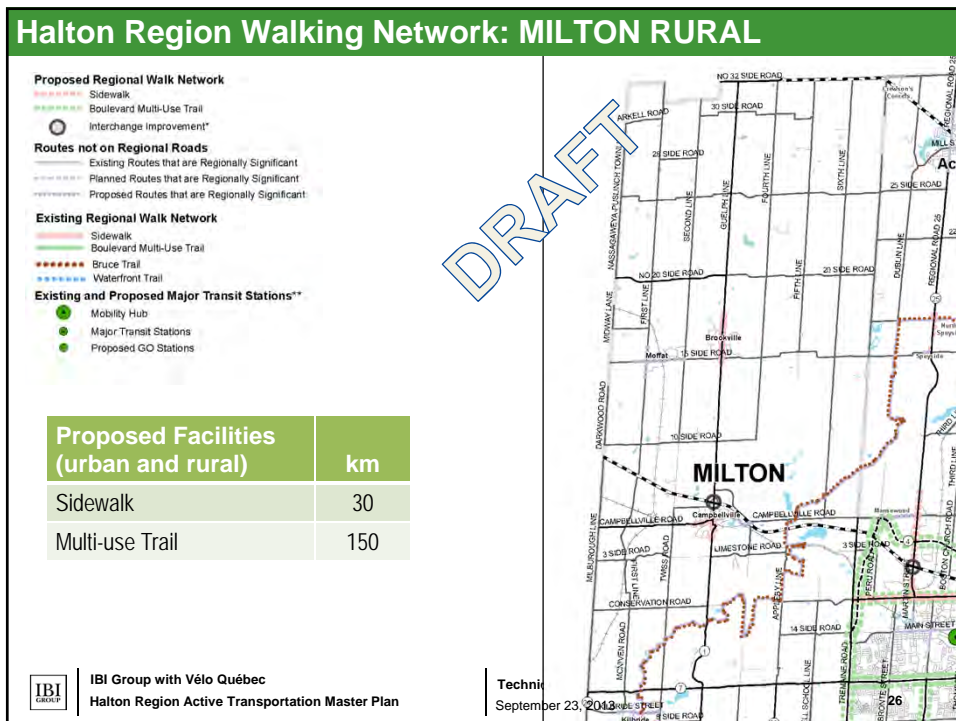
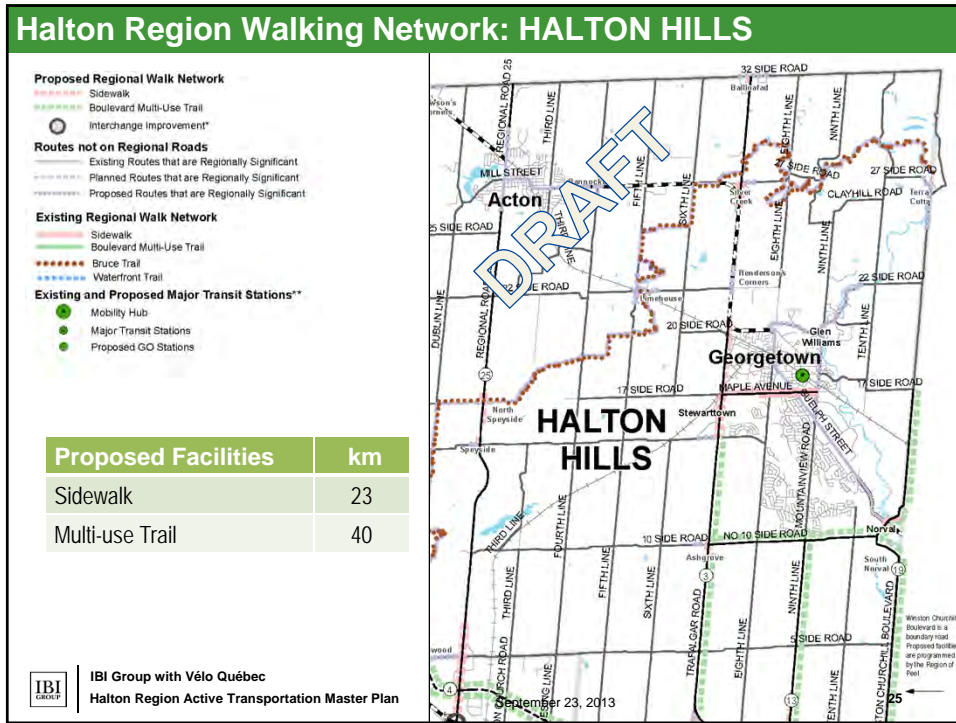


