

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Staff Report to the Regional Planning Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, May 16, 2001

SUBJECT

Regional Cycling Strategy Update

BACKGROUND

On January 17, 2001 Regional Planning Committee (RPC) approved establishing a Regional Cycling Advisory Working committee to provide:

- Technical and policy advise to Regional Planning Services (RPS) with the development of information that could be critical for a Regional Cycling Strategy, and
- input on regional cycling to the Regional Transportation Strategy.

This report is forwarded to RPC as an update of the progress of the sub-committee's efforts to date.

DISCUSSION

The sub-committee volunteers provide a broad range of technical and local knowledge about cycling in this region and have significantly aided the development of information related to cycling. The member list is attached (Attachment A). The sub-committee meets twice a month and RPS has facilitated six meetings to date. The major regional cycling deliverables of this sub-committee currently include developing recommendations as related to:

1. Vision for Regional Cycling
2. Guiding Principles
3. Goals & Targets
4. Regional Cycling Network
5. Best Practises & Design Guidelines
6. Regional Cycling Priorities
7. Actions
8. Implementation & Monitoring

The focus of the first two meetings was on the profile of cycling in the region and process. After reviewing background information the sub-committee chose as their first priority to develop a draft Regional Cycling Network (RCN). Four meetings with the sub-committee were required to fully explore possible routes. This work is covered in a separate report to RPC. The sub-committee also reviewed:

- 1) a process to involve all stakeholders;
- 2) an method to evaluate cycling routes as proposed by ICBC (separate report submitted to RPC); and,
- 3) a recent survey completed by RPS of the policies or direction municipalities are taking to enhance cycling in this region.

The next priority for the sub-committee will be to complete the balance of the first four deliverables (vision, goals, guiding principles, and targets). Once this stage is complete a full

report would be submitted to RPC detailing the broad policy areas a Regional Cycling Strategy should contain. The report would also include a recommendation that stakeholders review the first four policy areas and include a recommend process to consult with the stakeholders. This report should be ready for the sub-committee to review by the fall of 2001.

Once the policy areas are completely reviewed by stakeholders (October to December) RPS will prepare a findings report for the sub-committee and RPC that would include recommendations that should be submitted to the Regional Transportation Strategy project team for consideration. The findings report will also help define the work plan needed to complete the last four deliverables (Design Guidelines, Actions, priorities and monitoring).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Regional Planning Committee receives this report as information.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

W.M. Jordan, Executive Director

ATTACHMENT A: REGIONAL CYCLING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

	Name	Agency	Position
1.	Barbara Snyder	Township of Esquimalt	Technical Planner
2.	Bob Thompson	North Saanich Cycling Advisory	Chair
3.	Brian Hobson	Oak Bay Tourism	Member
4.	Brad Delleburr	City of Victoria	Transportation Planner
5.	Brad Drew	CRD Parks	Parks Planner
6.	Colin Doyle	District of Saanich	Mgr Trans & Infrastructure
7.	Connie McCann	Esquimalt Cycle Advisory Committee	Councillor
8.	David Cubberley	Saanich Cycle Advisory Committee	Councillor
9.	Denise Savoie	City of Victoria	Councillor
10.	Dennis Parsons	Cross Canada Cycle Tour Society	Chair
11.	Dianne McLaughlan	Provincial Capital Commission	Planner
12.	Francis van Loon	BC Cycling Coalition	President
13.	Gord McQuiggen	South Island Mt Biking Society	Member
14.	John Luton	Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition	President
15.	John Rogers	View Royal Cycle Advisory Committee	Councillor
16.	Jon Mackinnon	PCC Greenways Advisory Committee	Member
17.	Jon Munn	City of Colwood / Cycle Committee	Planner / Member
18.	Kryn Zedel	Central Saanich Cycle Committee	Executive
19.	Rob Buchan	District of Langford	Municipal Planner
20.	Stuart Pitt	Oak Bay Engineering	Engineer
21.	Suzanne Kort	Way to Go!	Parent/Co-ordinator
22.	Susanna Grimes	Bike to Work Society	Member