



Saanich

A Roadmap to Cycling Success (2022- 2026)

Your guide to action for the next 4 years

We are at a pivotal time in our communities. We are struggling with skyrocketing fuel prices, rapidly increasing cost of living, a climate crisis, and roads plagued by injury.

We know that cycling can help with all these challenges — those on bikes save money while travelling, while reducing municipal costs to maintain roads.

The following is our list of tangible, achievable, affordable, and practical actions that we can work together to achieve over the next four years.

Top 3

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Every new bikeway is physically protected from automobiles

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Establish an annual Active Transportation fund for education and encouragement, independent from capital projects

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Develop and revise municipal bike parking facility requirements



1. Build a Network for All

Building out an All Ages and Abilities (AAA) bikeway network is the most important piece a municipal government can do in the near term — without safe places to ride, people simply will not bike.

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- A. Establish a long-term AAA network that includes all major roads and the busiest of residential streets
 - B. Construct a quick-build cycling network within the next 4 years with two aims:
 - a. Protected bike lanes on every major road in OCP-identified Villages or Centres and
 - b. An AAA bikeway to the front door of every school
 - C. Build high-quality bikeways that exceed the British Columbia Active Transportation Guide for All Ages and Abilities — avoiding dangerous paint-only bikeways
 - D. Work with neighbouring municipalities to identify gaps in the cycling network and connect them



2. Provide Safe Places to Park Bikes

When trips end, people need safe spaces to park bikes. Too often, bike parking is a forgotten afterthought. The massive popularity of e-bikes and cargo bikes has meant all existing parking bylaws in the region are now out of date and are inadequate. We will work with you to provide best-practices in Saanich.

- A. Establish modern municipal bike parking standards.
- B. Amend your parking bylaws to require high-quality bike parking:
 - a. Require all new developments to provide secure, long-term and short-term bike parking
 - b. All long-term bike parking should be protected from the elements and fully secure
 - c. Short-term parking should be covered in all new developments
 - d. Have charging for at least 50% of all long-term bike parking spots
 - e. Step-free, wide-door access to allow large ebike and cargo bike storage space
 - f. Showers and lockers for longer distance riders
- C. Install high quality, covered bike racks at all municipal facilities and parks
- D. Partner with school districts to construct bike shelters at local schools; replace obsolete bike racks
- E. Require large events to include bike valet as a condition of an event permit



3. Supporting Successful Behaviour Change

From kids in school, to people looking to retirement, to municipal employees, to newcomers, your municipality can play a vital role in encouraging cycling and making cycling safe, fun, and barrier-free transportation choice. Having an annual active transportation fund gives you the flexibility to pursue positive initiatives and build meaningful partnerships.

A. Policy and Legislation

- a. Support amendment to the MVA for a minimum 1m passing distance
- b. Establish a default 30 km/h on local roads
- c. Modify Traffic By-law to give active transportation users right-of-way at all Galloping Goose, E&N, and Lochside trail road crossings

B. Staff Programs

- a. Municipal leadership in Go By Bike Weeks: designated municipal lead with budget
- b. Invest in a municipal e-bike fleet available to all municipal staff
- c. Offer interest free e-bike loans for staff



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C. Public Programs

- a. Provide income-geared purchasing incentives for e-bikes
- b. Fund in-school cycling education for elementary and middle-school students
- c. Provide low-cost urban cycling skills courses through recreation centres
- d. Work with the ICA and VIRCS to cost-share bike training for newcomers
- e. Fund community Go By Bike Week Celebration Stations
- f. Provide event bike valet parking at all municipal-led events
- g. Develop partnerships to deliver safety and incentive programs:
 - i. Community-specific 'introduction to cycling' information packages
 - ii. Bike-friendly driver education program
 - iii. Bike ambassador program to mentor new riders
 - iv. Incorporate cycling into new and existing community recreation programming
 - v. Women-focused biking initiatives to break down barriers to participation

Capital Bike is here to support

Transportation is central to the challenges you've been mandated to overcome. Our team of expert staff and volunteers are here to support you over the next four years. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Let's work together on this and make great things happen.



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