



2014 BIKE LANE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN DOWNTOWN BIKE ROUTE

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About the Project

The City is planning two major bike routes in the central part of Edmonton. The Downtown Route will connect the communities of Downtown, Oliver and Glenora, between 96 Street and 136 Street. It will link to destinations that include:

- Stanley Milner Library
- City Hall & Churchill Square
- Winspear Centre
- Alberta Art Gallery
- City Market (104 Street)
- 124 Street and High Street shopping areas

These routes will be high quality facilities that will make cycling more comfortable for all types of cyclists, from novice riders and families to experienced commuters. They have been identified as major bike routes because they have a high numbers of cyclists, serve major destinations, and the City receives frequent requests for bicycle routes in the area.

Why Bike Routes are Important

Edmonton's population is growing by 19,000 residents every year. We have to start moving people more efficiently.

By providing transportation options, like adding bike routes, expanding LRT, and making the city more walkable, we can manage traffic congestion and city growth. This makes it easier for people to get where they want to go.

To encourage more people to choose cycling, bike infrastructure need to make all types of users, from novice riders and families to experienced commuters, feel more comfortable on the roadway.

Bike infrastructure also makes it easier and safer for cyclists and motorist to follow the rules of the road. They reduce the risk of collisions and make streets even safer.

Project Background

The City of Edmonton's *Bicycle Transportation Plan* includes a number of ways to make Edmonton a bike-friendly city in line with the *Active Transportation Policy* and the sustainability, livability, and mode shift strategic goals and objectives in the Ways Plans (*The Way We Green, The Way We Move, The Way We Grow, The Way We Live, The Way Ahead*).

Strategic Plan	Link
The Way We Move	Strategic Goal: Transportation Mode Shift Public transportation and active transportation are the preferred mode choices for more people, making it possible for the transportation system to move more people more efficiently in fewer vehicles.
The Way We Green	Strategic Action 3.1.3: Encourage renewal and densification of mature neighbourhoods by ensuring superior living experiences that include priority to pedestrians and bicycles over automobiles.



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The Way We Grow	<p>Strategic Goal: Complete, Healthy and Livable Communities</p> <p>Communities designed to encourage healthy lifestyles and social interaction for people, which provide the services necessary for livability... A variety of transportation modes and active transportation networks for residents [is] essential for a community's livability and residents' health.</p>
The Way We Live	<p>Goal One: Edmonton is a vibrant, connected, engaged and welcoming city. Edmonton residents want to connect to people and places regardless of their physical mobility or their choice of transportation. They look to their local government to help make that happen.</p>

One element of the *Bicycle Transportation Plan* is an extensive network of almost 500km of proposed bike routes through the city to provide the option for Edmontonians to connect to the places they travel to on a daily and weekly basis by bike. To date, the implementation approach has included coordinating with renewal projects, filling in gaps in the existing on-street bike network, constructing missing shared-use paths, and focusing on on-street routes that could be built at low cost.

The 2014-18 implementation plan will shift to place priority on Major Bike Routes, Neighbourhood Bike Routes in conjunction with Neighbourhood Renewal/Revitalization, and shared-use paths.

