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Cycling & Trails Master Plan

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Stakeholder Workshop #1

Thursday, December 6th, 2018
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Stakeholder Workshop #1 Agenda

- 1** **1:30 – 1:40 p.m.** Welcome & Introductions
- 2** **1:40 – 2:00 p.m.** Part #1: Study Context
- 3** **2:00 – 2:30 p.m.** Activity #1: The Future of Cycling & Trails in Grey County
- 4** **2:30 – 2:40 p.m.** Break
- 5** **2:40 – 3:15 p.m.** Part #2: Developing a Cycling and Trails Strategy in Grey County
- 6** **3:15 – 4:20 p.m.** Activity #2: Opportunities, Challenges and Key Priorities
- 7** **4:20 – 4:30 p.m.** Closing Remarks & Next Steps



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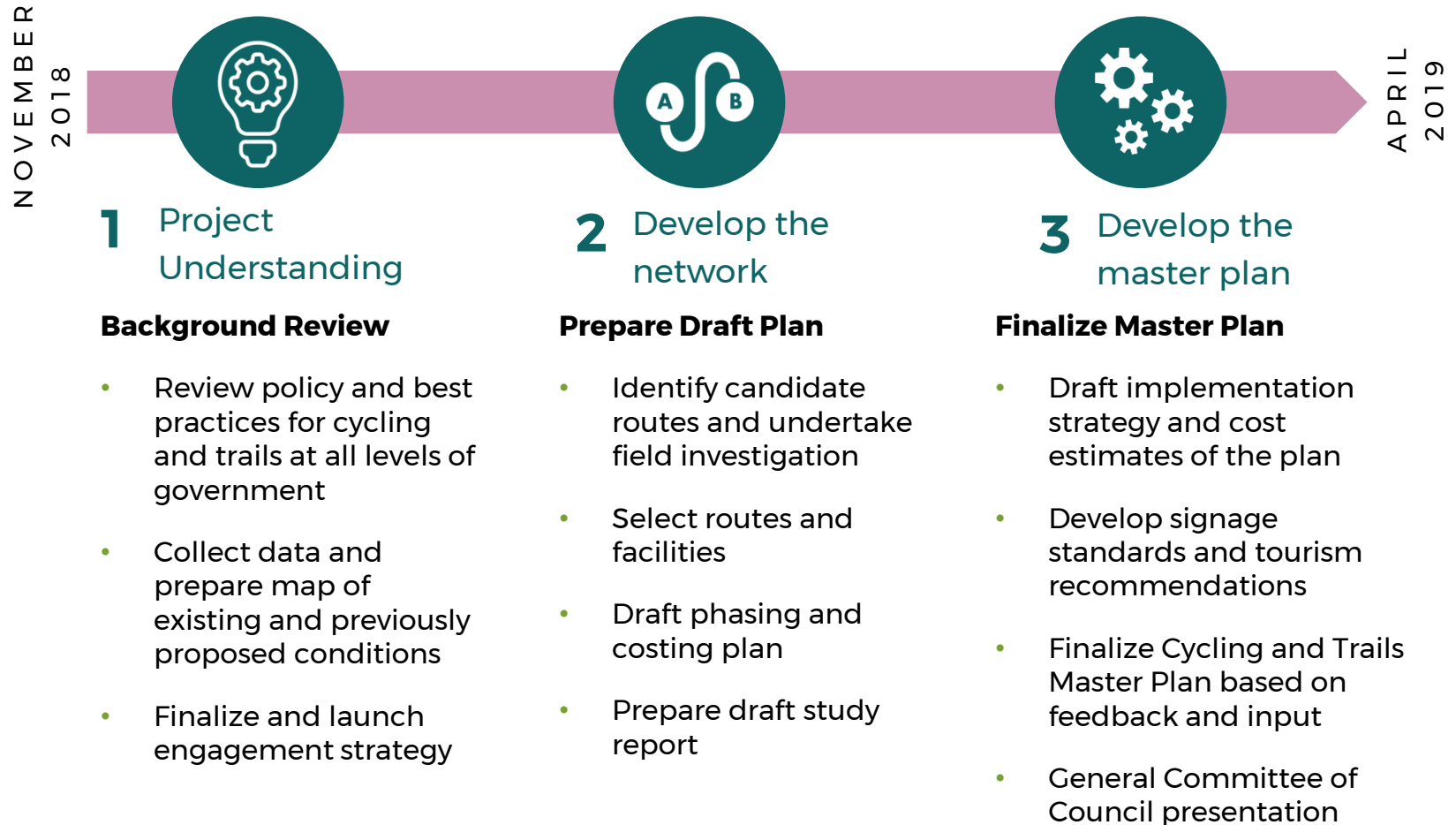
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Part #1

