

Greater Niagara Circle Route

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Safety

- Swing gates
 - Cross 2/3 of the trail
 - They leave minimal space for passing
 - They are dark in colour
 - Collisions and injuries have occurred due to cyclists hitting gates



Safety cont'd

- Posts
 - In the middle of the trail
 - Several different types (round/cement, wooden/square), with no visible markings
 - Difficult to see, especially when cyclist are wearing eye protection



Safety cont'd (2)

Hazard

- Port Colborne bridge near the flour mill
 - Has two different types of barriers
 - Major dip at the end of the bridge
- Between St. Catharines and Port Colborne
 - No standardization of barrier types
 - Concern with rationale that barriers are to keep motorized vehicles off the trail
 - Suggestion of law enforcement to deal with motorized vehicles operators

Maintenance

- Washouts; parts of the trail have disappeared
- City works cut grass and leave clippings on the trail
- Constant concern with ATVs throwing gravel on the trail
- Numerous cracks in the trail surface between Lock 1 and Homer Bridge



Maintenance cont'd

- Pavement has heaved from frost in Thorold near E.S. Fox
- Potholes throughout the trail
- 5 ft pipe exposed where post was removed



Wayfinding & Tourism

- Signage is required. Tourists express difficulty navigating many sections of the trail.
- Directions to attractions such as restaurants, cycling shops and shopping would be helpful.



Wayfinding & Tourism cont'd

- Tourist experience is diminished by sections covered in debris
- Trail appears to end in downtown Welland with no indication of how to continue
- Transition to the Friendship Trail in Port Colborne is problematic



Wayfinding & Tourism cont'd

- Lack of direction is problematic when emergency medical services are needed
- Tourists are not able to identify what municipality they are in due to lack of signage
- Colour coding trail/markings to differentiate municipalities

Accessibility

- Barriers prevent access for persons using mobility scooters, hand-powered, tandem bicycles and tricycles
- Barriers limit many older adults and individuals with mobility issues from using the trail
- Parents pushing strollers experience the same difficulties



Thank-you
Questions?