

Hello,

Please note the following response to Speak to City Council has been submitted at Thursday April 25th 2024 1:34 PM with reference number 2024-04-25-008.

- **What would you like to speak to Council about:**  
2025 Active Transportation budget
- **Is this an item scheduled on a current agenda?:**  
No
- **Provide as much information as you can about the matter you would like to speak to:**  
In the 2023 budget the Vickers to Carrick Multi-use cycling pedestrian bridge to be designed in 2023 and built in 2024.  
In the 2024 budget the bridge was deferred to 2026 and was not designed in 2023.  
The bridge has been identified as needed infrastructure many years ago and was officially proposed in 2018.  
Since then the cycling community has been coming at least yearly to council to demonstrate the health, safety, climate change and social justice benefits of active transportation.  
<https://www.tbte.ca/carrick-vickers-bridge/>  
The requirement for the Vickers Carrick bridge is documented in the city's 2019 Transportation Master plan and the Active Transportation Master Plan  
<https://www.thunderbay.ca/en/city-hall/transportation-master-plan.aspx>
- **Provide specific actions you would like Council to take:**  
We will be presenting during the month of the Thunder Bay district Health Unit's Commuter Challenge to identify that priorities always seem to be the case when it comes to major active transportation projects like the Vickers Carrick Bridge that is the missing link for Fort to Port Express Cycling route and the Ultimate Cycling network.  
The Fort to Port Express Cycling route was identified as a priority in the Transportation Master Plan.  
What year will it be a real priority and not deferred to yet another year?  
What year will the bridge a priority over multiuse trails that will not be used by people daily to allow them to safely commute to their workplaces, attend entertainment venues shopping and restaurants without the need for motor vehicles thereby lowering their carbon footprint and improving their health and safety?  
We ask Council to direct administration to include and prioritize the Vickers Carrick Bridge during this years budget planning, include it in the 2025 budget so the bridge will be built during this term of council.  
We ask Council and administration to prioritize and complete the active transportation commuter routes on the Master Plan before spending money and resources on other multi use recreation trails such as the waterfront trail.

- **Have you already been in contact with City staff in regards to the subject matter of your deputation request?**  
No
- **Please select the date of the meeting:**  
Committee of the Whole - Monday, June 3 2024
- **Please choose**  
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JustBikeTbay and The Memorial Link
- **Please note the names of the presenters that will be attending with you:**  
Suzanne Siska
- **Please indicate how you intend to participate in the meeting.**  
In Person