

Durham Cycling Club Inc.



Cycling = active transportation, which needs; safer, better roads + active voice for cycling community

WHO ARE WE?

- Founded in 1991
- A *recreational* cycling club
- Supports *all levels* of cyclists
- We sanction 4 rides *per week*, mostly in Durham Region
- Rides from 30 km up to 165 km in length
- We are a *cross section* of Durham residents (up to 80 yrs.)
- Our health and our lives are important to us
- Many of our riders go beyond our Club rides, riding around the province and even around the world

WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS?

- Lack of continuous bike lanes or paved shoulders
(*many just start & stop...*)
- *Very few* safe passages under/over 401 (*an issue across Region*)
- Will new 407 and Links be better? -*Getting hints it's not...*
- No bicycle friendly *east/west routes* across Durham
- Poor *road surfaces* (*potholes, edge cracks, sealer, sand...*)
- Dangerous *catch basin covers*
(*badly raised/dropped, these are a killer on a bike*)
- We have poor *connections* to Lake Front Trail, Green Belt, Trans Canada Trails, etc. for local riders
 - *Speaking as Cycle tourist, the interconnection to these other trails will be critical to Cycle tourism...*

WHAT ARE THE FRUSTRATIONS?

... from our club members perspective...

- Apparent lack coordination between local and regional governments
- Aggressive, rude or dangerous motorists
- Very slow progress across the region regarding cycling infrastructure
- Others Ontario municipalities & regions are way ahead!

WHAT WE SEE THAT WE LIKE...

- Some glimmers of hope
 - Ajax is clearly in the lead in Durham Region
 - *Ajax leads at trails, roads, signage, continuation, they connect the dots ...*
- Some excellent Cycling Plans at Municipal level
 - But many are not being followed, or just being ignored?
 - Progress is *extremely* slow
- We “hear the speak”
 - “cycle tourisms, healthy citizens, safety, alternative to cars”...

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS

- The new Transportation Master Plan update needs to recognize cycling as an important component (*...your TMP survey data supports this...*)
- Timely implementation of improvements (*we've been waiting a long time*)
- Key Bicycle lanes/shoulders – *continue across Municipalities, don't stop them at a town line...*
 - (i.e. Conlin Road – Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington... *Check Strava Heat Map...*)
- Add cheap **Virtual** bicycle lanes – Cycling logos & dotted lines
 - (i.e. Ajax/MTO Book 18 – they tell drivers we can ride there & be aware..)
- Paved shoulders should be standard on all Regional NEW construction
 - (i.e. Ashburn, Trulls)
- Pave all the gravel shoulders *on designated tourists routes (i.e. Greenbelt)*
- Construct catch basins behind curb line
 - And maintain catch basins & do sand removal, as a *priority on cycling routes*
- Can 401 crossings be *improved* & 407 crossings be *saved*?
- Give us cycling friendly roads to “*get out of town*” (i.e. Thornton, Ashburn, Rosebank, Altona, Coronation, Trulls, Nash, Conlin, Best, Enfield, old Scugog, etc.)
- Make safe routes to our northern neighbors... *Port Perry, Uxbridge & beyond...*

Shopping List (additional asks)

- Establish a Durham Region Cycle *Advisory* Committee or an *Active Transportation committee*
 - Needs to be at Regional level but *connected to (& supported)* by our local Municipalities
 - Meets often (i.e. Monthly) not yearly... with *both* Regional officials and **cycling residents**
 - It should be made up of all **different types of cyclists** and levels of cycling ability
 - Must have **teeth** and a **vision** (407/E&W links, etc.)
 - This is what the more effective cycling municipalities and regions have done (Niagara, York, Waterloo, Ottawa...)
- Give *priority* to cycling infrastructure that make *key* east-west and north-south *connections* across the region
- Consider creating safe, *physically separated cycle track infrastructure on Regional Roads* to facilitate the use of cycling for transportation
 - (This will support transportation (commuters) & recreation cyclists of all ability levels, children and inexperienced riders who might be interested in taking up cycling or active transportation)
- Commit to *minimum annual expenditure* for cycling infrastructure **⌘ \$/B%**
- Support & fund partnerships to *expedite* key cycling infrastructure
 - (Such as as Greenbelt, WRT, Share the Road, Ontario's new 25M\$, private sector...)
- Organize responsibility for cycling infrastructure into one group or Dept.
 - (who will have responsibly for overall planning & implementation)
- Our final thought “**we can NOT ride on a paper plan**” we need you to build it!

Thank you...
Do you have any questions?



See *additional* slides with sample photos below...

