Engagement process for a Cycling Strategy

Scoping Report for Cycling Strategy – Approved by Council June 2010
Purpose: Develop a comprehensive cycling strategy that identifies actions The City will take in the short, medium and long term in order to make Calgary a bicycle-friendly city for all – a city where cycling is a great option for transportation and recreation.
To be completed with a report by Parks on the safety review of the existing multi-use pathway system.
The two reports are linked: a comprehensive cycling strategy will include pathways as a key piece of infrastructure and a pathway safety review will include cyclists as one of their multiple user groups.

Cycling Strategy engagement
Utilizing the engage! Spectrum of Strategies and Promises, the project team engaged at the “Inform”, “Listen and Learn”, and “Consult” levels to identify barriers to cycling in Calgary and prioritize those barriers for The City to address.

Prioritize cycling barriers
All three inputs were used to identify the most important barriers to address.

City develops possible actions
Research and review best practices of other bike-friendly cities in North America and Europe. Meet internal stakeholders to explore ways to address the barriers that were identified by external stakeholders and develop a plan of short, medium and long term actions, in accordance with the Scoping Report. These new actions combine with current practices and projects underway to build a bike-friendly city. Development of a comprehensive cycling strategy aligns with the 2009 Municipal Development Plan and the Calgary Transportation Plan, and builds on the 2008 Bicycle Policy and the 2001 Pathway and Bikeway Plan.

Volunteer cycling committee review
City Planners shared the draft actions with the committee and answered questions from the committee. This met the criteria set out in the agreed Terms of Reference and fulfilled the engagement obligation of advising “how the consultation affected the decisions and outcomes”.

Report to Committee of Council in May 2011
The report to Standing Policy Committee on Land Use, Planning and Transportation is scheduled for May 18, 2011, in combination with the Parks report on the safety review of the existing multi-use pathway system.