

DRAFT Status Update: CycleON Action Plan 1.0

This draft status update was prepared by the Share the Road Cycling Coalition based on the information available to us as of October 2016. Each of the action items have been listed under the 5 key themes of CycleON. Where an action has a defined completion year, it is indicated in brackets. Otherwise, no completion year has been defined.

Designing healthy, active and prosperous communities	Status (Oct 2016)	Notes	Links and Examples
Implementing the active transportation policies in the Growth Plan for the Great Golden Horseshoe, a long-term plan to manage growth in the region (MOI)	Underway, ongoing	Updated plan includes: stronger support for the "safe, comfortable and convenient use of active transportation and several directives that "prioritize active transportation, transit and goods movement over single-occupant automobiles" (3.2.2.4c), -the requirement to provide bicycle lanes near major transit stations and the clarification that bicycle parking in these areas should be secure (2.2.4.5b). -building comprehensive and integrated active transportation networks; (3.2.3.4b). -[i]n the design, refurbishment or reconstruction of the existing and planned street network, the needs and safety of all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, transit-users and operators, and drivers of cars and trucks are considered and appropriately accommodated" (3.2.2.3).	http://completestreetsforcanada.ca/news/ontario-set-adopt-complete-streets-policy
Working with municipalities to implement the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014, which provides direction on land-use planning and development across Ontario and emphasizes the importance of cycling to healthy, active, communities (MMAH)	Underway, ongoing	see above	
Implementing the active transportation elements of <i>The Big Move</i> , the 25-year plan for coordinated, integrated transportation and transit in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (Metrolinx)	Underway, several elements implemented	Progress on Bike Sharing (2.2), Go to Trail (2.9), bike parking at stations including some secured bike parking (2.9)	http://www.metrolinx.com/thebigmove/en/strategies/strategy2.aspx

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<p>Working with municipalities to strengthen local implementation of provincial active transportation policies that facilitate cycling by:</p> <p>(1) Supporting municipalities as they develop and implement municipal official plans and transportation-related plans that support cycling</p> <p>(2) Developing an education program for provincial and municipal staff on cycling planning (2015)</p> <p>(3) Undertaking research to identify planning, engineering and operational barriers to cycling and active transportation and related tools (2015)</p> <p>(4) Developing an implementation plan to help overcome these barriers (MTO, MMAH, MOI) (2015)</p>	Partially underway, but not on schedule	<p>MTO consulted stakeholders regarding barriers at the 2015 Ontario Bike Summit</p> <p>No reported progress on items 1,2 or 3</p>	
Looking for and considering additional opportunities to encourage and support cycling during the review of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (MOI)			
Looking for and considering additional opportunities to support cycling during the review of the Greenbelt Plan, which provides permanent agricultural and environmental protection to the Greater Golden Horseshoe (MMAH)			

Improve Cycling Infrastructure	Status (Oct 2016)	Notes	Links and Examples
<p>Launching a three-year Ontario Cycling Infrastructure Program to build municipal and provincial cycling infrastructure (MTO)</p>	<p>Funding provided (full)</p>	<p>\$25 million announced at 2013 OBS (\$10 million for municipal and \$15 million for provincial) Provincial projects announced at OBS 2015 and municipal projects announced Spring 2016, funding rolled out to 37 municipal projects</p>	<p>http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/ontario-municipal-cycling-infrastructure-program.shtml</p>
<p>Identifying a province-wide network of cycling routes that will help locate areas of provincial infrastructure that should accommodate cycling (MTO) (2016)</p>	<p>Underway</p>	<p>Project Underway, municipal and stakeholder consultations in progress (summer/fall 2016)</p>	
<p>Incorporate design features for cyclist and pedestrian facilities and safety improvements on provincial road and bridge projects using appropriate criteria, unless justification exists for exemption (MTO)</p>	<p>Falling short of policy commitment at the provincial level (ex. highways 407/412, 21 and 69).</p>		
<p>Working with municipalities to identify and address any provincial practices or infrastructure that are barriers for local cycling networks (MTO) (2015)</p>	<p>Underway, but not on schedule</p>	<p>MTO consulted stakeholders on barriers at 2015 Ontario Bike Summit</p>	
<p>Releasing OTM Book 18 to provide guidance to municipalities on the planning, design and operation of cycling facilities (MTO) (2014)</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>Released December 2013</p>	<p>http://www.otc.org/research/otm-book-18/</p>
<p>Releasing Bikeways Design Manual to provide updated guidance to provincial staff who plan, design, build and operate cycling facilities on provincial roads and bridges (MTO) (2014)</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>Updated March 2014</p>	<p>http://www.sharetheroad.ca/files/MTO_Bikeway_Guidelines_Amy_Ibrahim_Jim_Dowell.pdf</p>

