



Region of Waterloo
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RE: Bill 212 Feedback

Dear Regional Council,

The Region of Waterloo's Active Transportation Advisory Committee is concerned with the proposed Bill 212 as the hard work of our committee members, Consultants and Municipal Staff, would be wasted by the removal of bike lanes.

We feel that the reversal of these thoughtful, fact-based decision-making actions are completely unnecessary and undermine all the principles of Active Transportation. These feelings are shared by individuals that serve on the local city advisory committees.

Here are the most important pieces of feedback from our members on the proposed legislation:

- 1) Decreased safety to Active Transportation Users;
- 2) Increased congestion by putting more cars on the roads;
- 3) More cars lead to more roads to more maintenance and ultimately more cost;
- 4) More Active Transportation leads to Healthier taxpayers and reduced Healthcare costs; and
- 5) Finally, we feel that this is not a province-wide issue. The selection of streets for cycling facilities is evaluated separately for every project based on the feedback received from the Community and Council.

Sincerely,

Tim Osland
Chair, Active Transportation Committee
Region of Waterloo