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Cycle Network Draft Plan

Open House

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Introductions



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Background – How did we get here?

- ▶ The need for a cycling/walk trail system was first identified in the 1995-99 Parks and Recreation Master Plan (75% of the respondents identified this as a community need).
- ▶ Official Community Plan highlights key items around trail extensions/connections including promoting active transportation to reduce motor vehicle use, and integrating trail connectors to new developments.
- ▶ In 1998 a Cycle/Walk trail master plan was completed (and revised in 2006).
- ▶ City partnered with the Rotary Club in 2000, to build the first portions of what would become Rotary Way. Approximately 10 kilometres linking Idlewild Park to Isadore Canyon.



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Where are we now?

- ▶ Focus for the past six years has been shifted to the NorthStar Rails to Trail, and connecting this to Rotary Way. City has also worked with Trails BC to connect Rotary Way to the Cranbrook-Wardner Destination Trail.
- ▶ In the fall of 2016, the City completed a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The highest goal identified was to “expand the trail system and accessibility” achieved by expanding the multi-use trail system by providing priority connections. Recommendations included:
 - ▶ Priority bikeways that link south to the downtown (i.e. 14th or 7th Avenues).
 - ▶ Consider active transportation as a whole, and integrate trails with on-street bikeways throughout the City and beyond.
 - ▶ Improve trail system quality and infrastructure to increase visitor comfort and safety by establishing standards and design of on-street bikeways.

Proposed Plan

- ▶ **Multiple City departments have been working on a cycle network plan that considers a variety of other initiatives such as planned road construction opportunities, Smart street designing exercise, and community vibrancy.**
- ▶ **The draft plan is a City wide overview showing the existing trail network (Rotary Way, 14th Avenue, Rotary Connector and Isadore Canyon), along with the proposed network which is compromised of residential collectors, secondary collectors, east/west and downtown connectors.**
- ▶ **An engineering firm was commissioned to review the conceptual network plan and provide specific cycle treatment recommendations .**
- ▶ **The final report provides appropriate treatment recommendations for each of the identified routes in the network plan.**
- ▶ **The recommendations are based on several factors including road classification and width, presences of busses and on-street parking.**



Proposed Standards

- ▶ A combination of cycle facility treatments are being proposed including uni-directional bike lanes, shared lanes, signage, intersection treatments and bollards/delineators.





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2018 Priorities

- ▶ **East – West Collector #1 – 11th Avenue**
- See Map Item “A”.
- ▶ **Wide Streets offer opportunity for either shared or dedicated lane.**





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2018 Priorities

- ▶ **North – South Collectors – 7th, 11th and 14th Avenues- See Map Item “B”.**
- ▶ **Existing tie-in to trail and/or bike lanes added to 14th Ave. S using a combination of shared roadway and dedicated lanes.**





2018 Priorities

- ▶ East – West Collector #2 – 2nd Street South- See Map Item “C”.
- ▶ Tie-in with current trail to connect to existing networks.





2018 Priorities

- ▶ **Downtown Connector – Rotary Way to Downtown Core - See Map Item “D”.**
- ▶ **Legacy Project with Rotary Club and Downtown Business Association.**
- ▶ **Section could be either a shared roadway or a dedicated lane, or combination of both.**





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2018 Priorities

- ▶ **Complete College Connector – See Map Item “E”.**
- ▶ **New lane was tied in with existing roadwork in 2017.**
- ▶ **Width accommodated separate lanes, merging to shared road.**





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2018 & Beyond Priorities

- ▶ **“F” – Kootenay Street – Connecting Downtown to Malls**
- ▶ **“G” – 6th Street Connector to new residential development**
- ▶ **“H” – Industrial Road #2 Connector to Moir Centennial Athletic Park**
- ▶ **“I” – Moir to Wildstone residential, NorthStar Rails to Trails and Rotary Way**
- ▶ **“J” – Southern residential collectors**
- ▶ **“K” – Confederation Park / Visitor’s Centre / Residential**



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Next Steps

- ▶ **Public consultation feedback.**
- ▶ **Preparation of grant application to BikeBC to assist with funding of the cycle network infrastructure.**
- ▶ **Continue with plan implementation and working to identify additional future route opportunities.**