

## Special Transportation meeting Sept 30 2021 – Public Comments

From Bill Abbotts

Some of the following comments have been shared with Adam previously and may be covered in the next Phase of the process? Exactly what Phase are we at now as there seems to be more “Information Gathering” to do before the “Identify Problems and Opportunities” stage?

The Fig 4-6 TBM Employment Occupation Split does not include the tough job of being retired. Are we captured somewhere else because there are quite a few of us here that use the transportation systems one way or the other.

I have given Adam a number of corrections on Fig 4-20: **Active Transportation Network** diagram and suggested strongly it should be expanded to include information on our neighboring communities of at least Meaford, Grey Highlands, in Grey County and Collingwood, and Clearview in Simcoe County.

Regarding Active Transportation and cycling the lack of regional information is a little concerning. As cyclists we regularly travel across 3 or 4 municipalities, multiple counties, and all 3 jurisdictional levels of roads. These routes need to connect seamlessly. If there are issues gathering this information, just ask and we could help or find folks to help.

The same would go for gathering the information on preferred current routes for motor vehicles. One regularly used route to travel east uses Hwy 26, GR21, GR19, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Line, then Poplar SR to get back to Hwy 26 and points east. Another favorite route uses GR2, GR31 to Simcoe 91 to travel easterly or County124 to travel southerly.

There is a question re the Power Point slide on pg 20 - **Existing Travel Trends: Local and Pass-Through** re the label Grey Road 10 – should that be Grey Road 40?

These are my very preliminary comments with the time I had for a quick review. More later as the process unfolds.

Thankyou

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 9:27 AM  
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**Cc:** Alar Soever <[REDACTED]>; Rob Potter <[REDACTED]>; Andrew Siegwart <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fw: 2022 - Grey County Road Construction - Cycling Events

Good morning Rob,

I am forwarding this to you to make a request to the transportation committee to make a request of our council county reps.

In the diagram below Grey Road 13 is to be reconstructed in 2022 from Grey Road 40 into Matilda Street.

This is a very busy road with the gravel pit entrance on Grey Road 13 just south of Matilda, a lot of use by mini tractors with a number of trailers behind, the only road south out of Clarksburg for motor vehicles and cyclists. Many of our migrant workers on their bikes use this road day and night. Strava data will indicate the volumes of cyclists.

The usual paved shoulders of 1.25 metres was originally proposed for this reconstruction. The road platform in this area is extremely wide and would support much wider paved shoulders. I have reached out informally to Dennis Dalton and Pat Hoy to widen these shoulders but would request our county reps also request consideration of at least 1.5 or better still 2 metre shoulders in this area. I don't believe these contracts have been tendered yet and am not sure of what stage the engineering is at so the sooner the better to make this request.

I am also hoping the project goes well around the corner onto Matilda Street for everyone's safety and convenience where the speed is down from the 80 kph of the main road.

Thankyou

Cheers

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**The Town of The Blue Mountains, Special Meeting of Council  
Special Meeting of Council**

**Date:** Monday, November 22, 2021

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**Moved by:** Councillor Matrosovs

**Seconded by:** Councillor Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Transportation Committee recommendation from the September 30, 2021 meeting as follows:

THAT the Transportation Committee forward the September 30, 2021 comments from Bill Abbotts to Council of Town of The Blue Mountains for forwarding onto Grey County Council for consideration.

AND THAT Council of Town of The Blue Mountains forwards the comments from Bill Abbotts to Grey County Council for consideration.

**The motion is Carried**