

# Advisory Committee of Council Staff Report



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To	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Date	Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Subject	<b>Protected Intersection at College and Gordon</b>

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## Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend proceeding with the protected intersection at College Ave and Gordon Street, following the design principles of the intersection at College Ave and Edinburgh Road, with minor adjustments as needed and with considerations of the committee's recommendations.

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## Executive Summary

### Purpose of Report

To seek the support of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the implementation of a protected intersection at College Avenue and Gordon Street, following the design principles of the recently reconstructed intersection at College Avenue and Edinburgh Road. This initiative is part of the Guelph Cycling Network Study, which aims to enhance cycling infrastructure and improve safety for all road users.

### Key Findings

1. The protected intersection at College Avenue and Edinburgh Road is performing as intended, providing increased safety and accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-driving road users.
2. Implementing a similar design at College Avenue and Gordon Street will extend these benefits to another critical intersection, further promoting safe and accessible transportation options in Guelph.

### Strategic Plan Alignment

This report aligns with the City Building pillar of the Strategic Plan, specifically section 8.1 "Improve movement across the city by implementing the Transportation Master Plan".

### Financial Implications

None

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## Report

The Guelph Cycling Network Study directs City staff to build protected cycling infrastructure on College Avenue, from Dundas Lane to Janefield Avenue. At street intersections all who walk, cycle, and using other modes than driving a vehicle are

the most vulnerable, and as such, intersection design requires special consideration.

## **Background**

The intersection at College Avenue and Edinburgh Road has recently been re-built as a protected intersection. This design has proven effective in enhancing safety and accessibility for all road users. This year, the intersection at College Avenue and Gordon Street is scheduled for reconstruction and will follow a similar design.

## **Discussion**

Staff are seeking the support of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to implement the same design principles at College Ave and Gordon Street as those used at College Ave and Edinburgh Road. The new intersection will follow the same design principles, with minor adjustments based on factors such as roadway geometry, future planned infrastructure, and constructability.

## **Conclusion**

The protected intersection at College Avenue and Edinburgh Road is performing as intended, and implementing a similar design at College Avenue and Gordon Street will benefit all road users in Guelph. The support of the Accessibility Advisory Committee is crucial for the successful implementation of this project.

## **Financial Implications**

None associated with this report

## **Attachments**

Protected Intersection at College and Gordon PowerPoint

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