

County Wide Active Transportation System (CWATS)

Town of Essex Annual Report to Council



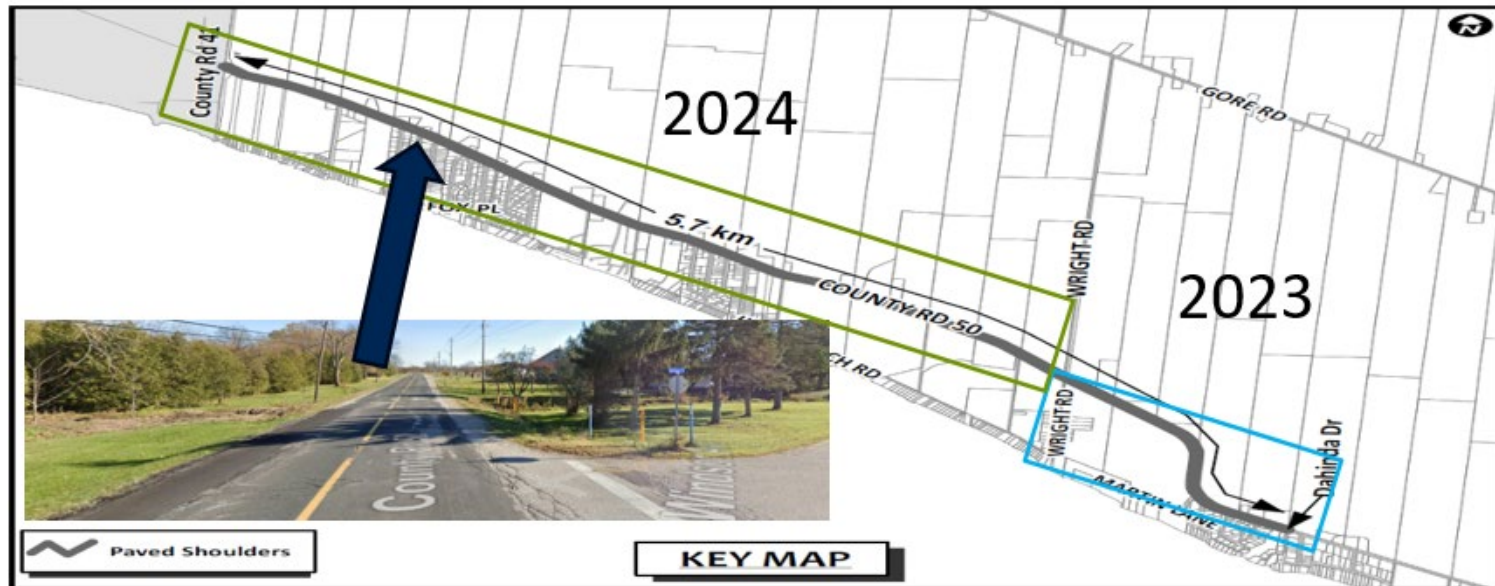
CWATS Committee Members:
David McBeth

June 15, 2026

2025 Completed Projects

County Road 50 West: 6km Paved Shoulders

- 2023: 2km from Dahinda Drive to Wright Road
- 2024: Remaining 4km between Wright Road to County Road 41
- 2025: Benches and signage
- \$2.2 million ATF Grant covered the Town's full cost of the project



