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I'm writing in support of re-opening the middlebrook bridge to cyclists and hikers.

As an avid cyclist, I'm well aware of the dangers presented by riding my bike on busy roads. This month two cyclists that I know were admitted to hospital with serious injuries after being struck by cars. Distracted driving is rampant and the incidences of cyclists being struck by cars is at an all time high.

The middlebrook bridge provides a safe and quiet route away from cars. I used to ride that road regularly; pre-pandemic I would use that route as a way to Elora with a group of 4-6 people, we would stop for lunch in Elora usually at the ELORA Brewing company. Last summer when patio's were allowed to open we made the trip twice. I Haven't made the trip this year because the bridge has been closed.

Clearly the economic impact of our group is small, however I'm aware of economic impact studies that show the value of cyclists and hikers to the communities that that they ride and hike in. I don't have at hand any of the studies myself but I'm aware that they will be presented by other individuals concerned with the closing of this bridge.

Regards,

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