
Mr. John Bell
Chair, Transportation & Public Safety Committee
Grey County
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Dear Mr. Bell & TAPS committee members:

When I discovered in mid Dec that GRs 119 & 31 were to be reconstructed with only .25m shoulders we began the dialogue that has brought us to this stage of the process. We greatly appreciate the time and effort staff & council members have devoted to this project and look forward to an agreeable outcome of fully paved shoulders on Feb 18th. As the presentations to the Jan 21st TAPS committee and the 2 dozen letters testify there is great interest from the cycling community, residents, & business community that these roads be reconstructed with fully paved shoulders.

Just to be clear on what we are requesting:

- Grey County continue to be one of the most progressive counties in the Province with its Paved Shoulder policy
- A 9 metre, or more, paved platform configured – 1.25m shoulder, 6.5m travel lanes, 1.25m shoulder on flatter sections
- On hills this 9 metre to favour the uphill shoulders – 1.0m shoulder, 6.5m travel lanes, 1.5m shoulder on uphill side
- When platform is 8.5m at the “more narrow sections” (TAPS report)
 - 1.0m shoulder, 6.5m travel lanes, 1.0m shoulder on the flatter sections
 - On hills - 0.75m shoulder, 6.5m travel lanes, 1.25m shoulder on uphill side
- To reduce the cross fall by shaving material from centre rather than fill at the edges to maintain maximum platform width

What we are NOT requesting on Grey Road 119:

- The valleys to be filled in or the high areas lowered
- The expense of moving hydro poles or acquiring property to modify the vertical curves

- A \$4.5 million construction project

I plan to be in attendance at the Feb 18th meeting & will be available to comment or clarify if requested.

Yours respectively

Bill Abbotts – South Georgian Bay Cycling Coalition