

**Mission**

Our mission is to make bicycling, walking and wheeling so safe, convenient and fun that people choose clean, active modes of travel and recreation.

Recommendations

- Use a “complete streets” approach to guide the development and redevelopment of Parry Sound area roads.
- Apply the 8-80 Rule when considering new developments.
- Avoid painted bike lanes and sharrows/shared lanes on arterial roads. Instead, develop cycling facilities that physically separate cyclists from motorists.
- On arterial roads where cyclists will not be physically separated from traffic, use additional measures to increase visibility of separation and decrease speed of traffic, such as traffic calming measures, flexible bollards and buffer zones.
- Discourage cycling on sidewalks, except for young children.
- Reduce speed limits to 30 km/hr in school zones (Parry Sound Public School, Parry Sound High School, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School, New Horizons Montessori School).

Complete Streets

Any road development gives consideration to enhanced safety for all road users.

8-80 Rule

Cycling should not just be for the young and athletic, but safe and attractive to a diversity of ages.

Bike Network

“...bike lanes and bike path networks should be safe and seamless enough for parents to feel comfortable permitting their children to ride on them.”
(Ontario Medical Association)

Rationale

High quality cycling facilities increase cycling mode share

The Ontario Traffic Manual divides existing and potential cyclists into the following categories:

- 1% → strong and fearless
- 7% → confident
- 60% → interested but concerned**
- 32% → no way no how

Facilities that are designed to provide cyclists with safe, convenient and pleasant transportation options hold the greatest opportunity to attract new cyclists. To be relevant for **interested but concerned** cyclists, facilities must:

- ✓ be safe for all (“8 to 80” rule)
- ✓ be perceived as safe
- ✓ provide a convenient route to common destinations (workplaces, schools, businesses and services)
- ✓ promote cycling as a legitimate mode of transportation

References

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