

Class EA Requirement

This study is following the approved environmental planning process for Master Plans under the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000, as amended in 2007)* (Class EA). The intent of the Master Plan is to investigate how to better connect cycling systems together in a regional-scale network, improve connections to transit nodes and encourage cycling use within the City of Hamilton.

This process will meet Phases 1 and 2 of the Class EA planning process that includes:

- Phase 1 - Identify the problems or opportunities
- Phase 2 - Identify alternative solutions to address the problem and establish the preferred solution taking into account public and review agency input

Under the Class EA there are four project schedules, with each schedule having different requirements to fulfill the environmental planning process. This Master Plan is intended:

- to fulfill the Class EA requirements for any Schedule A, A+ and B Projects that are identified
- to outline additional work that will be required for any Schedule C Projects that are identified

Upon completion of this study, a Master Plan report will be completed and filed for public review.

Following that, individual studies for the identified Schedule C Projects can commence.