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**Re: 2022 Transportation Master Plan: Guelph Moving Forward**

Metrolinx is committed to work with the City of Guelph and municipalities across the Greater Golden Horseshoe to advance coordination, planning, and implementation of an integrated transit network that supports a high quality of life, a sustainable environment, and a strong, prosperous, and competitive economy. As part of the GO Expansion program, Metrolinx has been advancing works on the Kitchener corridor to increase service frequency, reliability, and customer convenience.

Metrolinx has reviewed the publicly available documentation on the 2022 Transportation Master Plan: Guelph Moving Forward. Overall, we support the City's plans to ensure that Guelph Central GO station is well connected via local transit, walking, and cycling. Enhancements to these sustainable connections will be essential to supporting ridership growth at Guelph Central GO as two-way all-day service is advanced and delivered on the Kitchener corridor.

Metrolinx's Station Access Plan Update, which is currently under the final stages of review, will identify customer access needs at GO stations across our existing and future network. At Guelph Central station, active transportation connections have been identified as a key priority given its downtown location and the significant projected increase in walking and cycling access to this station by 2041 (approximately a third of the access mode share). Metrolinx is planning for additional bicycle parking at the station to support this increase in mode share.

Metrolinx also recognizes that an essential part of encouraging active transportation access to the station is an increase in connectivity to the broader pedestrian and cycling network. To this end, Metrolinx supports the City of Guelph's Transportation Master Plan and Downtown Secondary Plan's mobility objectives that support easy access to the station for cyclists and pedestrians from all main directions. Metrolinx broadly encourages improvements to direct pedestrian paths to stations, including associated wayfinding, and new/and or improved cycling infrastructure adjacent stations. In the vicinity of Guelph Central Station, we would like to encourage the consideration of the specific station access improvements outlined in the attachment to this letter (**Appendix 1**).



We look forward to continuing to engage and collaboratively work with the City of Guelph as the 2022 Transportation Master Plan is finalized and as our Station Access Plan Update advances towards completion. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Mathieu Goetzke  
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## Appendix 1 - Active Transportation Connections to Guelph Central GO (draft)

The following off-site improvements are expected to be identified as priorities through the Station Access Plan Update.

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| Walking | Encourage the City of Guelph to explore the development of a more direct pedestrian connection to the station platform from the intersection of Macdonell St. and Woolwich St.  |
|         | Encourage the City of Guelph to consider improvements to way-finding and signage along Macdonell St. to improve pedestrian and cycling connectivity across Speed River.   |
| Cycling | Encourage the City of Guelph to enhance cycling infrastructure along Macdonell St. from the GO station to John Galt Park and the connection to the Royal Recreational Trail.  |
|         | Encourage the City of Guelph to prioritize implementation of planned cycling infrastructure along Paisley St. and Quebec St. from Silver Creek Parkway to the west to Wyndham St. to the east, and south along Wyndham St. to the station site. |
|         | Encourage the City of Guelph to prioritize implementation of a planned cycling connection across Speed River to the north east of the GO station.   |
|         | Encourage the City of Guelph to prioritize implementation of planned cycling infrastructure along McDonnell St. from Wyndham St. to the west to Arthur St. to the east and north along Arthur St. and Delhi St. to Speedvale Ave. to the north. |