

Multiple Users on the Highway Network



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Overview of MTO's Road Users

- Bicycles
 - Municipal Cycling Incentives
 - Province Wide Cycling Network

- MTO Horse Drawn Carriages & Snow Plow Guidelines
 - Horse Drawn Carriage Operations
 - Winter Maintenance Equipment Around Horse Drawn Carriages
 - Horse Drawn Carriage Operators

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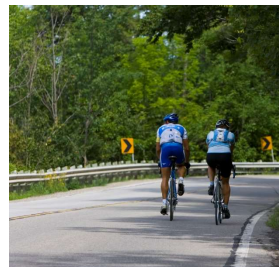
Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program (OMCC)

- The Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program (OMCC) is a multi-year program with \$42.5 million available in the first year.
- OMCC funding will cover up to 80% of costs associated with implementation of eligible commuter cycling projects:
 - New commuter cycling infrastructure
 - Enhancements to existing cycling infrastructure to better support commuting cyclists
 - New cycling plans
- All municipalities were invited to apply for OMCC funding. The province received about 116 submissions for funding during the 2017 application window.
- The tentative deadline for 2018 applications is April 30, 2018.

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Province-Wide Cycling Network

- The Ministry of Transportation is working to identify a long-term aspirational network of cycling routes across Ontario .
- The draft province-wide cycling network was posted on the Environmental Registry for public comment from April 12 to May 26, 2017.
 - Revisions are underway based on comments received.
 - MTO expects to publish the final network later in 2017.
- Identification of the network represents the first step in a long-term plan.
 - Next step will be to develop an implementation strategy for the network in consultation with stakeholders.



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Horse Drawn Carriage Operations

- Slow moving
- Tend to travel on the right hand side of the road or shoulder when possible
- Horses typically wear blinders restricting their vision
- Horses are easily startled
- Horses are flight oriented and may dart to the ditch or onto the road
- Horses have difficulty with curbs which can cause them to fall and sustain injuries



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Winter Maintenance Equipment Around Horse Drawn Carriages

- Do not make sudden motions
- Do not use the horn
- When approaching
 - Slow or gear down without heavy breaking or use of engine brakes
- When approaching from head on
 - Slow down and stay to the Right
- When approaching from behind
 - Stay well back until they are able to pull off the road safely and the snowplow can pass safely
 - Continue plowing and spreading



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Horse Drawn Carriage Operators

- Always err on the side of caution
- Winter Maintenance Equipment
 - Large, heavy vehicles travelling in extreme winter conditions
 - Can't change speed or direction quickly
 - Create flying snow reducing visibility
- Pull off the road as soon as possible to let the maintenance vehicle pass
- Be seen
 - Head lights
 - Tail lights
 - Reflective tape



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