



2023 CAPITAL BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

Bike Share Toronto

Issue/Background:

- Operated by Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) since 2014, Bike Share Toronto is a sustainable, healthy, and affordable mobility program that is funded by TPA.
- As North America's 4th largest bike share system in size, Bike Share Toronto is an integral component of the City of Toronto's transportation network. Designed to improve mobility options for Torontonians, the program has seen growth in 2022, as noted below, including record ridership, growth in annual memberships, an increased deployment of e-bikes, and marked progress towards securing a strategic sponsor.
- Bike Share Toronto experienced record ridership in 2022, reaching 4.6 million rides that amounts to a 28 percent increase in ridership versus 2021. Annual memberships total 33,000 for 2022 which is an increase of 31% over 2021. The program also continues to enjoy broad support amongst its customers with a 92 percent overall satisfaction rating reported in the summer of 2022.
- Accelerating bike share's growth is a key strategic priority and a central component in TPA's transformation into a mobility services provider.
- As the City of Toronto continues to invest in cycling infrastructure to support its goals of having trips under 5 kilometres (km) completed by cycling, walking or transit, there is an opportunity for Bike Share Toronto to accelerate the conversion of short-distance and first/last mile trips.

Key Points:

- In 2022, TPA carried out a Four-Year Growth Plan study that will guide a system expansion into 2025. The Four-Year Growth Plan was adopted by TPA Board of Directors at its meeting of September 29, 2022.
- The Four-year Growth Plan will connect more residents and visitors to higher-order transit. The plan includes more bike share stations at and near transit stops to encourage multimodal travel and support active transportation for first/last-mile travel. It supports the TransformTO Net Zero Climate Action Strategy and will

contribute towards achieving the City's target of 75 percent of all work and school trips under 5 km being made by walking, cycling, and transit by 2030.

- The TPA has an ambitious goal of extending the system's coverage area into all 25 wards of Toronto by the end of 2024 and to expand to upwards of 1,000 stations and 10,000 bikes, including 2,000 e-bikes, by 2025. (Please see table below)
- In 2022, Bike Share's network grew from 625 stations to 670 stations, including 15 e-stations. Bike Share also added an additional 300 e-bikes to its fleet, increasing its total bike fleet (iconic + e-bike) to 7,165.
- TPA carried out an extensive consultation program throughout the development of the Four-Year Growth Plan. The consultation program included engagement with external stakeholders, such as Transportation Services, City Planning, Parks, Forestry & Recreation and TTC, as well as other government agencies, including Metrolinx and local school boards. The consultation program also included outreach with local Councillors, Bike Share Toronto annual members and the general public.
- A public information session was held on August 8, 2022 to outline the purpose of the study, the study methodology, the preferred expansion scenario option, and implementation plan. City Councillors received an open invitation on July 21, 2022 to both attend the public information session and speak to TPA in advance of the session should they have any questions about the study or want to provide feedback in advance of the August 8, 2022 public information session.
- Stakeholders, Bike Share customers and the public all emphasized the need to align Bike Share expansion with infrastructure investments in suburban areas such as major cycling corridors, new LRT and BRT routes (RapidTO), and redevelopment projects. Stakeholders also noted that Highway 401 presents a north-south barrier for cyclists in Toronto and that comfortable crossing opportunities are limited. Feedback received encouraged TPA to plan stations along the Humber and Don Valley Trail systems to connect the system across the 401. Post-secondary institutions indicated keen interest to improve multimodal access to their suburban campuses with new Bike Share stations.
- Expansion efforts in 2023 will focus on connecting the existing core service area with the satellite service areas. Bike Share will also move into new areas of the City including Jane/Finch and Flemington Park.
- The expansion of the system will prioritize neighbourhoods where residents have the greatest need for access to affordable mobility options. Major light-rail transit (LRT) projects, the Eglinton Crosstown LRT (Line 5) and Finch West LRT (Line 6), will be opening for service within the next four (4) years TPA will take advantage of the multimodal opportunity by extending the reach of the bike share

system along the new transit infrastructure. The system will also be expanded along many of the corridors where new cycling infrastructure is being built as part of the City's Near-Term Implementation of the Cycling Network Plan. It will promote cycling along these corridors, and further enhance the City's capacity to encourage active transportation among residents and visitors.

