

Calgary



Boards, Commissions and Committees Report: Calgary Pathway and Bikeway Plan Steering Committee



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Project

In 2000 and 2001, City Council adopted the Calgary Pathway and Bikeway Plan.

The original plan provided a map of:

- existing built pathways,
- approved pathways,
- proposed pathway alignments,
- existing built/identified on-street bicycle routes,
- recommended on-street bicycle routes, and
- recommended on-street bicycle lane/wide curb lane facilities.

The plan included guiding principles related to the planning, design and management of Calgary's pathway and on-street bicycle route system and outlined an implementation strategy to build towards the pathway and bicycle network recommended in the plan.

Over the past decade, significant construction of pathway and bicycle infrastructure has occurred. Many routes identified in the 2001 plan as future or recommended facilities were constructed, and some proposed connections are rendered out of date by subsequent changes to the area road network or approved Area Structure Plans.

Due to this, the Calgary and Area Pathway and Bikeway Implementation Plan will create an updated map with new recommendations for future pathway and bikeway routes, along with an implementation plan.

As part of the 2011 Cycling Strategy, updating the Calgary Pathway and Bikeway Implementation Plan was identified and funds were set aside to update the plan. In October 2014, Council approved a framework for a project to update the Calgary Pathway & Bikeway Plan

Updating it will provide more opportunities for Calgarians to walk, jog, bike, in-line skating, scooter and skateboard within Calgary.

Supporting Policies

- 2000 Pathway and Bikeway Plan
- 2003 Parks Open Space Plan
- 2008 Bicycle Policy and Needs Report
- 2009 Calgary Transportation Plan
- 2010 Sustainability Principles
- 2011 Cycling Strategy
- 2011 Pathway Safety Review
- 2014 Complete Streets
- 2014 Rocky View Study
- 2014 Centre City Cycle Track Pilot Network
- 2016 Step Forward: Pedestrian Strategy
- Area Structure Plans and Outline Plans



Figure 1.0 – in Phase 1 of public engagement, 22% of participants currently use the pathway/bikeway network to explore Calgary

Steering Committee

The Council -approved framework for the PWBW Plan update identified the need for a steering committee for the project and specifies the composition of the committee which includes representation from:

- Two members of Council: one from an outer ward and one from an inner ward
- Mayor's Office
- Transportation Planning, Transportation Infrastructure, Roads, Parks, and Corporate Analytics and Innovation

Roles and Responsibilities of the Steering Committee Members include:

- Taking a genuine interest in the project's results and overall success
- Acting on opportunities to communicate positively about the project
- Understanding the goals, objectives and desired results of the project
- Ensure the project is aligned with organizational strategy such as policies and directions across government as a whole
- Understanding and representing the interests of specific business unit or group
- Reviewing and providing feedback on project progress, draft reports and project deliverables
- And more as listed in the Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee has met six times in the past two years and will be meeting twice in 2019.

Work to date

The project framework-identified four phases:

Phase 1

Data collection, consultation with technical working group, public engagement with 2,600 surveys completed.

Phase 2

Technical working group and steering committee meetings held. An engineering consultant supported Administration in the development of the updated plan and second round of public engagement

Phase 3

Further development work on maps, public engagement phase 2, steering committee meetings and technical working group, work began to identify projects for prioritization, concept for 5A (Always Available for All Ages & Abilities) network developed.

Phase 4 (current status)

Finalizing digital map work and selection of projects, check-in with steering committee & technical working group, stakeholder updates.

2019

- Finalize recommended network map and priority projects
- Two additional Steering Committee meetings
- Report back to stakeholders
- Council Information Session
- Present final recommendations to T & T
- Present to Council for approval