

MEMORANDUM

October 31, 2008

TO: Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee

FROM: Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure

SUBJECT: Toronto Bike Plan Update

1. Bike Month 2009

Christina Bouchard will make a presentation on the plans for Bike Month 2009

2. Expansion of the CAN-BIKE Program

Effective January 1, 2009 Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PF&R) will assume full responsibility for delivering the CAN-BIKE Program. Transportation and PF&R staff have been working together for the past several months to plan the transition and expansion of the program. Transportation Services will be transferring CAN-BIKE related operating budget funds and funds and

3. Bikeway Network Update

A. Status of 2008 Projects

With Council's approval of bicycle lanes on Annette Street, between Jane St. and Runnymede Rd., 36.7 km of bicycle lanes have been approved for installation in 2008. The final bicycle lane report (Lawrence Avenue east - 14.6 km) has been deferred to 2009. The attached Appendix A summarizes all of the 2008 bicycle lane projects.

B. West-end Bikeway Project

In partnership with the Toronto Cyclists Union, Transportation Services is soliciting ideas for bikeway projects that can be implemented in 2009-10 in the downtown west-side. The West-end Bikeways Study Area is bounded by Bloor-Gardiner and Keele/Parkside-

Bathurst. Currently, there is a “hole” in the bikeway network in this area, where street car tracks on east-west arteries, discontinuous local streets, and railway corridors all pose challenges to accommodating bikeways.

A call for submissions for bikeways in the downtown west-end was released in mid-October, with a deadline of November 5. All submissions will be reviewed by City of Toronto Transportation Services and the Toronto Cyclists Union in cooperation with the west-end community. Selected bikeway projects will be announced in Winter 2009.

Full details are posted at: <http://www.toronto.ca/cycling/public-consultations/west-end-toronto.htm>

C. Bike Lane Events

At the request of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, staff held bike lane events for each bike lane installed in 2008. From July to September, seven events were held for new bike lanes on Rogers Rd., Royal York Rd., Logan Ave., Vaughan Rd., Finch Ave. E, Pond Rd., and Birchmount Rd.

Members of the cycling community and local Councillors were invited to the events, and many passer-bys were attracted on location. As part of the events, staff distributed Toronto Cycling Maps, bike lane brochures, and free food and beverages. Hundreds of cycling materials were distributed at the events to existing and potential cyclists in the community – including door-to-door distribution of brochures explaining how to use a bike lane. The opportunity to discuss bike lanes with staff in the community was positively received among event attendees.

Transportation Services is reviewing whether these bike lane events will be held next year, given the additional staff resources that will be required for an increasing number of bicycle lane projects.

D. 2009 Toronto Cycling Map

Transportation staff are currently developing the 2009 Toronto Cycling Map. The goal is to have the Cycling Map ready for distribution as part of Bike Winter's Coldest Day of the Year Ride on January 31, 2009. The deadline for feedback from the public and members of TCAC was October 31, 2008. As part of the outreach process, staff met with members of the Toronto Cyclists Union for input on the new downtown inset to be included in the 2009 Map.

Appendix A

**2008 Bikeway Network Program
Bicycle Lane Status as of October 30, 2008**

Table 1: Existing and Planned Bikeway Kilometres

	Bikeways Types			
Status	Bike Lanes	Shared Roadways	Off-Road Paths	Total
Existing	91	138	166	395
Planned*	495	260	249	1004

*City of Toronto Bike Plan, June 2001

Table 2: 2008 Bicycle Lane Program

Description	Bicycle Lane Kilometres
Bicycle Lanes Installed ¹	14.6
Bicycle Lane Installations in Progress/Scheduled	4.5
Bicycle Lanes Approved Awaiting Installation	17.6
Total Bicycle Lanes²	36.7

1. Accounted for in Table 1

2. Excludes projects deferred by PWIC or City Council, 3.0 km

Bicycle lanes installed in 2008 (14.6 km):

- Rogers Road (Old Weston Road to Oakwood Avenue, 2.4 km);
- Royal York Road (Delroy Drive to Mimico Creek, 1.5 km);
- Eastern Avenue (Logan Avenue to Leslie Street, 1.1 km);
- Logan Avenue (Gerrard St East to Dundas Street East, 0.4 km);
- The Pond Road (Sentinel Road to Shoreham Drive, 0.9 km);
- Finch Avenue East (Neilson Road to Morningside Ave., 1.2 km);
- Vaughan Road (St. Clair Ave East to Winona Drive, 1.6 km);
- Birchmount Road (Kingston Road to St. Clair Avenue East, 2.5 km);
- Royal York Road (Cavell Avenue to Manitoba Street, 0.8 km);
- Marlee Road (Roselawn Avenue to Del Park Avenue, 1.4 km); and
- Stephen Drive (The Queensway to Berry Road, 0.8 km);

Bicycle lane installations in progress / scheduled (4.5 km):

- Wellesley Street (Queen's Park Crescent West to Parliament Street, 2.0 km) – *installation to be undertaken November 1, 2* ; and
- Renforth Drive (Bloor Street West to Rathburn Road, 2.5 km – *installation has commenced.*

Bicycle lanes approved, awaiting installation (17.6 km).

Project Scheduled as Part of 2008 Capital Plan (6.4 km):

- Annette Street (Dundas Street West to Jane Street, 2.5 km);
- Dupont Street (Dundas Street West to Lansdowne Avenue, 1.0 km);
- Simcoe Street (Queen's Quay to Front Street, 0.6 km);
- Yonge Street (Queen's Quay to Front Street, 0.6 km); and
- The Queensway (east of High Street to Windermere Avenue, 1.7 km).

Other Projects (9.4 km):

- Pharmacy Avenue (Denton Avenue to Alvinston Road, 3.4 km);
- Conlins Road (Ellesmere Road to Sheppard Avenue East, 1.9 km); and
- Brimorton Drive (Brimley Road to Scarborough Golf Club Road, 4.1 km)

Contra-flow bicycle lanes (1.8 km)

- Carlaw Avenue (Simpson Avenue to Riverdale Avenue, 0.3 km);
- Logan Avenue (Gerrard Street East to Simpson Avenue 0.1 km);
- Shaw Street (Barton Avenue to south of Acores Avenue, 0.8 km)*; and
- Stanley Avenue (Royal York Road to Superior Avenue, 0.6 km)*

Bicycle lane approval deferred at Public Works and Infrastructure Committee or City Council (3.7 km):

- Horner Avenue (Browns Line to Judson Street, 3.0 km)

