CYCLING STRATEGY
ANNUAL REPORT

Transportation Report to SPC on Transportation and Transit
2014 December 17
Previous Council Direction

• January 13, 2014 (report TT2013-0792)

1. To receive this update for information; and

2. Direct Administration to return to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit by April 2014 with a recommended Centre City Cycle Track Network.
Previous Council Direction

• Supporting Council Approved Policies Regarding Bicycling

  – 2000 Pathway and Bikeway Plan
  – 2007 Sustainability Principles
  – 2008 Bicycle Policy and Needs Report
  – 2009 Calgary Transportation Plan
  – 2011 Cycling Strategy
  – 2014 Complete Streets
Cycling Strategy Background

To make Calgary into a bicycle friendly community

• Plan, design and build more on-street bikeways
• Maintain bikeways
• Educate and promote cycling
Cycling Strategy Background

- Build off of great pathway network
- Provides dedicated funding
- Provides 3 new staff within Transportation Dept

Bicycle Commuting by Major City, 2011 Statistics Canada
2014

CYCLING STRATEGY UPDATE
2014
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- 46 of 50 actions underway
  - Update Pathway & Bikeway Plan
  - Build bikeways to remove missing links
  - Improve routes to WLRT stations
  - Improve bicycle detection at traffic signals
  - Install more bike parking
  - Improve SNIC
  - Install automated counters
  - Develop education program
  - Proclaim June as Bike Month
  - Report yearly to Council
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- Council approval of Centre City Cycle Track Network pilot
- Open next summer
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- 36 km of new bikeway since 2011
  - 35 km outside Centre City
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

• Sunmills Dr SE
  – Community Traffic Project
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- Sunmills Dr SE

Travel tips for Sunmills Drive S.E.

**General tips**

- **For cyclists:**
  - Use caution when passing parked vehicles, and be aware of opening car doors.
  - Use hand signals to indicate turns and stops.
  - Cyclists may need to exit the bike lane to avoid debris or when preparing for a turn.
  - Yield to pedestrians in marked or unmarked crosswalks.
  - Consider taking a cycling skills class to improve your confidence.

- **For motorists:**
  - Marked bike lanes are restricted to bicycle use only. You may cross a bike lane to make a right turn at an intersection, driveway, or to access a parking lane.
  - Do not drive or park in a bike lane; never use a bike lane to pass another vehicle.
  - When passing, check for cyclists before you open your car door.
  - When pulling away from the curb or leaving your driveway, check and yield to cyclists who may be in the bike lanes.
  - Cyclists may need to exit the bike lane to avoid debris or to prepare for a turn.
  - Obey the speed limit; speeding reduces your reaction time.

- **For motorists:**
  - Motorists may cross a bike lane at an intersection, or to a driveway or parking lane, yield to any cyclist in the bike lane (as you would any car in an adjacent lane).

- **For cyclists:**
  - Ride in the same direction of traffic. Motorists coming from a side street are not expecting a cyclist in the wrong direction.

- **For pedestrians:**
  - When turning onto Sunmills Drive, stop and yield to all traffic, including cyclists and pedestrians.

- **For cyclists:**
  - Riding on the sidewalk is illegal unless cyclists are under the age of 14.
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- Brentwood Rd NW
  - Surface overlay opportunity
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

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Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- Neighborhood Greenways
  - New wayfinding
- 1A St SW
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

• Neighborhood Greenways
  – New wayfinding
  – Bike signals / Bike detection
• 2 St NW
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- Neighborhood Greenways
  - New wayfinding
  - Bike signals / Bike detection
- 40/42 St SW
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- Review and Improve
  - 10 St NW
- New signal and turn box
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- Downtown bike trips up 26% since 2011
Peace Bridge Automated Bike Counter

Activated April 24, 2014

- **318,000** = # of bicycles counted (through Dec 15)
- **43,800** = Monthly Average # of bicycles (May-Nov)
- **3,400** = Busiest day (July 1)
Peace Bridge Bike Counts By Week
Peace Bridge Bike Counts By Day (with Precipitation)
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- Centre City Bike Flow Maps
  - Released annually; data gaps being filled
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

10 St NW – busiest bike lane outside Centre City

Source: The City of Calgary. Numbers based on 6 hour weekday counts between May and September.
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- Education
  - Reached over 1,400 Calgarians over the year (16 events)
  - Created and distributed Cycling Skills Course Calendar
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- Education
  - Project ‘How-to’ guides
  - Share the Road
- Periodic courses
- Tips guide in development
Cycling Strategy 2014 Update

- Encouragement
  - Bike Month in June
  - Winterpalooza in February
Cycling Strategy 2013 Update

RECOMMENDATIONS
2014 Recommendations

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