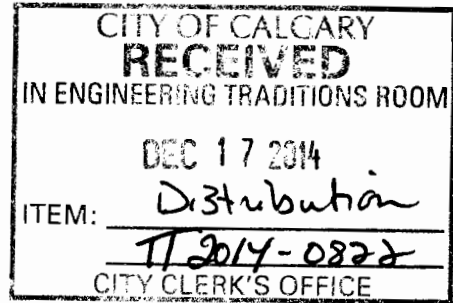


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Bike Calgary Comments Pertaining to the Cycle Track Maintenance Report

Attention Councillor Keating, Chair SPC Transportation & Transit

Dear Councillor Keating,

Bike Calgary is pleased to provide comments on the Cycle Track Maintenance Report. Timely, consistent, and quality maintenance of cycling facilities is key to ensuring the safety and satisfaction of those who ride bicycles in our city. Properly maintained infrastructure also encourages Calgarians who want to cycle, by presenting them with reliable infrastructure that they can count on as they set off on their first rides.

We have been very encouraged to see the high-quality commitment to clearing the 7 Street SW cycle track, particularly as members consistently comment on the reliability of its clearing. However, while Bike Calgary values the level of service on this facility, we also found the associated costs to be unacceptable. Cycling infrastructure needs to be maintained properly to ensure reliable and safe travel, but it ought to be cost-effective. We are thus pleased to see that the cost of maintaining 7 Street has been significantly reduced. We have also found that, despite the significant cost reductions, the level of service so far in 14/15 is at least comparable to that delivered in 13/14.

Bike Calgary looks forward to the same level of service on 7 Street being delivered on the upcoming Cycle Track Network. As detailed in our comments on the Cycling Strategy Annual Update, we also support Roads in continuing to improve its commitment to conventional bicycle lanes.

We respectfully ask that the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit recommend that Council receive this report for information.

Sincerely,

<signed>

Kimberley Nelson
(President, Bike Calgary)

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