



Get Active, Your Way!
Grey County
Cycling & Trails Master Plan

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Municipal Partners Workshop

Friday, October 4th, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Workshop Agenda

- 1** **10:00 – 10:10 a.m.** Welcome & Introductions
- 2** **10:10 – 10:25 a.m.** Presentation: Study Update
- 3** **10:25 – 11:00 a.m.** Activity #1: Cycling and Trails Network + Facility Review
- 4** **11:00 – 11:30 a.m.** Activity #2: Cycling and Trails Priorities
- 5** **11:30 – 11:50 a.m.** Partnerships Discussion
- 6** **11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Closing Remarks and Next Steps

VISION AND OBJECTIVES REVISITED

We met with stakeholders last winter and created a **vision** for the plan:



*Grey County with its nine local municipalities, surrounding regions and agency partners together support the development of a plan that identifies a **complete, continuous and connected** network of **high-quality cycling and trail routes** to accommodate varying user types of **all ages and abilities** (walkers, hikers, cyclists, skiers, equestrians, etc.), and opportunities to explore the County's natural landscape in a **safe and enjoyable** way all year-round.*

*The Cycling and Trails Master Plan aims to **enhance the quality of life** for County residents by providing low-cost access and options to engage in physical activity to **improve health** and **social well-being**. The plan is also intended to **improve opportunities for economic development** and **tourism** by situating Grey County as a leader of cycling and trails in Ontario by **connecting local municipalities, key destinations** and **surrounding regions**.*

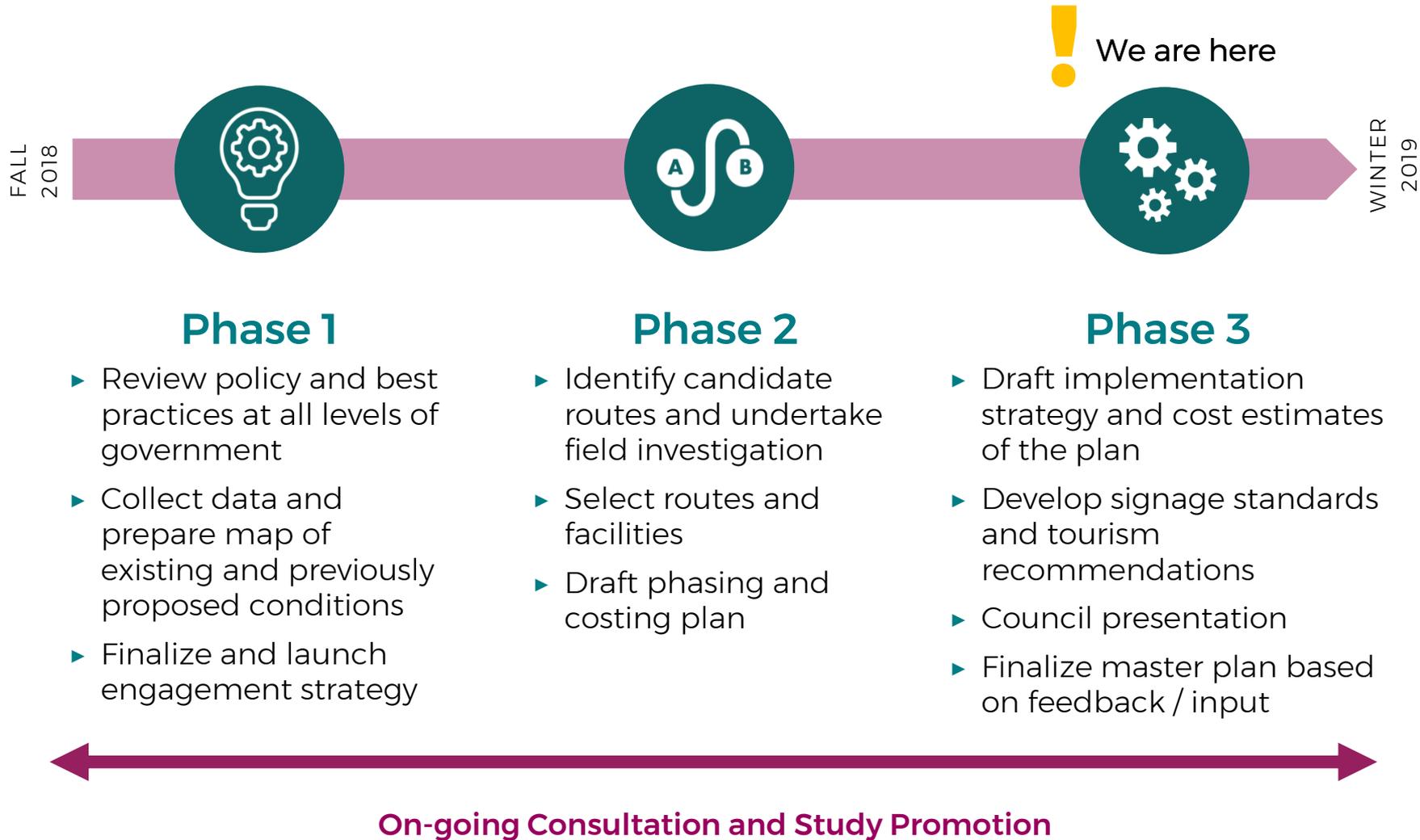


VISION AND OBJECTIVES REVISITED

The vision is supported by a set of **objectives...**

- 1** Design continuous and connected routes that are considered comfortable and safe for users of varying ages and abilities
- 2** Improve accessibility and inclusivity within the County's local municipalities and communities
- 3** Provide recreational, commuting and touring opportunities within the County, its local municipalities and to surrounding regions
- 4** Connect to areas of natural and cultural significance
- 5** Connect to major destinations, key services and surrounding regions
- 6** Identify tools, policies and programs to support year-round use of cycling and trails
- 7** Support local economic development and tourism initiatives
- 8** Support the development of clear, consistent and branded communications to enhance promotion and safety
- 9** Provide tools to guide future planning, design, implementation and operations of safe and comfortable infrastructure and meaningful programming

WHERE ARE WE NOW?



ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

How did we Engage?



4 study meetings

With staff from:
Tourism
Transportation Services
Planning and Development
Grey Bruce Health Unit



1 online activity

496 participants
11,325 data points collected



2 in-person events

30+ attendees - stakeholder workshop
50 attendees - public open house

Who did we Engage?

Types of users that responded
online and in person:



45%
cyclists



20%
hikers

What are their interests?

Why residents cycle or use trails
in Grey County:



42%
cycle or use trails for
recreation and leisure



40%
cycle or use trails for
health or fitness

What are their opinions about the plan?

Top reasons to develop the plan



25% increase opportunities for people to cycle and use trails



24% improve quality of life



16% improve cycling and trail use as a viable transportation option

What were their priorities?

Criteria most important when choosing a route



Road classification

characteristics of the road and how it functions within the overall network



Access and potential use

how well the route connects to key destinations

What do they think should be the focus of the plan?

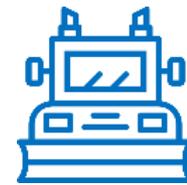
Top priorities for enhancing cycling and trails



Infrastructure and gaps



Performance measures



Maintenance



Signage and wayfinding



Land use planning

HOW HAS THE CYCLING AND TRAILS NETWORK BEEN DEVELOPED TO DATE?

1

Existing Conditions

- ▶ Identify and map existing facilities, key destinations and tourism assets
- ▶ Identify routes that were proposed in other planning documents

Outcome: Map of existing and previously proposed cycling and trail conditions

2

Gaps and Candidate Routes

- ▶ Identify route selection
- ▶ Identify gaps and opportunities for new cycling and trail routes
- ▶ Undertake field investigations

Outcome: Map of candidate cycling and trail routes

3

Route Network Concept

- ▶ Review routes and select the preferred routes
- ▶ Confirm and map preferred routes

Outcome: Map of preferred cycling and trail routes

4

Preferred Facility Types

- ▶ Use a facility selection tool to identify preferred facility types
- ▶ Identify other network enhancements / treatments

Outcome: Map of preferred facility types

! We are here

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Phasing and Priorities

- ▶ Identify proposed timeline for route implementation
- ▶ Determine potential costs for routes

Outcome: Map of preferred phasing and priorities, and cost estimates

NETWORK PHILOSOPHY

Facility types on local municipal owned roads / lands

Facility types on Grey County owned roads / lands



Shared Space
Signed Routes

Most
Common

Designated Space
Paved Shoulders
Buffered Paved
Shoulders
Bike Lanes



Designated Space
Paved Shoulder
Bike Lanes
Urban Shoulders

Shared Space
Signed Routes



Separated Space
In-boulevard Paths
Off-road Trails

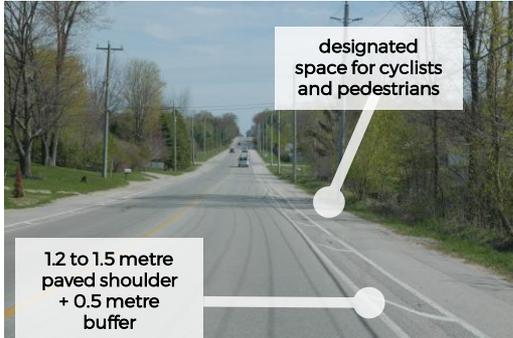
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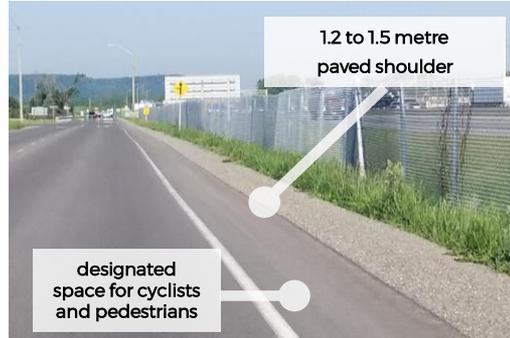


WHAT DOES THE CYCLING AND TRAILS NETWORK LOOK LIKE?

Buffered paved shoulder



Paved shoulder



In-boulevard pathway



Signed route



Bike lane



Off-road trail



Signed route with edgeline



Buffered bike lane





Activity #1: Cycling and Trails Network + Facility Review

Use the markers/ highlighters provided to identify cycling routes that you have comments or feedback about.

Examples of potential comments could include:

- Route is an important connection.
- The cycling facility proposed for this route is appropriate / inappropriate; why?



Activity #2: Cycling and Trails Priorities

Use the markers / highlighters provided to identify implementation and project phasing (timing) comments

Examples of potential comments could include:

- This route / facility could have some implementation / construction concerns; why?
- Given the proposed facility type, this route would be a great candidate to be phased in the short term, medium term, or long term.



Partnerships Discussion

To ensure successful implementation of the Cycling and Trails Master Plan beyond the plan's lifespan, a discussion around potential partnerships and funding opportunities is encouraged to inform next steps and future decision-making.

Next Steps

Technical plan

- 1 Summarize input received today
- 2 Update mapping if required
- 3 Finalize network facility types and the implementation strategy
- 4 Complete draft of the Cycling and Trails Master Plan

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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>



Send an email or call a member of the study team

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