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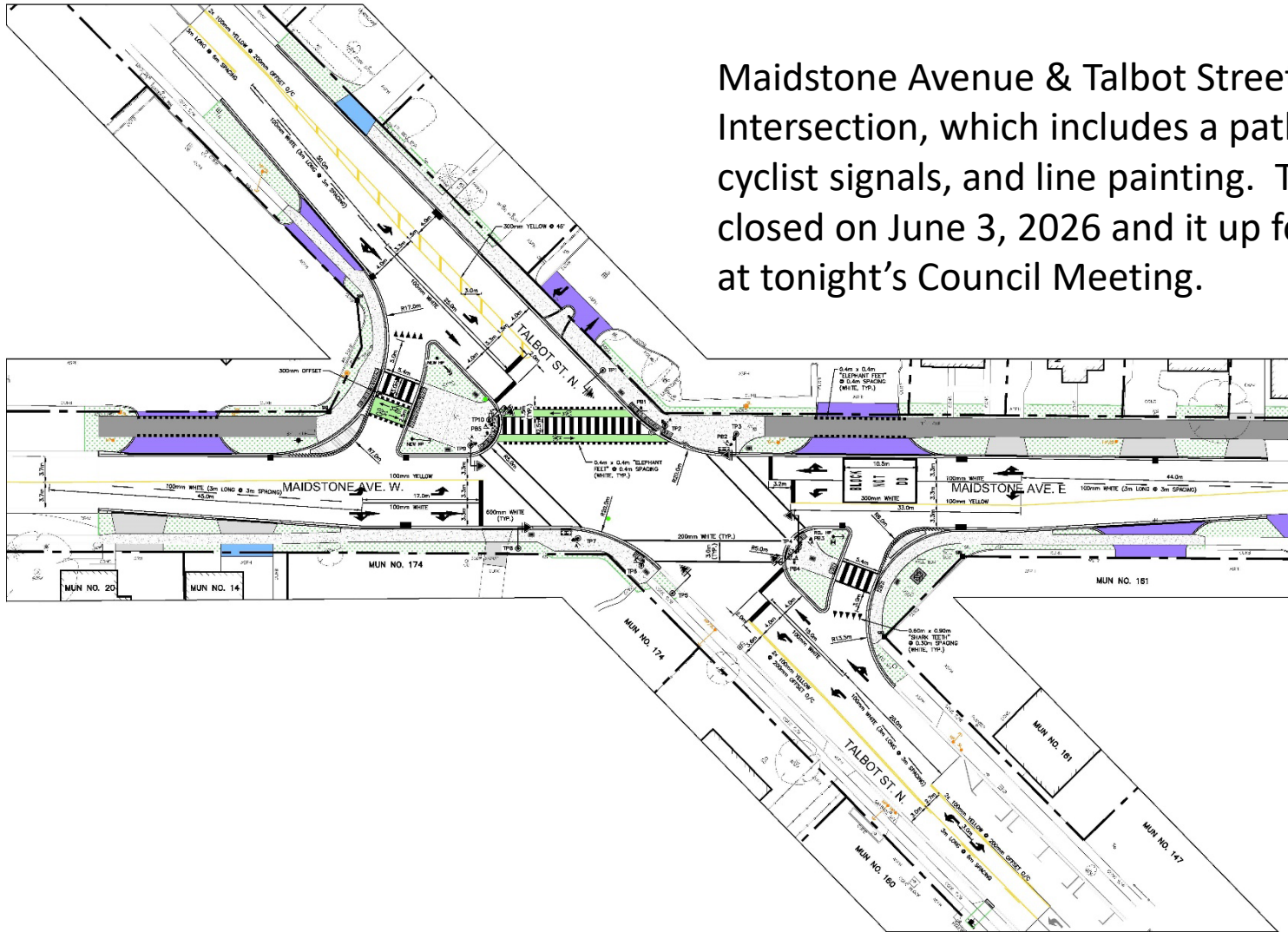
Municipal Partnership Program (MPP) Initiatives

- Bike Rodeo
- Bike Safety Day Camp
- Community Bike Safety Pop-ups
- Bike Helmet Program
- Bike Repairs & Equipment
- Community Glow Ride
- Can-Bike with Confidence Staff Training



2026 Current Projects

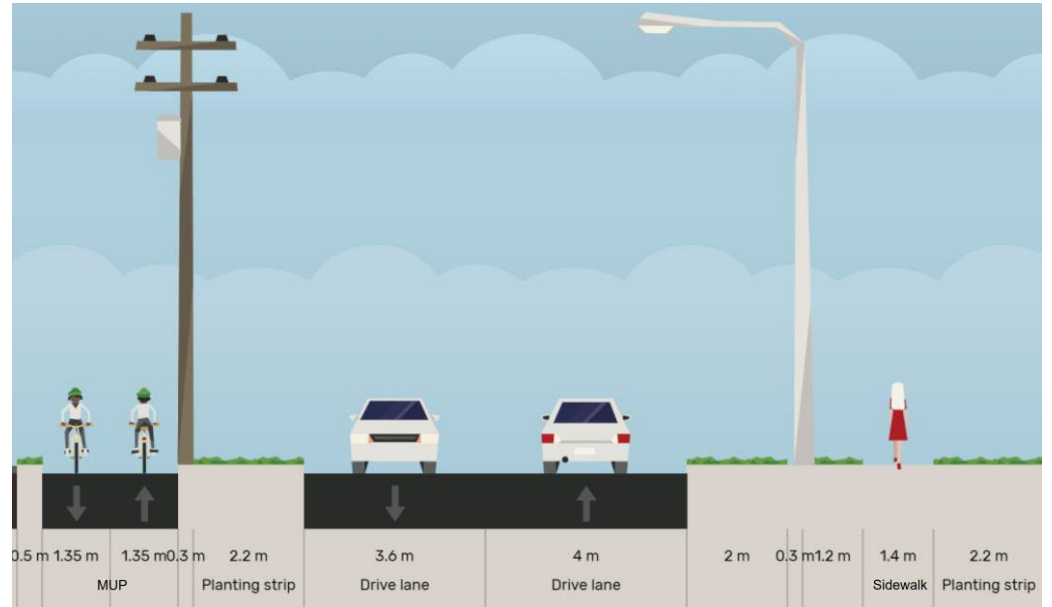
Maidstone Avenue & Talbot Street North Intersection, which includes a pathway, cyclist signals, and line painting. Tender closed on June 3, 2026 and it up for award at tonight's Council Meeting.