Study Context

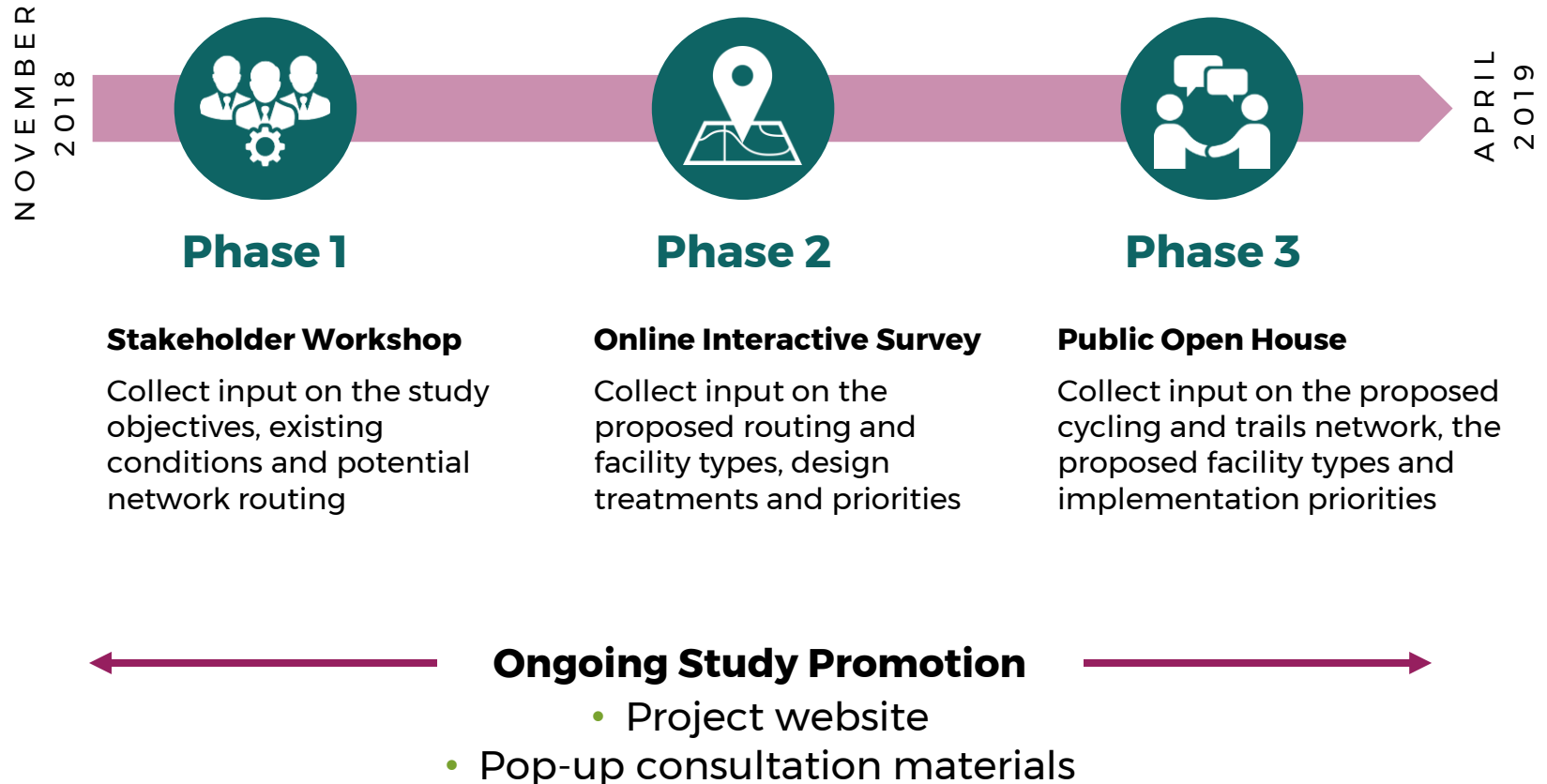
Study Process

The Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan is being completed in three phases:

