

# BIKE CALGARY

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Calgary, Alberta, Canada

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## **Bike Calgary Comments Pertaining to the Calgary Pathway and Bikeway Plan Framework**

Attention Councillor Keating, Chair SPC Transportation & Transit

Dear Councillor Keating,

Bike Calgary is pleased to submit this letter in support of the Calgary Pathway and Bikeway Plan Framework. The 2011 Cycling Strategy identified the creation of a new Pathway and Bikeway Implementation Plan, the establishment of which will help to shape the creation and improvement of city-wide cycling facilities. The Plan is essential to creating a safe, consistent, connected and accessible network, that will work for those cycling now, as well as those who wish to cycle.

Though we are broadly supportive of the Plan Framework, and entirely supportive of its end-goal, Bike Calgary is disappointed that such an important element of the Cycling Strategy has not already been carried out. Likewise, it is frustrating that it will take another two years to develop the Implementation Plan. We encourage Administration to tighten the timeline on the Framework Plan, so that the Implementation Plan can be developed with minimal additional delay.

With this said, Bike Calgary is pleased to see that the Calgary Pathway and Bikeway Implementation Plan is finally moving forward through the Calgary Pathway and Bikeway Plan Framework. We also look forward to being engaged as a key stakeholder in this process that seeks to improve Calgary's cycling environment and foster its growth. Organizations such as Bike Calgary are able to provide valuable input at the Consult level, and should be considered for engagement at the Collaborate level as well.

We respectfully ask that the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit recommend that Council adopt the Pathway and Bikeway Plan Framework and assign two Council members to join the steering committee.

Sincerely,

<signed>

Kimberley Nelson  
(President, Bike Calgary)

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Dale Calkins  
(Director, Bike Calgary)