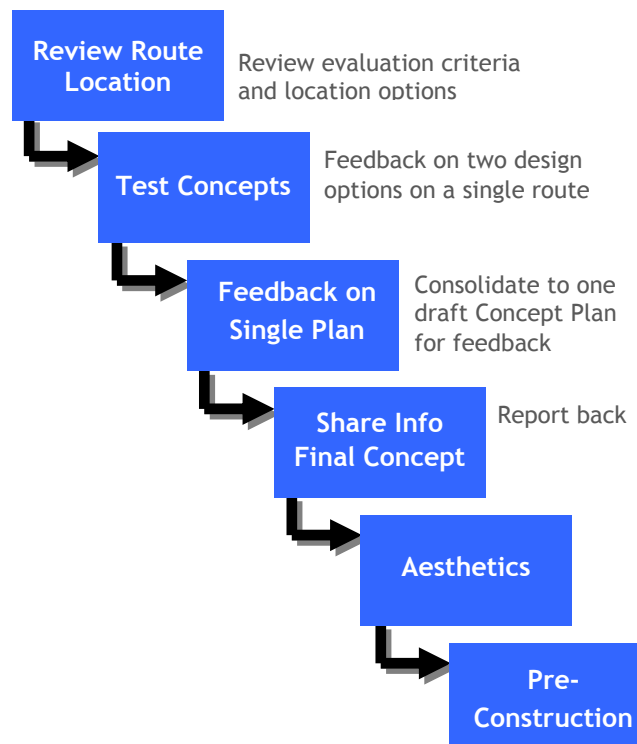
The Process

Significant consideration of both city-wide and local stakeholder needs will ensure appropriate planning that fits with a local context and maintains the integrity of a connected city-wide route.

Potential users and impacted residents in the surrounding communities as well as other stakeholder groups such as community leagues, recreational groups, institutions such as religious assemblies, and local businesses will be invited to provide input. User groups and city-wide interest groups will also be involved.

Citizen input will be used to first help select a location for a bike route, then to help select the cycling infrastructure used on the chosen route, and finally to help determine the aesthetics enhancements along bike route.

Opportunities to Participate





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Where We Are - Review Route Location

We need to be able to evaluate route options in order to select the best possible route. In June, participants will review and provide input on evaluation criteria; and they will provide feedback on route options.

Evaluation Criteria

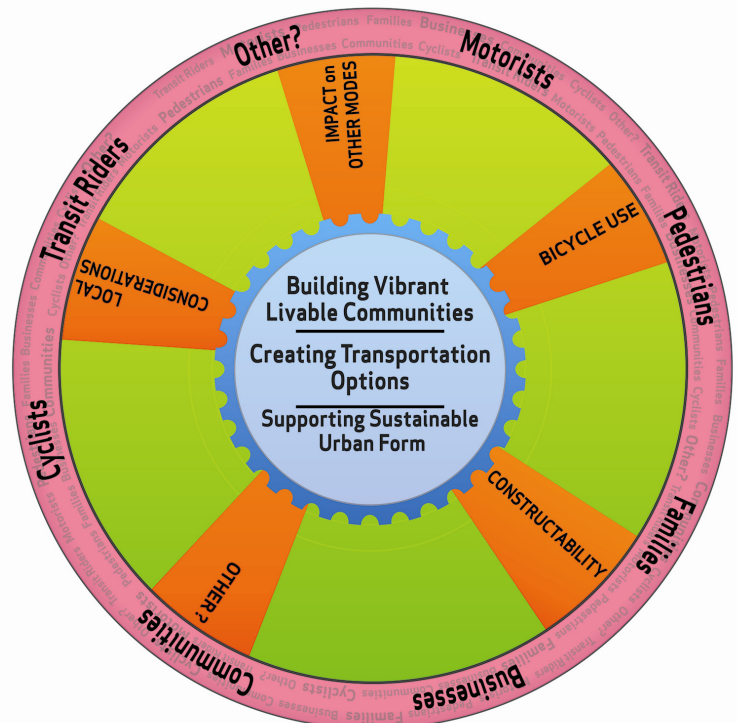
All of the criteria need to align with three key directions from the City of Edmonton's strategic plans: supporting communities, providing transportation options, and encouraging sustainability.

Participants will be asked to review several components of the criteria, and provide suggestions about what could be added and/or removed. This includes:

- **Audiences:** Are there groups we need to add to the list?
- **Themes:** Key themes have been identified for the criteria, including balancing the impact on other travel choices, like driving or walking; the difficulty and cost of constructing the bike facility; how the bike facility could impact the local area; and how well the route could serve cyclists and support ridership. Participants will be asked to identify if other theme areas are needed.

- **Criteria:** Participants will be asked to review some criteria that have been identified to date, such as the number of parking stalls that could be impacted, and provide suggestions for other criteria that should be considered.

Finally, participants will be asked to identify which criteria they feel is most important.



Downtown/Oliver/Glenora Route Options



Route Options

Participants are also asked to provide feedback on route options. This includes identifying what is important along each of the route options, such as key destinations and/or areas where there may be limitations that would need to be addressed.

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