

Hello,

I would like to offer my feedback on the proposed underpass at the train crossing on Edinburgh Road. As a local resident I am well aware of the traffic interruptions from the train crossing. In fact, my street often sees vehicles bypassing the train crossing and flowing down our street. However, since the increased train speed in December 2021, I've also noticed the duration of these crossings reduced, and the stopping time is minimal (about 1-2 minutes).

More frequently, the greater disruption to traffic has been the loading of cargo trains from CN at Edinburgh just south of Paisley. This procedure will go on for 10 minutes or longer, stopping traffic in all directions from Edinburgh and Paisley Road. In this situation, motorists are wise to avoid the intersection and find another way around. While I understand that the CN crossing at Edinburgh and Paisley are outside the scope of the current rail crossing study, I cannot fathom how the City of Guelph can justify the enormous cost to this study when it will not result in any overall improvement of traffic flow through Edinburgh.

I do not see the need for an underpass at Edinburgh Road, but I can envision many downsides to this development. It would disconnect the community east and west of Edinburgh, rendering it uncrossable for pedestrians/cyclists and motorists. The fact that it borders a greenspace (Sunny Acres Park) will affect the accessibility of the park and reduce its footprint, something that I believe goes against the City of Guelph's values. But most of all, it will not serve to solve any problem - there is still the matter of the CN trains loading onto Edinburgh Road.

Please reconsider options for a level rail crossing before taking on this awful idea of an underpass any further.

Thank you for your attention,

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