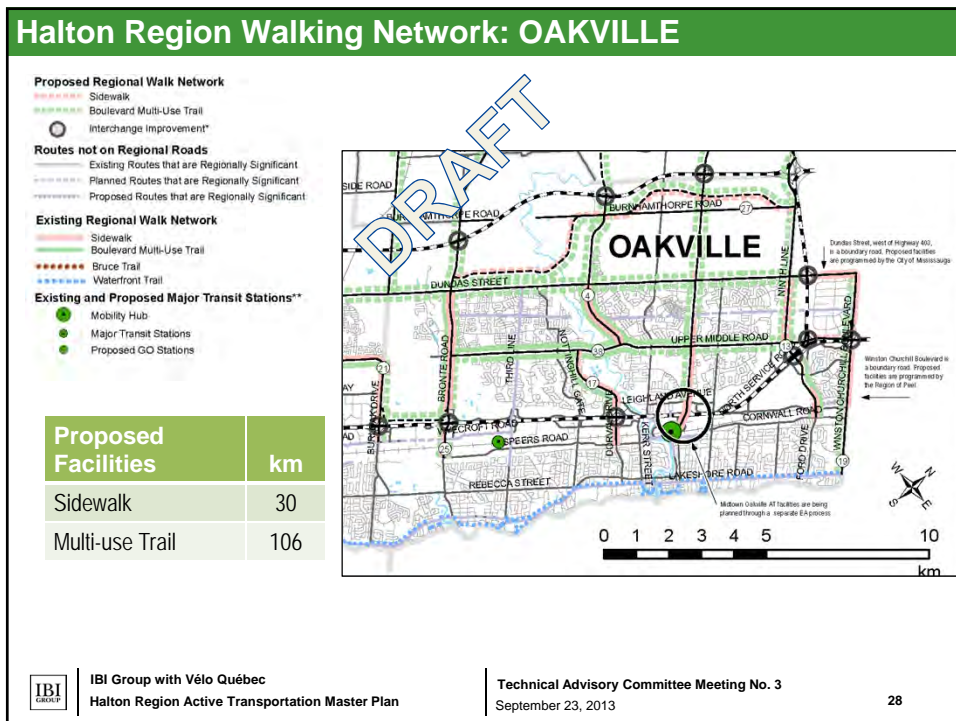
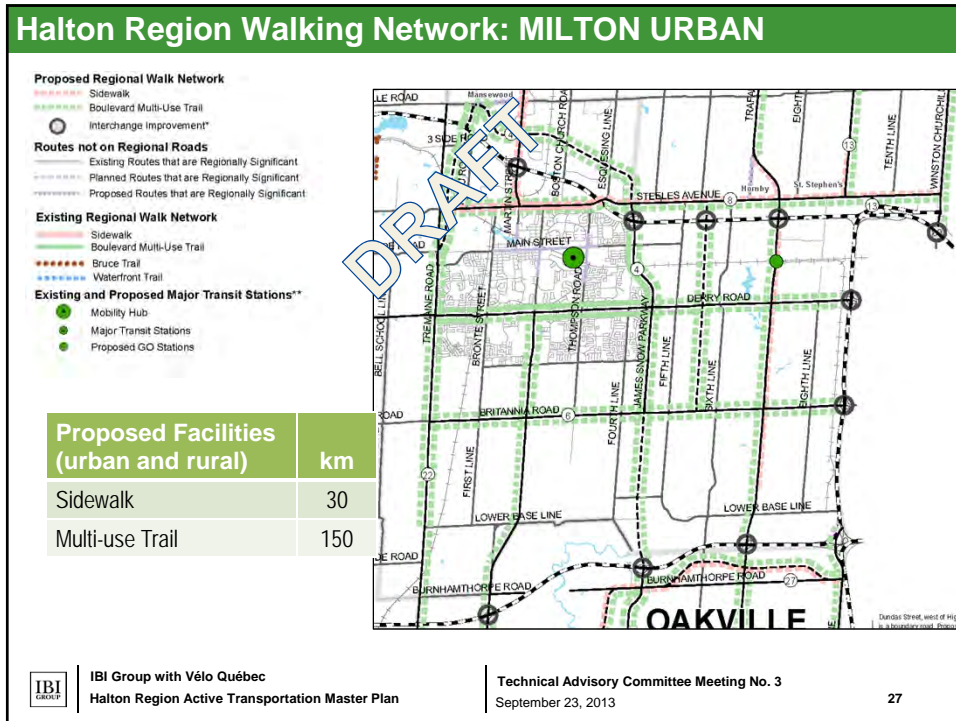














