

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)

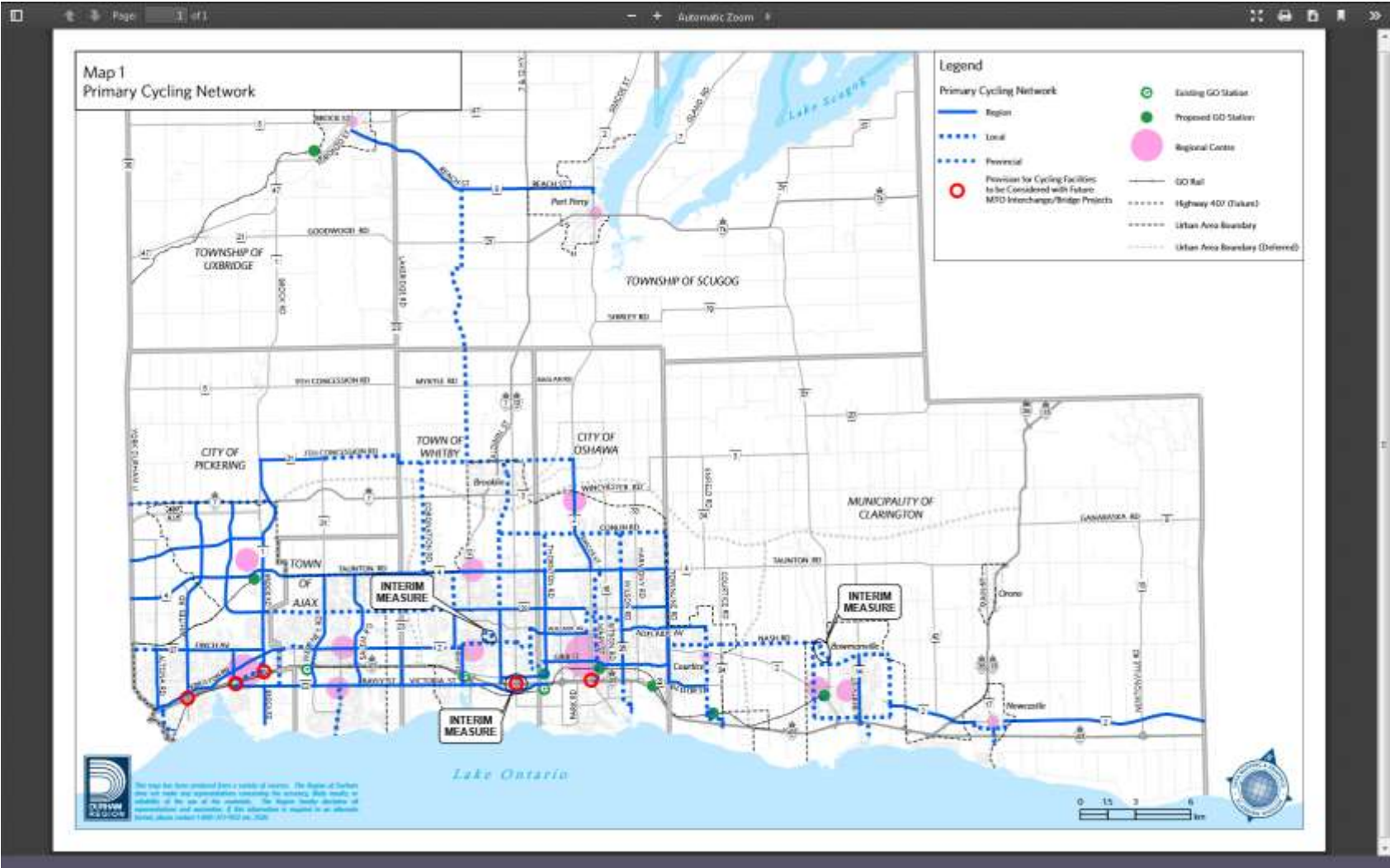
- Establish a Durham Region Cycle *Advisory* Committee or an *Active Transportation committee*
 - Needs to be at Regional level but *connected to (& supported)* by our local Municipalities
 - Meets often (i.e. Monthly) not yearly... with *both* Regional officials and **cycling residents**
 - It should 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...

