

To: City of Burlington - Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility Committee

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Re: City of Burlington Cycling Plan (report TS-01-21)

The Integrated Transportation Advisory Committee (ITAC) is composed of residents of Burlington and advises on policies, initiatives and strategies affecting all forms of transportation including cycling, pedestrian, transit and driving.

As a committee, we support and encourage Council to endorse and ultimately approve the City of Burlington Cycling Plan.

The vision, articulated in the plan, of achieving and sustaining a cycling culture in Burlington is crucial to the growth and sustainability of our city, and will be an important part of a long-term integrated transportation strategy. This vision is supported by a practical and achievable plan that was informed by priorities and experiences of residents of Burlington and was developed through expert analysis and planning.

In particular, it begins to address the issues of lack of connectivity and lack of safe protected cycling facilities, which have been long standing barriers to encouraging a greater shift to this mode of transportation. Funding and implementing this plan will help advance cycling as a safe and efficient mode of transportation to meet every day needs of residents of Burlington. Such a shift will support the city's efforts in addressing the climate emergency and will complement other modes of transportation in the city's Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP), currently under development.

The inclusion of a component of this plan in the form of protected bikeways in the plans for Plains Road in the city's 2021 Capital Budget & Forecast is encouraging. We understand that longer term components of the Cycling Plan will be incorporated into the city's IMP, and that such cycling projects will be evaluated against other mobility priorities, taking into account all modes of transportation.

As a committee whose mandate is to provide input to Council and staff on strategies affecting all modes of transportation, we look forward to advising on the continued development of the IMP and we strongly support prioritization and funding of the Cycling Plan.

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