



Bike Sudbury/Vélo Sudbury

Submission to the Greater Sudbury 2022 Budget

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the 2022 municipal budget. We appreciate that this budget will be a challenging one, so we are focusing on three budget priorities that will ensure we continue to strategically support cycling in Greater Sudbury:

- **Construct the Paris-Notre Dame Bikeway from Wilma Street to Bridge of Nations (business case #282)**
- **Non Motorized Trails Master Plan (Initially discussed as a possibility for 2020 within the existing Leisure Services budget. Leisure Services is now proposing to delay this to 2023 as per the 2023-2026 Capital Outlook item on p. 440. Cost is \$90,000.)**
- **Finalizing the Complete Streets Guidelines**

Budget decisions around cycling should be driven by sustainable and equitable transportation choices for all residents. Specifically, principles of climate change, safety, comfort and accessibility, continuity, connectivity, and equitability should apply to all transportation projects and active transportation decisions.

While we watch what is happening across Canada now with climate change, **dealing with climate change is becoming more urgent**. We must ensure that this budget moves forward a number of services and capital projects that will help to either mitigate or adapt to climate change. Increasing the number of people who bike in Greater Sudbury **directly relates to CEEP goal #8: Achieve 35% active mobility transportation mode share by 2050**. With transportation being one of our top GHG emissions sectors, we need to invest more in active transportation, even if that means shifting dollars from other service areas.

Longer term, we need to actively move the following strategies forward:

- Accelerate completing the minimum grid of cycling infrastructure that will allow more people to choose to bike instead of using their cars. Without infrastructure that is safe, it is unlikely the share of cyclists will increase materially.
- Develop a strategic and holistic community “Bike Master Plan” that prioritizes increasing the modal share of cycling, and provides an implementation plan to move the City towards goal #8 of CEEP. We need to increase funding to construct more cycling infrastructure and to implement the programs that will encourage more people to bike safely and comfortably.
- Additional outreach and community engagement on cycling projects and directions in order to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all cyclists in all areas of the city.

We look forward to participating in the important partnerships that have been built with the City and other local and provincial partners. Together, we can make Greater Sudbury the best cycling city in the North.

Thank you for your previous and continued support for cycling in Greater Sudbury.

Sincerely,

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2022 BUDGET SUBMISSION

Strategic Priorities

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Community Energy and Emissions Plan Goal #8

Achieve 35% active mobility transportation mode share by 2050

Additional outreach and community engagement on cycling projects and directions

A strategic Bike Master Plan that details how the City plans, designs, implements, operates, and maintains bike infrastructure and programs.

Accelerated work on a minimum grid of cycling routes with priority on the Paris/Notre Dame and Lasalle Bikeways

A Non Motorized Trails Master Plan that will integrate with on-road routes

Complete Streets Guidelines

Climate Change



Enable commuter cycling

Safety



Improve safety - appropriate infrastructure, routes, signage

Comfort and Accessibility



Appeal to cyclists of all ages and abilities

Continuity



Continuous routes that bridge gaps

Connectivity



Connect key destinations and communities

Equitability



Cycling for all members of our community