Durham Primary Cycling Network



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



Opportunity missed...
Conlin Rd. at UOIT



Poor execution?
Conlin/Thornton Rd.



Opportunity Lost... No Cycle lane
Conlin/Harmony Rd.

The Ugly in Durham (samples only)

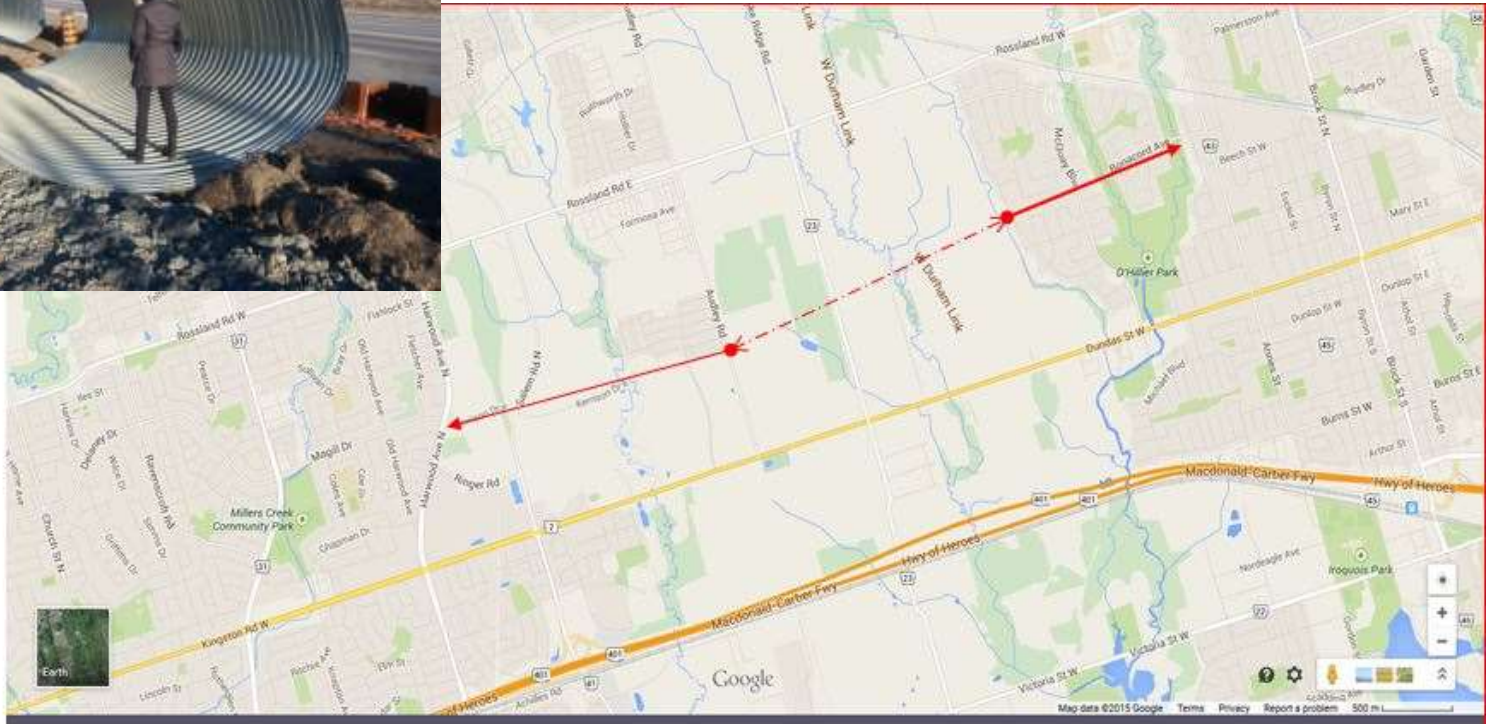


This map is from Durham Cycle Tourist map

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