Make Highways and Streets Safer	Status (Oct 2016)	Notes	Links and Examples
Introducing proposed legislative and regulatory amendments to promote cyclist safety, including amendments that address dooring, one-metre passing, contraflow bike lanes, bicycle specific traffic signals and riding on paved shoulders (MTO) (2014)	Passed	Bill 31 (passed in May 2015) included all of these proposed amendments, enacted as of September 1, 2015	http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/transportation-and-parking/road-safety/bill-31-changes-highway-traffic-act
Consulting municipalities, road user groups and others on additional safety-related issues such as cycling on sidewalks and default speed limits (MTO) (2015)	Underway, but not on schedule	Speed limit consultation conducted in winter of 2015, outcomes not yet shared with stakeholders (to our knowledge)	http://www.tecumseh.ca/news/consultation-ontario's-proposed-40-kmh-default-speed-limit
Providing stakeholder partners with new funding to develop or enhance cycling skills training programs (MTO) (2015)	Funding provided (multiple sources)	<p>One-time funding of \$380,000 available through the Cycling Training Fund, funding rolled out between Nov 2015 and December 2016</p> <p>Approx. \$76,000 in funding through Road Safety Challenge and MTO Road Safety Partnership Program</p> <p>Also: Postcard developed about Bill 31 changes, CAA Partnership on "Heads Up" Campaign, partnership with Share the Road on "It Moves Us All 2.0", Support of Parachute Canada Safer Kids Week</p>	<p>http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/cycling-training-fund.shtml</p> <p>Additional funding support outlined in Minister's Working Group on Cycling presentation slides (Feb 2016)</p>
Encouraging drivers to learn the rules of the road related to cycling by adding more cycling content to driver-testing materials in 2015 (MTO) (2015)	Updates being made (not yet fully implemented), not on schedule	Additional learning points to be added to G1 driver test in late 2016 and additional cycling information added to recent Driver's Handbook, including information on sharrows, sharing the road with cyclists at intersections, turning right across a bike lane, bike boxes, checking for cyclists when changing lanes, passing cyclists	Awaiting confirmation from MTO that approved questions have been added to the G1 test knowledge bank
Promoting the use of helmets by cyclists of all ages (MTO)	Unknown	Likely support through above funding to partners	

Promote Cycling Awareness and Behaviour Shifts	Status (Oct 2016)	Notes	Links and Examples
Establishing and supporting a community of interest forum for municipal staff who work on cycling to encourage innovation by sharing best practices and knowledge (MTO)	No progress, to our knowledge		
Promoting cycling to school and work through the Active and Sustainable School Transportation Program and the Smart Commute workplace program (Metrolinx)	Various programs underway through Metrolinx (geographically limited, ongoing)	<p>Annual coordination of GTHA Bike Month and Active and Safe Routes to School HUB by Metrolinx</p> <p>Metrolinx support of STP research currently underway with Green Communities Canada</p> <p>**Support required outside of Metrolinx jurisdiction (opportunity with June as Bike Month)</p>	<p>http://smartcommute.ca/whats-happening/biketoschoolweek/</p> <p>http://www.bikemonth.ca/news</p>
Supporting cycling-related programs and development of community cycling policies through the Healthy Communities Fund (MOHLTC)	Information not available	Online recipient information not available after 2013	
Encouraging more people to cycle more often by supporting a variety of cycling programs and initiatives through the Ontario Trillium Foundation (MTCS)	Funding provided, ongoing	Approx \$453,000 provided to 4 projects that include a mention of or focus on cycling between 2013-2015 (from online database of recipients), support of Ontario Cycling Association	<p>http://www.otf.ca/latest-grants-awarded-filter</p> <p>Support for Ontario Cycling Association highlighted in Minister's Working Group presentation slides (Feb 2016)</p>
Delivering cycling-related education programs and collaborating on local cycling initiatives through local public health units (MOHLTC)		As of 2015, public health units can no longer apply for HCF Funding	
Support student learning about cycling through the existing elementary and secondary curriculum (EDU)	Support provided (pilot project, ongoing)	<p>Ongoing ASST Pilot Project in Toronto and Guelph with funding from Ministry of Education</p> <p>Metrolinx support of curriculum analysis for cycling tie-ins</p>	

Increase Cycling Tourism	Status (Oct 2016)	Notes	Links and Examples
Identifying a province-wide network of cycling routes to promote recreational cycling and cycling tourism, connect municipal cycling routes and places of interest and help prioritize future infrastructure investments on provincial highways (MTO) (2016)	Underway	Stakeholder consultations currently underway (summer/fall 2016)	
Investing more than \$3.5 million in trails that can be used for cycling, walking and other activities as part of Ontario's celebration and legacy of the 2015 Pan/Para Pan Am Games (MTCS) (2016)	Funding provided (full)	Completed 254km of trail gaps along Trans Canada Trail, Connecting TCT to 4 major Games venues, connecting two provincially significant wetlands, reconfiguring approx. 5km of existing Waterfront Trail at the Lynde Shores Conservation Area in Whitby, closing a dangerous gap in GLWT.	https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2013/10/ontario-expanding-trails-in-time-for-the-peoples-games.html Confirmation of investment found in Minister's Working Group presentation slides (Feb 2016)
Supporting cycling through the Ontario Trails Strategy, a long-term plan that provides direction for planning, managing, promoting and using trails in Ontario (MTCS)	Strategy launched	Strategy was launched in 2016	https://news.ontario.ca/mtc/en/2016/06/province-passes-act-to-support-ontarios-trails.html
Supporting cycling tourism projects through the Celebration Ontario program, which supports festivals and events and the Tourism Development Fund (MTCS)	Funding provided (limited, ongoing)	Provided support to one cycling related event (total \$56,250), support for cycling related projects to date up to \$108,000	Outlined in Minister's Working Group on Cycling presentation slides (Feb 2016)
Providing product development and marketing support of cycling tourism through regional tourism organizations (MTCS)	Funding provided (multiple groups, ongoing)	Funding partnerships to promote cycling with RTOs 1, 2, 3, 7, 12, 9, 13 Assisted Ontario by Bike with travel shows, photo shoots, etc Partner in the Lake Huron North Channel Waterfront Trail. Progress on Ontario Place as destination along multi-use Waterfront Trail Support for Voyageur Cycling Route	Outlined in Minister's Working Group on Cycling presentation slides (Feb 2016)