

Background:

The County of Brant initiated a Class Environmental Assessment in August 2017 to plan road improvements for Grand River Street North (in Paris) from Watts Pond Road to William Street. These improvements will address traffic, multi-modal transportation and safety concerns associated with increased traffic demand and population growth related to development in Paris.

Strategy:

The study was carried out in consultation with staff from the County of Brant, external agencies, property owners and the public. The plan recommends changes to Grand River Street North for driving, parking and pedestrian use.

The Grand River Street North Road recommendations include:

- Provision of a 4-lane cross section
- Roundabouts at applicable intersections to improve traffic flow and safety
- A new road within the right-of-way of the old railway corridor
- A new traffic signal at the intersection with Banfield Street
- A left-turn only lane and through lane at William Street/Grand River Street North Intersection, extending the existing left-turn lane, to improve traffic flow
- Long-term property protection for the extension of St. Patrick Street to St. George Street

Pedestrian Recommendations include:

- North of Silver Street, widening the right-of-way, improving safety and separation of vehicles to include 1 metre boulevards, 2 metre sidewalks and 3 metre multi-use path for cyclists and pedestrians where applicable
- Creating a new trail along the former railway corridor.

Parking Recommendations:

- Modify angled parking to parallel parking on Grand River Street North, north of William Street
- Removal of parallel parking on the west side of Grand River Street North
- Addition of parking along Kings Ward Park
- Addition of parking north of William Street on the east side of Grand River Street North
- Removing the connection between Woodslee Avenue and Grand River Street North and adding a parallel street to connect Woodslee Avenue with Hartley Avenue
- Cul-de-sac at the end of existing Paris Links Road to prevent increased vehicle traffic from cutting through the existing neighbourhood

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Timeline and Implementation:

Parking modifications were started in 2021.

Implementation of the work on Grand River Street North will begin with phases of 3 to 4 years. The first phase is scheduled to take place in 2023.

For more information regarding the Grand River Street North Corridor Environmental Assessment and Plan and to review the full report, please visit www.Brant.ca/Plans.