- As Bike Share Toronto expands into new areas of the City, it recognizes the need for continued consultation with BIA's, Resident Associations, Community Stakeholders and local Ward Councillors.
- Capital investments supporting implementation of the Four-Year Growth Plan have been identified in TPA's proposed 2023 Capital Budget and 2024 - 2032 Capital Plan as follows:

2022 *	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
\$5.937M	\$9.064M	\$6.870M	\$5.480M	\$2.000M	\$1.500M	\$30.851M

* Note that 2022 is unadjusted for carry forward amounts into 2023.

Questions & Answers:

Request the President, Toronto Parking Authority, provide a briefing note on the Bike Share program, outlining the potential to expand the program and in particular plans for expanding the program outside of the downtown core.

Q: What is the status of the Four-Year Growth Plan?

- A: At its meeting of September 29, 2022, TPA Board of Directors received a report (PA 32.3) entitled "Bike Share Toronto: Four Year Growth Plan". This item was adopted, without amendment, by TPA Board of Directors at its meeting of September 29, 2022.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.PA32.3>.

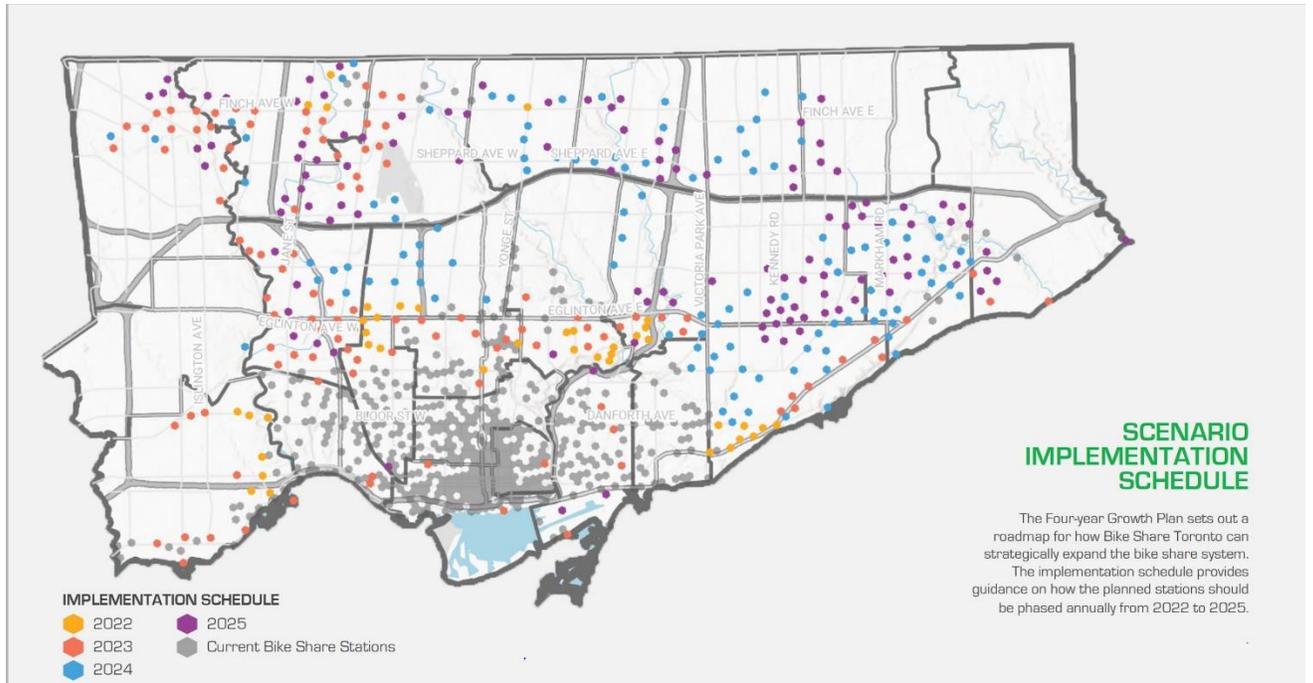
Q: Does TPA have sufficient capital funding to implement the Four-Year Growth Plan?

- A: Capital funding to support implementation of the Four-Year Growth Plan was approved by TPA's Board of Directors as part of TPA's proposed 2023 Capital and 2024 – 2032 Capital Plan. More information is available here:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.PA33.1>

Q: Where can the Four-Year Growth Plan be viewed in its entirety?

- A: Bike Share Toronto: Four-Year Growth Plan can be seen here in its entirety: https://parking.greenp.com/app/uploads/2022/09/BikeShareToronto_FYGP_wAppendix.pdf



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