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

As someone who spends significant time in the Grey County area enjoying all the wonderful recreational, arts and other opportunities of the County, I have a real interest in proposed investments in the community. In addition to skiing, snowshoeing, golf and hiking, I spend whatever time I have available road cycling in the County.

It has come to my attention that Grey County is planning to complete road construction projects on a number of County Roads in 2016. I understand that paved shoulders with a width of only 0.25 metres are being proposed for Grey Road 119 from Banks to Ravenna and Grey Road 31 from 0.5 kilometres north of Simcoe Road 91 to Grey Road 2. These roads represent very popular and heavily utilized cycling routes in our area. Furthermore, Grey Road 31 is used for both the Centurion Cycling and Grey County Road Race events, which attract a large number of people to our area each year.

I feel that paved shoulders with a width of only 0.25 metres along these two roads is insufficient and not reflective of the volume of cyclists using these roads. Cycling is an activity that is growing rapidly in Ontario (more people cycling than playing golf) and a large number of cyclists are travelling to and spending money in Grey County and surrounding areas. On every ride I am part of, we stop at least once to purchase something from a local shop. These rides often lead to a number of us deciding to meet for dinner after at a local restaurant or some other local activity. I also often have visitors up to ride with my group bring more tourist dollars to the area.

Given the long-term implications of this decision to only provide 0.25 metre paved shoulders on these roads, I respectfully request that the Transportation & Public Safety Committee reconsider the proposed width of paved shoulders on these two particular roads slated for construction in 2016 and that additional consideration be given to the importance of paved shoulders as critical infrastructure in facilitating cycling going forward.

I understand there are deputations scheduled before the TAPS Committee on January 21. Please also consider this letter as support for these deputations.

I appreciate you taking the time to consider this note.

Regards,

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