

Guelph Residents for a Safe Speedvale Avenue



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Dear Council:

The Residents for a Safe Speedvale Avenue requests that City Council remove the Emma-Earl Bridge from the 2023 budget and 10-year capital plan. Instead, install a Speedvale Safe Crosswalk Zone so (1) the Speed River is protected; (2) cyclists/peds can safely get to where they actually want to go; and (3) save at least \$3 million for other active transportation priorities. Alternatively, the funds can be saved to meet Mayor Cam Guthrie's goals of dealing with city debt and being *"fiscally responsible not just during the response to COVID-19, but to the recovery after COVID-19 and it's going to take some time... There would be critical decisions that need to be made from both an operating, or a service delivery point of view, and a capital point of view."*¹

Sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.guelphtoday.com/local-news/city-has-to-buckle-down-to-maintain-affordability-as-it-starts-2021-budget-process-says-mayor-2556089>

