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Planning Department - City of Greater Sudbury Master Transportation Plan



Municipal transportation planning has been largely focused on personal motorized vehicles in the past. However, Municipalities from all over including the City of Greater Sudbury, are realizing that the transportation system is more than just cars and trucks. The Master Transportation Study currently being undertaken by this City, which places much emphasis on active transportation, is a leading example and is worth noting.

The Sudbury Cyclists Union is a group of more than 250 listed supporters who all have an interest in making cycling safer and more accessible. We would like the following goals and objectives to be included in the Master Transportation Plan:

- The Plan should establish yearly measurable deliverables, including targets, timeframes and budgets on building an active transportation system
- A safe and efficient cycling network should be completed by 2015, consistent with the City's pledge of making Sudbury the most pedestrian and cycling friendly City in Ontario
- Design of city infrastructure projects should have a duty to consult with the Sustainable Mobility
 Panel and/or others having direct experience with active transportation
- Commitments in developing a transportation culture that will result in healthier lifestyles and enhanced ecotourism opportunities, such as creating active transportation challenges
- A stronger commitment to the Junction Creek Waterway Park
- A complete cycling network which connects citizens to their communities and areas of interest
- Proper signage and direction for cyclists
- Citizen education campaigns that target pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike
- Police participation in making cycling a safe activity in Sudbury
- Reviewing current use of salt and sand in order to reduce their overall use.
- Reviewing speed limit policies as to not limit posted speed reductions where they are warranted.
 Likewise, reviewing posted speed limits on busy streets in order to increase driver awareness of their surroundings

An abundance of studies show that active transportation can help address many of the 21st century transportation issues; from addressing road congestion and building a cost sustainable road network to more importantly improving our health and building active neighbourhoods for ALL citizens. Rainbow Routes had a vision for Sudbury to be the most pedestrian and cycling friendly City in Ontario and the City pledged to have it done by 2015. The City needs to dedicate more resources and consideration during policy reviews to active transportation as a whole in order for Sudbury to put itself on the Canadian map as being the most pedestrian and cycling friendly City to live in.

Sincerely,

Sudbury Cyclists Union