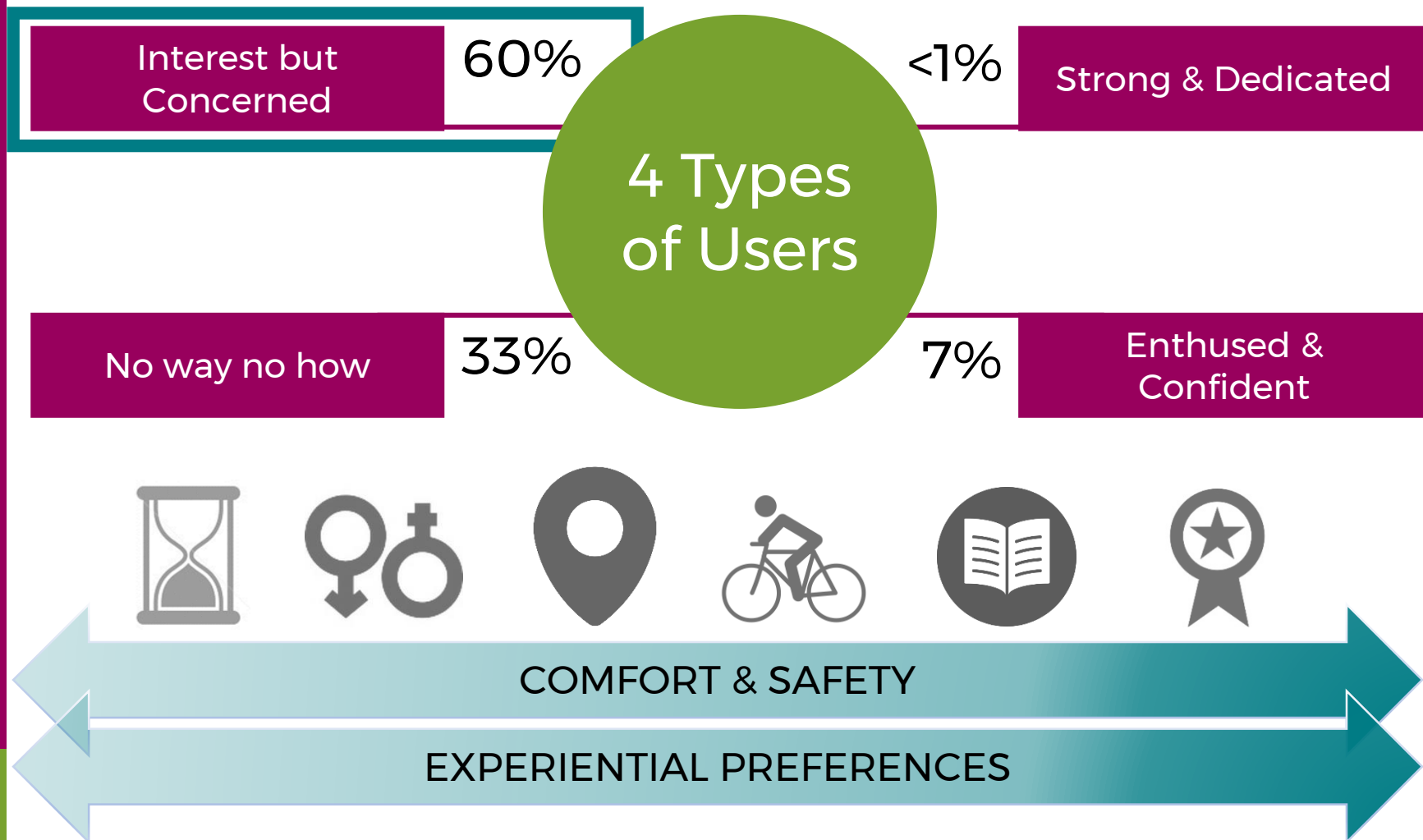


How will we engage throughout the study?

There will be opportunities for engagement during each study phase:



Who are the users?



Grey County Study Goals

- 1** Provide County staff with tools to help guide decision making
- 2** To help rationalize and prioritize investment of cycling and trail infrastructure and programming
- 3** To identify a clear vision and a set of tools to help shape the future of cycling and trail use in Grey County
- 4** To enhance Grey County as a destination for cycling and trails
- 5** Provide a plan for a connected and continuous system of cycling and trail routes throughout the County and to enhance connections within the local municipalities



Activity #1

The future of cycling and trails in Grey County

Use the cards provided to identify key objectives and values that the plan should aim to address and / or achieve.

