

Uxbridge Cycling Plan Proposal

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The Challenges

- ▶ Uxbridge township has limited funds for infrastructure funding
- ▶ Provincial/Federal infrastructure monies are available for cycling BUT we need:
 - ▶ A cycling plan to be eligible for funding
 - ▶ The bandwidth and cycling expertise to advocate for it
- ▶ Tensions exist between riders and drivers (like many municipalities)
- ▶ Few cyclists are coming into downtown Uxbridge to spend money

The Opportunities

- ▶ Available cycling infrastructure funding
 - ▶ \$150M Provincial/Federal monies (Climate Change Funding)
 - ▶ \$10M Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program
- ▶ Potential to be 'the hub' of cycling east of Toronto and strengthen our reputation as the trail capital of Canada.
 - ▶ Durham Forest, Greenbelt Loop, Trans-Canada Trail
 - ▶ Tremendous roads & terrain for road cycling
- ▶ Growing momentum of cycling and it's popularity
 - ▶ Pickering/Ajax/Whitby
 - ▶ DRCC, UCC and DMBA
 - ▶ Expertise of the Durham Regional Cycling Coalition
- ▶ Uxbridge BIA member support for attracting cyclists

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- ▶ We could help Uxbridge access net-new cycling infrastructure funding?
 - ▶ Creating a cycling plan
 - ▶ Supporting the advocacy process

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- ▶ We could increase safety for both riders and drivers through mutual, balanced education?
 - ▶ Awareness about the rules of the road (signage) to increase safety for all



Single File Zone



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Zephyr Road / East of Concession 5

Westbound



Eastbound





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 - ▶ Support Uxbridge Businesses


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Cyclists embrace and enjoy Uxbridge

Some businesses already enjoy and accommodate cyclists while others are looking to improve



bike repair station

Justin Graeves / Metroland

UXBRIDGE – The Second Wedge Brewing Co. has acquired a bike repair station and has more plans to make their business more cyclist friendly. Here, co-owner Rob Gerrard posed for a photo with the new repair station inside the brewery, June 7, 2016.



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 - ▶ Uxbridge Businesses
 - ▶ Uxbridge Cycling Loop & Signage

Greenbelt loop completely misses downtown Uxbridge



Uxbridge Cycling Loop (Greenbelt Extension)



Our Proposal

► Year 1:

- **Creation of Cycling Plan Focus Group**
 - Purpose: Be the Cycling Voice for Council
 - Stakeholders: Durham Region Tourism, Uxbridge BIA, Local Businesses, Uxbridge Councillor, Uxbridge Cycling Club (2)
- **Formalize Cycling Plan**
- **Formation of Uxbridge Cycling Loop**
 - Greenbelt Loop Addition
- **Infrastructure Improvements**
 - Road Signage Plan finalized and enacted
 - Shoulder pavement (Zephyr/5th; Durham 30 - Aurora → Wagg)

Our Proposal

▶ Year 2:

- ▶ Broader advocacy begins
 - ▶ Ontario Plan for Climate Change - begin activities to uncover funding opportunities
- ▶ Greater identification of routes are to promote greater interconnectedness between municipalities
- ▶ Infrastructure Improvements
 - ▶ Signage to encourage greater Durham Forest users to travel to Uxbridge.

Thank you!