city of Woodstock

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Cycling Master Plan

Vision, Objectives & Route Selection Criteria (January 2013)

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Study Vision

Woodstock's Cycling Master Plan Vision:

To develop a Cycling Master Plan for the City of Woodstock that:

- Builds upon existing cycling routes and trails found throughout the City;
- Is based on short and long-term community objectives;
- Includes the tools necessary to guide the City through the development of a connected, continuous and accessible City-wide cycling network;
- Recommends cycling supportive policies and outreach initiatives;
- Proposes a short, medium and long-term network implementation and funding strategy; and
- Accommodates the needs of Woodstock resident of all ages and abilities for recreational as well as utilitarian transportation choices.

Study Objectives

- Examine the current state of cycling activities throughout the City;
- Recommend a cycling network including routes which provide connections throughout the City to key destinations (i.e. community centres and libraries etc.) and to surrounding municipalities;
- Consult with the public and key stakeholders that could have a role in the development, maintenance and promotion of trails in the city;
- Provide active transportation recommendations for consideration should the City develop an Official Plan and for consideration as part of the County's Official Plan;
- Illustrate and describe design guidelines for the construction of cycling facilities;
- Recommend a way-finding and signage program and bike map strategy for consideration by the City when implementing the master plan;
- Recommend education, promotion and enforcement programs related to cycling activities; and
- Identify costs and priorities as part of a phased (short, medium and long-term) action/ implementation plan.

Route Selection Criteria

Visible: Cycling routes should be a visible component of the transportation system.

Connected / Linked: The cycling network should link the City with surrounding communities and key destinations as well as existing and planning cycling routes and facilities.

Easy to Access: Cycling routes should be easily accessible from local neighbourhoods within the community and from feeder routes from surrounding municipalities.

Diverse: The network should provide a diverse and balanced on and off-road cycling experience throughout the City. The system should appeal to a range of user abilities and interests.

Integrated: The network should be integrated with other modes of transportation, particularly existing public transit. Route will provide access to existing and future/ planned transit facilities/ hubs including buses, VIA Rail etc.

Attractive & Interesting: Routes should take advantage of attractive and scenic areas, views and vistas. Routes should provide users with the opportunity to experience the cultural and natural heritage found throughout the City.

Comfort & Safety: Reducing risks to users and providing comfortable facilities will be key considerations when selecting routes for the network. The decreased perception of risk can increase confidence in users.

Accessible: Where possible and practical, off-road routes will be accessible. It is recognized however, that not all off-road routes will be accessible in all locations. Routes will be appropriately signed to communicate level of accessibility.

The proposed route selection criteria will be used by the study team to select the routes identified as part of the cycling "candidate" routes network.

Context-Sensitive: Facility design for individuals routes should follow widely accepted guidelines but may also be modified to respond to the immediate surroundings.

Sustainable: Sustainability will be a key consideration in the alignment, design and selection of materials for on and off-road bicycle facility types.

Cost-Effective: The cost to implement and maintain the cycling network and supporting facilities / amenities should be phased over time and designed to be affordable and appropriate in scale for the City but should not compromise user safety.

Please Provide Your Input

If you have any questions and / or comments on the materials which have been developed, you are invited to submit them to the City of Woodstock's Project Manager. Please use the contact information provided below:

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