Examples of potential objectives could include:

- County-wide connectivity
- Comfort and safety
- Seeking new partnerships

Draft Vision Statement

To be completed during the break and presented after to attendees.



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Part #2

Developing a Cycling and Trails Strategy for Grey County

What is a Cycling and Trails Strategy?

What it is...

- ✓ Long-term vision
- ✓ Flexible document
- ✓ Community building asset
- ✓ Communication tool
- ✓ Implementation guide
- ✓ Support for existing plans

What it is not...

- ✗ Detailed or final design
- ✗ Authority to construct
- ✗ Prescriptive
- ✗ Requirement
- ✗ Financial commitment

Why develop a Cycling and Trails Strategy?

Policies exist at all levels of government to support the planning, design, implementation and operations of cycling and trail infrastructure.



FEDERAL

- Transport Canada
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines



PROVINCIAL

- Provincial Policy Statement
- Municipal Act
- Ontario Regulation 239/02 (Minimum Maintenance Standards For Municipal Highways)
- OTM Books 18 and 15
- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act



COUNTY

- Recolour Grey (Official Plan)
- Transportation Master Plan
- Paved Shoulder Policy
- Recreational Trails Master Plan



Local Municipal
Plans and Policies

What are the benefits?

The implementation and promotion of cycling and trails infrastructure can have individual and community-wide benefits.



Economic

- Enhanced tourism
- Lower infrastructure costs
- Increased productivity



Health

- Reduced obesity
- Reduced chronic illness
- Improved mental health



Environmental

- Emission deductions
- Livability improvements
- Greenspace preservation



Social

- Increased mobility for seniors and people with disabilities
- Increased job access for low-income populations



Community

- Increased sense of “togetherness”
- More attractive urban space

Elements of a successful strategy

There are a number of other aspects of a successful strategy that should be addressed with the goal of:

What...

How...

Educating +	The increase of knowledge and understanding of proper techniques, practices and opportunities related to cycling and trail use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use existing platforms (websites, social media) to distribute educational information• Work with partners to undertake bike rodeos and CAN-BIKE courses
Encouraging +	Methods to influence behaviour change resulting in more people engaging in active forms of travel and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host annual rides to highlight new cycling and trail infrastructure• Implement amenities at key trailheads and destinations e.g. bike parking, benches, etc.
Enforcing +	Ensure pedestrian and cyclist safety by applying existing roadway laws and regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with local OPP to undertake annual safety blitzes• Work with local clubs to establish trail safety and stewardship programs
Evaluating =	Tools and techniques to measure how infrastructure and programs are being used and how well they achieve the desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and implement a monitoring program to assess the impact of implementing new infrastructure / initiatives• Invest in technology to support data collection
Four E approach	Intended to support the proposed trails and cycling network	

How are we developing the network?

1

Existing and previously proposed routes

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existing and previously planned routes

2

Gaps and candidate routes

M

proposed candidate routes

Field
Investigations

Route Selection
Criteria

I

staff input

3

Route Network Concept

M

recommended network concept

Step 1:
Nomograph

Step 2:
Context

Step 3:
Input

I

public / stakeholder input

4

Facility Types

M

proposed facility types

Community
Priorities

Capital
Projects

Region / Prov.
Priorities

I

staff input

5

Phasing and Priorities

M

proposed phasing and priorities

Network Components

1

Existing and previously proposed routes

Illustrate and understand what is currently on the ground and what has already been planned.



Local municipal routes



County routes



Provincial routes



Regionally significant routes

2

Gaps and Candidate Routes

Identify potential routes in the rural and urban areas of the County and its local municipalities that could form part of the cycling and trails network.



Missing links



Connections to surrounding areas



Connections to key destinations



Unopened allowances + hydro corridors

Network Components

3

Network Concept

Identify route intents and systems that form the cycling and trails network.



Primary
Commuting Spines



Secondary
Recreational Links



Touring Loops

4

Facility Types

Illustrate the proposed facility types for routes that are part of the cycling and trails network.



