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Emma Street Bridge

Dear Council members;

I live in the neighbourhood of Riverside Park and I am fortunate to have a primary trail along the Speed River which I use almost daily to bike into our downtown. The number of people using this part of the trail system (Victoria Road - Downtown Guelph), both walking and cycling, is phenomenal.

When biking west to Exhibition Park and the Junction neighbourhood I often connect with the Spur line trail. However, when I want to travel east, I always take my car as Speedvale Ave is not a safe option for a cyclist.

A pedestrian bridge over the Speed River connecting Emma and Earl Steets will not only enhance these two neighbourhoods, it will add a safe option for people choosing non-automobile transportation. It will complement an already well-used trail system in this part of Guelph. Building this bridge is supporting healthy options to our urban transportation.

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