2026 Current Projects

Engineering Design:

- Multi-use pathway detail design on Maidstone Avenue from Allen Avenue to Talbot Street North as part of the storm sewer design, currently underway by Stantec Consulting. Currently scheduled for construction in 2027 in the 5-Year Capital Plan.
- Multi-use pathway detail design on Maidstone Avenue from South Talbot Road to Allen Avenue currently underway by RC Spencer Associates. Currently scheduled for construction in 2029 in the 5-Year Capital Plan.



Great Waterfront Trail Adventure



Strengths of the 2026 Route

- Showcasing a signed binational trail network
- 628 km of cycling options
- Daily distances of 20 to 97km
- Two overnight locations – Windsor, Leamington
- 5 days of riding
- Lots of accommodation in overnight communities
- Opportunities to do more off-bike activities
- Flat terrain
- Wineries, beaches, culinary scene
- Loops and choose your experience

2026 Completed & Planned Projects

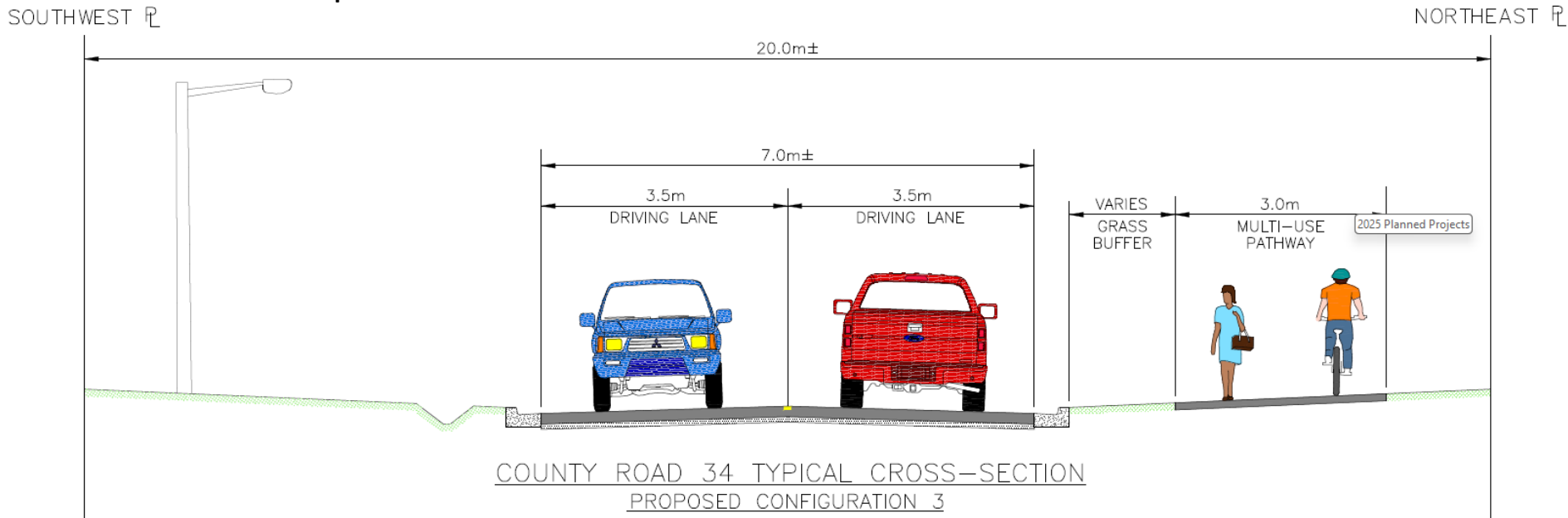
- Binational Trail Program & Cycling Network Signage – completed
- Glo-Ride – May 29th - completed
- Municipal Partnership Program (MPP) Initiatives



2027 Planned Projects

Pending 2027 Budget Deliberations and based on the approved 5-year Capital Plan:

- Detailed design for either a CWATS multi-use pathway or paved shoulder on Talbot Street South from Gosfield Townline to the eastern Town limits. This work would be done in conjunction with a watermain design currently underway and scheduled for construction in 2028 based on the current 5-Year Capital Plan.



CWATS Updates – Maintenance & Ownership

| Facility Type | Ownership | Maintenance | Replacement |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| On-Street Infrastructure (e.g., Bike Lane / Paved Shoulder) - On a County Road in a Rural or Urban Area | County | County | County |
| Separated Infrastructure (e.g., Multi-Use Path / Separated Bike Lane) - On a County Road in a Rural or Urban Area | County | LMP | County |
| Active Transportation Infrastructure – On a County Connecting Link (CCL) | LMP | LMP | LMP |
| Active Transportation Infrastructure - On a LMP Road or land owned by LMPs | LMP | LMP | LMP |
| Sidewalks – On a County Road or LMP Road | LMP | LMP | LMP |
| Multi-Use Trails – Owned by ERCA | ERCA | ERCA | ERCA |