



CALGARY PATHWAYS AND BIKEWAYS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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To : Anne Charlton, Director, Parks

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Re: Comprehensive Cycling Strategy and Pathway Safety Review Scoping Reports

The Calgary Pathways and Bikeways Advisory Council (CPAC) unanimously supports the acceptance and implementation of the two proposed Scoping Reports to achieve a Comprehensive Cycling Strategy and Pathway Safety Review. We believe that there is an urgent need to develop strategies and infrastructure that encourages and accommodates active modes of transportation so that Calgarians, as pedestrians and cyclists, can safely reach their work, school and recreational destinations. There are growing numbers of year-round cyclist and pedestrian commuters and recreational users who require pathways and bikeways that are safe for all persons, whether they are 8 or 80 years of age.

The strategy should focus on building infrastructure for priority routes that include pathways and bikeways:

1. within the centre city including contiguous connections to and from all city quadrants
2. to major activity nodes such as the university and hospital area
3. areas of concentrated business and industry.

We support the establishment of clear goals and the establishment of short, medium and long –term time lines to achieve these priorities.

Implementation of these Scoping Reports will lead to the realization of the goals and objectives identified in 'Plan It' and the Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP). We endorse the intent of the CTP and

believe the policies and descriptions regarding pedestrian and cycling options are essential to Calgary's future. Moreover the proposed primary cycling network, connectivity to improved transit, and concept of complete streets are important components of the Plan.

CPAC is an advisory committee established by the City of Calgary to provide citizens' perspectives, advice and input about pathways to City administrators. We represent the interests of many Calgarians who use the pathways and bikeways daily including pedestrians, runners, recreational and commuter cyclists, dog walkers, in-line skaters and handicapped persons. The Council acts as a liaison between pathway and bikeway users and the City of Calgary on matters related to planning, development, safety, education and management of pathways and bikeways.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on these Scoping Reports. We strongly support both the Comprehensive Cycling Strategy scoping report and the Pathway Safety Review. We urge their approval and recommend proceeding with the development of the actions recommended therein. CPAC would welcome opportunities to provide further input on an ongoing basis and to participate in the development and implementation of strategies as they are developed.

Sincerely,



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