Shared



Designated



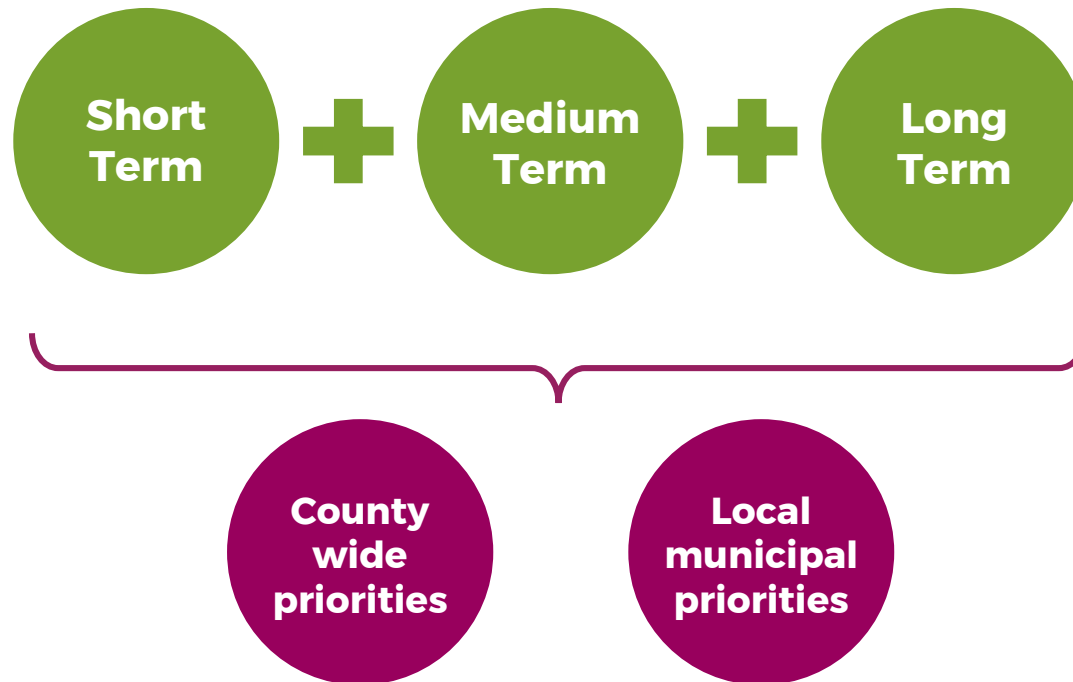
Separated
emphasis on trails

Network Components

5

Phasing

Illustrate the recommended implementation timeline for each route.

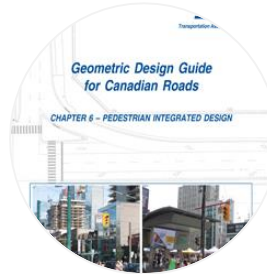


What are the intended outcomes?



Policy

Considerations for new policies or revisions to existing policies to support the on-going development of cycling and trails



Resources

Design standards and best practices related to the planning, design, implementation and operations of cycling and trail infrastructure



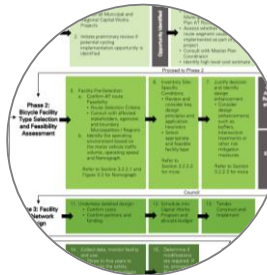
Tools

Tools to assist with managing the implementation of the Cycling and Trails Strategy



Priorities

Strategic phasing of cycling and trails infrastructure and programs



Processes

Process to facilitate the planning and implementation of cycling and trail routes



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Activity #2a Opportunities & Challenges

Using the maps provided, please mark-up your input and feedback as it relates to:

- Existing cycling and trail gaps in Grey County;
- Existing barriers or complex areas for cyclists, trail users and other active transportation users;
- Opportunities for new routes that should be explored through the development of the study; and
- Key destinations throughout the County that should be accessible by bike or foot.

Activity #2b Key Priorities

Building upon your input of key opportunities and gaps, please mark-up the maps with your thoughts on:

- Routes that should be considered for priority implementation e.g. routes that should be phased in short term.



Next Steps

Technical plan

- 1 Summarize input received today
- 2 Map and review existing and previously planned routes
- 3 Identify route selection criteria and potential candidate routes
- 4 Investigate candidate routes in the field

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How to stay involved



Stay tuned for study updates on the study webpage:
<https://www.grey.ca/programs-initiatives/grey-county-cycling-and-trails-master-plan>



Attend and provide your input at the Winter 2019 open house (see website for future dates)



Send an email or call a member of the study team

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