Please, please, please reconsider the width of paved shoulders planned for 2016 so that cycling can be safe and continue to grow and bring spending to our community.

I understand that Grey County is planning on paved shoulders with a width of only 0.25 metres 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. This width is insufficient and not reflective of the volume of cyclists using these roads. Cycling is an activity that is growing rapidly in Ontario and a large number of cyclists are travelling to and spending money in Grey County and surrounding areas.

I respectfully request that the TAPS 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.

Please consider this email as support for deputations scheduled before the TAPS Committee on January 21.

Thank you for your consideration.

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