

Dear councillors,

Please continue to support the Emma Earl bridge.

It is needed even more now than when the idea of having a bridge was introduced in 2015, and approved by council in 2016 as an alternative to bike lanes on Speedvale Ave.

Since then, there has been a greater financial squeeze on those trying to make ends meet, with higher gas prices and rents and mortgages.

The Emma Earl bridge brings greater fiscal and physical health to those who choose to commute on foot or by bike.

This bridge will connect people all the way from the spur line trail near Exhibition park to the east end, to the commercial malls on Speedvale Ave and Eramosa Road. The steep hills on Norwich and Eramosa make the other crossings very difficult. It also connects those going from east to the employment lands on Woodlawn.

It's also great for those working and playing downtown to get to and from their homes and their commercial areas.

We want to encourage healthy lifestyles and giving people a choice by having safe alternatives to get out of their cars if they want to.

This bridge is one more piece of great pedestrian/cycling infrastructure that will help Guelph achieve its goals of a safe, comfortable and connected cycling network.

Thank you

Yvette Tendick