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Resolution

Moved By:	Date: May 9, 2013
Seconded By:	Item Number 8a

Whereas, due to the inherent benefits of paved shoulders, the Region of Peel Active Transportation Plan recommends the implementation of paved shoulders on all rural Regional roads, where feasible;

And whereas, the benefits of paving shoulders include erosion control; extending the pavement service life; reducing run-off-the road collisions; serving as refuge for disabled vehicles; accommodating emergency and over-sized farming vehicles; and, providing cyclists with space outside the general purpose travel lane;

And whereas, the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario report and the Ontario Draft Cycling Strategy, identified the need for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to conduct a review and revision of the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) to ensure consistency with respect to cycling and cyclists, including to permit cycling on paved shoulders;

And whereas, the HTA currently defines a bicycle as a vehicle and as such, cyclists must comply with the rules of the road in the same manner as a motorist;

And whereas, the MTO has initiated a consultation on proposed amendments to the HTA aimed at improving cycling safety which includes legislative and regulatory changes regarding cycling on paved shoulders;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Minister of Transportation Ontario be requested to amend the HTA to explicitly allow cyclists to ride on the paved shoulder provided on roads and highways as-of-right (unless bicycles are prohibited by regulation), and add a definition of "shoulder" in the HTA;

And further, that the Region of Peel continue to work collaboratively with the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton, and the Town of Caledon to implement the recommendations in the Region's Active Transportation Plan which include providing paved shoulders, where appropriate, to improve the safety of all road users;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Mississauga, City of Brampton, Town of Caledon, and MTO.

CARRIED

Chair