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# MEMO

**To:** Cycling Advisory Committee

**From:** Doug MacRae, P.Eng.  
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**Date:** December 6, 2016

**Re:** **MTO Province-wide Cycling Network Study**

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The Ministry of Transportation (MTO), with MMM/WSP are undertaking a Province-wide Cycling Network Study. Materials were recently provided for comment.

The consultant has uploaded network concept mapping (route options and alternatives that could form part of the province-wide cycling network (priority routes) or link up to the province-wide cycling network (secondary routes)) for each of the MTO Regions. They can be accessed using the following link:

[MTO Cycling Network Study Dropbox](#)

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I have attached a snapshot of the preliminary routes for the London area.

A recent workshop presentation is also attached that provides an overview of the study.

The consultant has identified a comment deadline on the current materials of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 but has also expressed some leniency. The consultant has requested input regarding:

1. **Route Alignment:** focusing on the priority and secondary routes, provide comments on the location of the potential routes, whether what is being identified makes sense or if there are other alternatives that should be considered.
2. **Potential Level of Separation for Facility types:** identification of a potential level of separation for a cycling facility type based on the hierarchy of options identified in Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18:
  - a. **Shared Facilities:** On roads with low operating speed and low traffic volumes where the cyclists and motorist share the same space e.g. signed bicycle routes
  - b. **Designated Facilities:** on roads with sufficient space and a higher operating speed and traffic volume where cyclists require a specific space to ride e.g. bike lanes

- c. **Separated Facilities:** on roads with a high operating speed and traffic volume where a physical separation is needed between the cyclists and motorist e.g. off-road trail or buffered bicycle lane or paved shoulder
- 3. **Destinations:** cycling destination such as bicycle friendly businesses or tourism attractors
- 4. **Barriers:** physical barriers which prevent or deter implementation of cycling facilities or the activity of cycling

Regards,

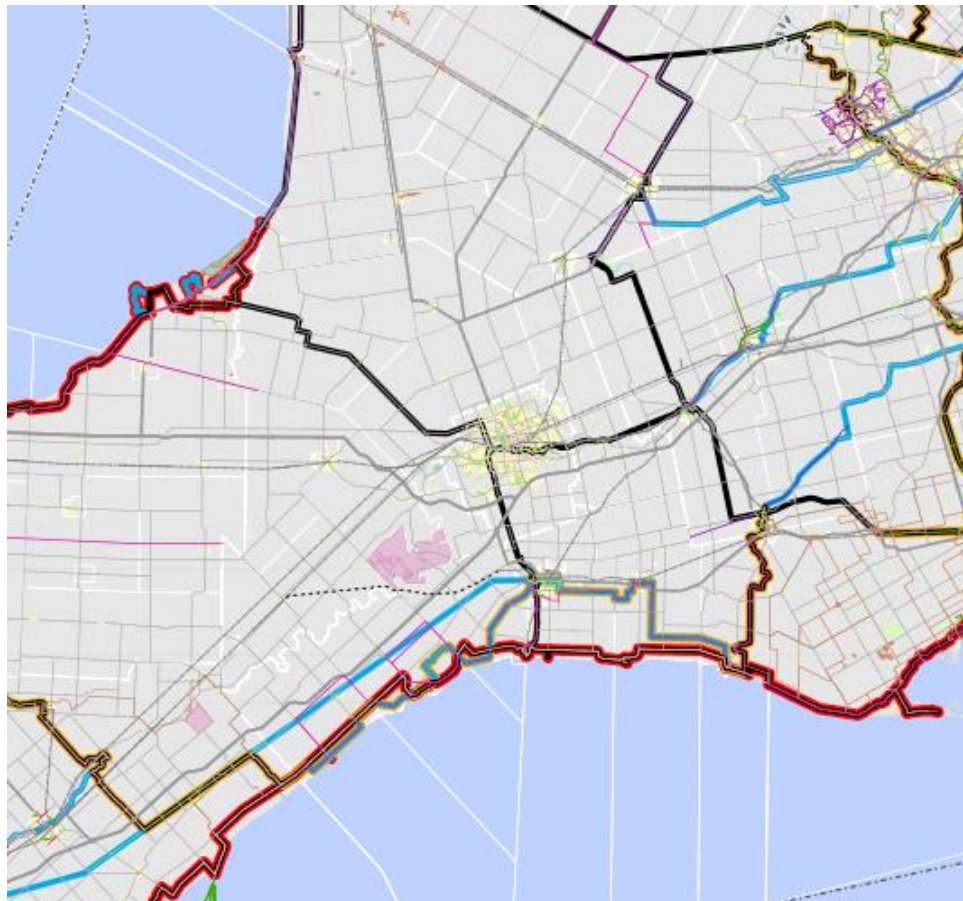
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c: Jay Stanford, Jeff Bruin

Appendix A: MTO Workshop Presentation attached separately

**Figure 1**

**Proposed West Region Network Snapshot**




**PROVINCE-WIDE CYCLING  
NETWORK CONCEPT OPTIONS  
LONDON**


**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION**


**CYCLING NETWORK CONCEPT**


 Priority Cycling Network Concept Options

**OTHER CYCLING ROUTES**

 Secondary Cycling Network Concept Options


 Priority Routes Suggested on Survey


 Secondary Routes Suggested on Survey

 Ontario Trail Network

**EXISTING REGIONAL CYCLING ROUTES**

 Waterfront Trail

 Trans Canada Trail

 Greenbelt Cycling Route

**Figure 2**

**Proposed London Area Network Snapshot**