## Preliminary Cost Estimates

**Total km of proposed facilities:**

- On-road: 286km (centreline)
- Off-road: 429 km (each side of the road)

**Overall cost: \$130M - \$140M**

- Burlington \$20M - \$30M
- Halton Hills \$20M - \$30M
- Milton \$50M - \$60M
- Oakville: \$30M - \$40M

Cost estimates are preliminary only; to be refined further

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## Supportive Recommendations

**AT Design Tool Box**

- Selected bibliography
- AT user characteristics
- Pedestrian facilities: sidewalks, street crossings
- Bikeways: paved shoulders, bike lanes, segregated bike lanes, boulevard multi-use trails; intersections
- Facility selection guidelines for Regional ROW Categories

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### Oakville Pilot Project Idea

Boulevard Multi-Use Trail at Intersections



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### Burlington Pilot Project Idea

Cycle Track



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### Milton Pilot Project Idea

Velodome – Public Cyclist Count Display



The image shows a worker in a high-visibility vest kneeling on a road surface, likely installing or maintaining a sensor. To the right is a tall, vertical digital display. The display has a green header with 'Hawthorne Bridge' and 'Portland, OR'. Below that, it says 'Cyclists today' and shows the number '37817' in large green digits. A vertical bar chart on the right side of the display is labeled 'Cyclists this year' and has a scale from 0 to 2,000,000. The display also includes the logo for 'DYLA PASSIVE'.

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### Halton Hills Pilot Project Idea

Bicycle Detection



The main image shows a street intersection with a crosswalk and a bicycle symbol painted on the road. An inset image shows a traffic light pole with a sign that says 'BIKES WAIT ON SYMBOL TO TRIGGER GREEN'. The sign also features a bicycle symbol. The background of the inset shows a street with a traffic light and a sign for 'Confederation Pkwy'.

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## Supportive Recommendations

**Education—Community**

- AT Working Group
- AT identity and web portal
- Fact sheets; handlebar hang-tag; Drive SAFE campaign
- Transportation Services' Annual Report
- Bicycle Friendly Community and Walk Friendly Ontario designations



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## Supportive Recommendations

**Education**

**Workplace:**

- Outreach events promoting sustainable commuting
- Workplace clinics / workshops
- Employer bicycle parking info and repair kit

**Schools:**

- Input to AT travel initiatives
- Walking and cycling safety and promotional kits to parents, youth and teens



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## Supportive Recommendations

### Regulations and By-laws

- HTA review
- Regional by-laws for on-road AT facilities
- Support local by-laws for AT vehicles





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## Supportive Recommendations

### Tourism

- Updates to the Halton AT map
- AT trip planning tool
- Cycling event planning support
- Regional way-finding and destination signage strategy
- Program support, i.e. Welcome Cyclists





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## Next Steps

**Part 3**

- Implementation strategy and funding opportunities
- ATAC Meeting No. 3
- PIC #2
- Report to Council



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## Network Overview: Cycling

### Bikeway Selection Guide for Regional Rights-of-way

Types of Cyclists	Strong and Experienced		Enthusied & Confident			Interested but Concerned
	Rural (R1 and R2)		Corridor (C1, C2, C3 and C4)		If pedestrian volumes are expected to be high	If pedestrian volumes are expected to be low
	Halton Region		Node (N1 and N2)		If pedestrian volumes are expected to be low	
Interaction	Separate Space			Segregated Space		
Bikeway Type	Paved Shoulders without or with Buffer	Bike Lane	Buffered Bike Lane	Segregated Bike Lane / Cycle Track	Boulevard Multi-use Trail	
Bikeway Enhancements	Way-finding Signage			Intersection Treatments		Driveway Treatments

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Network Overview: Walking				
Pedestrian Accommodation Selection Guide for Regional Rights-of-way				
Accessibility	Where possible	Accessible Pedestrian Facility and Street Crossing		
Regional ROW Categories	Rural (R1 and R2)	Corridor (C1, C2 and C3)		
			Corridor (C4 and C5)	
				Node (N1 and N2)
Activity Level	Low	Moderate to High		High
Facility Type	Paved Shoulders both sides Walkway or Sidewalk one side	Sidewalk both sides Boulevard multi-use trail both sides		Sidewalk both sides
Min. Enhancements	Safety	Safety & Convenience	Safety, Convenience & Comfort	Safety, Convenience & Comfort

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