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Town of Blue Mountains, Ontario

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John Bell,
Chair,
Transportation & Public Safety
Committee Grey County
595 9th Avenue East
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Dear Mr. Bell,

We are long-time residents of Grey County and spend almost every weekend and at least four full weeks in the area every year. We enjoy the outdoors and all the season-round activities that the Grey County has to offer. It has come to our attention that Grey County is planning to complete road construction projects on a number of County Roads in 2016. We 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.

Safety to all cyclists sharing the road with a growing volume of traffic is paramount and should be a major consideration in any road rejuvenation. We feel that paved shoulders with a width of only 0.25 metres along these two roads is insufficient. Furthermore, 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. One of the prime reasons we chose to have our recreational home here is the access to finely maintained and varied roads that we can cycle on for most of three seasons in the year.

We 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 safe cycling going forward.

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

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Lesley and Jeffrey Campbell