The *Very Good* in Durham (samples only)



Ajax Kerrison Drive



Ajax Audley Rd.



Ajax Hwy 2
Pickering next?

The Good in Durham (samples only)



Clarington- Trulls Rd



Whitby – Ashburn Rd.



Whitby – Conlin Rd.

The Poor in Durham (samples only)

Conlin Road on
the Durham
Cycling Network
Road



The Ugly in Durham (samples only)

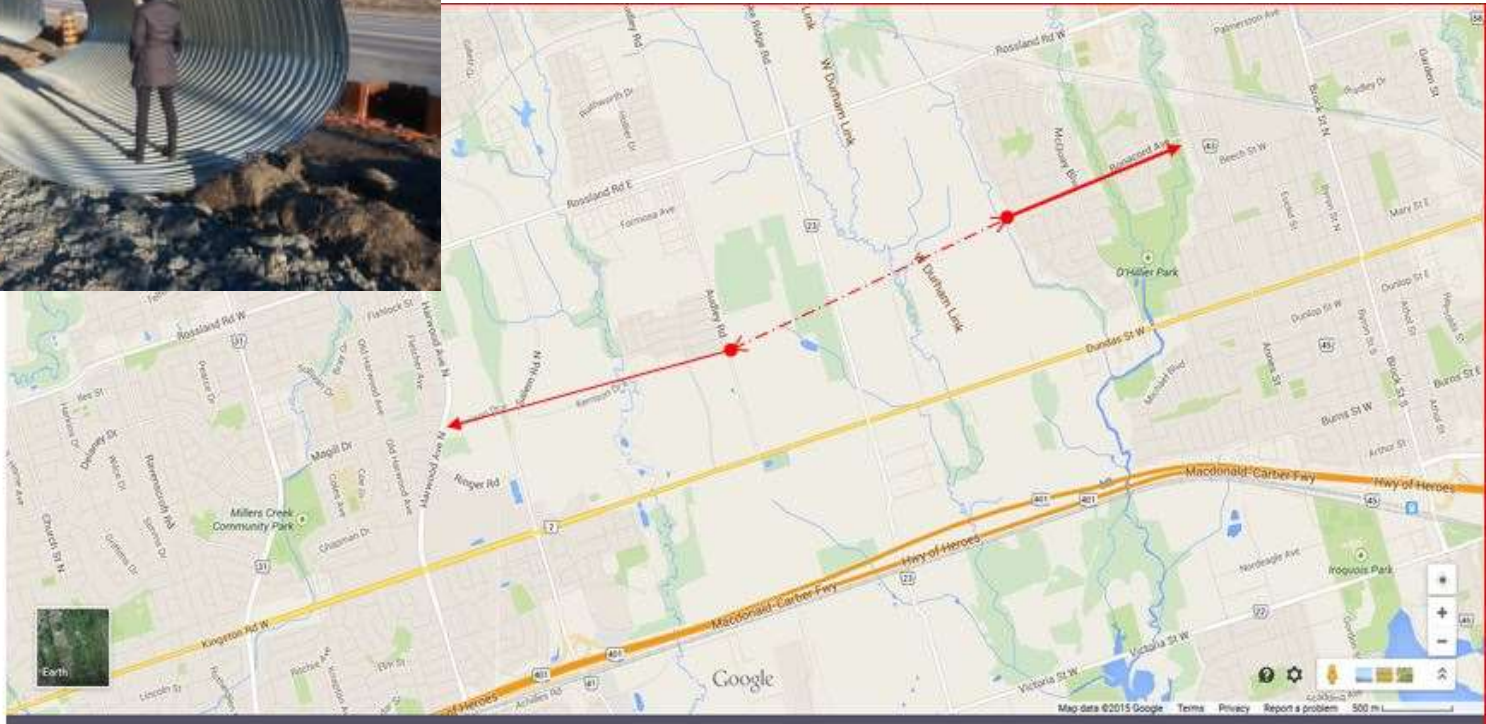


This map is from
Durham Cycle
Tourist map

This is the only cycling
Safe route to Uxbridge
& Scugog area, etc.



Missed opportunity (only a sample)



Alignment of Kerrison Drive E, Ajax and Bonacord Ave, Whitby (407 Durham West Link) – **Opportunity LOST?** ... for the cost of a Culvert...

Cycling related road maintenance

(might save our lives... make it priority on Cycling routes?)



Physically separated cycle track (samples only)



Strava Heat Map

Created by 6M Runners & Cyclists world wide



Google “Strava heat map” ... it’s totally free and it shows where many of us ride/run