

Bicycle Transportation Plan

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Background



Edmonton is a cycle-friendly city. Over a ten-year time horizon, the City of Edmonton plans to install close to 500 km of on-street cycling facilities. It's all part of a larger plan to create an integrated bicycle network, as envisioned in the City's Bicycle Transportation Plan.

Providing appropriate infrastructure for cyclists supports year-round cycling and helps encourage people to choose cycling as a safe, healthy and efficient alternative to driving.

Why Encourage Cycling?

Cycling is not only fun, it's a sustainable mode of transportation, which is [inexpensive](#), [healthy](#) and [environmentally friendly](#). Along with carpooling, walking and public transportation, cycling offers an opportunity to:



LOWER
your cost of
transportation



IMPROVE
your physical
condition



REDUCE
traffic congestion



REDUCE
vehicle emissions

What is the Bicycle Transportation Plan?

The Bicycle Transportation Plan provides direction on how to integrate bicycles into Edmonton's transportation system.

This plan aims to create an urban environment which is conducive to cycling and encourages the continuing increase in functional bicycle trips long into the future. In addition, a comprehensive cycling network will encourage more recreational cycling.



Shifting Transportation Modes

The Bicycle Transportation Plan, first established in 1992, was updated in 2009. The updating process consisted of extensive public consultation, a number of workshops, open houses and focus groups about bicycle transportation in Edmonton, as well as a review of international best practices.

Along with the Transportation Master Plan, the Bicycle Transportation Plan will contribute to improve sustainability and encourage healthy, active lifestyles to shift Edmonton's transportation modes away from single occupant vehicles.

Highlights

- Installation of on-street bicycle lanes
- Expansion of bicycle racks to all transit buses
- Expanded bicycle parking program
- Different types of bicycle routes to be installed: multi-use trails, bicycle lanes, sharrows

Timeline

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| Phase 1 | 2009-2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paint demarcation, signing strategy• Ensure all areas are served by multi-use trails |
| Phase 2 | 2014-2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To accommodate future growth• Moderate to major expenditures |
| Phase 3 | TBD | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elements that require significant planning and coordination |

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