



4.4 CYCLING

ISSUE:

Cycling has particular relevance for Richmond because the land is flat, making it easier to travel for longer periods without tiring. Cycling is also a flexible alternative to transit and the car, as it can be used for both short and long distances, and provides health and environmental benefits similar to walking. Promoting cycling as a key Richmond travel mode requires the establishment of a cycling network, supportive strategies for integrating cycling with other travel modes, and convenient end-of-trip facilities for cyclists.

OBJECTIVE 1:

Promote cycling as an appealing and environmentally friendly travel choice.

POLICIES:

- a) Continue rapid implementation of the Cycling Network Plan to complete the network of on-street and off-street bicycle routes connecting major destinations within Richmond and to the rest of the region;
- b) Integrate the designated cycling network with the network of trails and greenways;
- c) Work to develop a cycling route that circumnavigates Lulu Island to connect recreation, natural, industrial, and neighbourhood areas;
- d) Establish convenient cycling connections from local neighbourhoods to the designated cycling network;
- e) Establish local cycling connections for short-distance trips to neighbourhood service centres, schools, and recreational facilities;
- f) Require bike parking, storage, and other end-of-trip facilities at all major developments;
- g) Place high priority on implementing cycling improvements to increase cyclist safety through the City's major capital works program;
- h) Continue partnerships with senior governments to cost-share cycling improvements;



Cycling to local destinations



Bike racks provide end-of-trip cycling facilities



Cyclists can connect to transit

- i) Work with the transit authority to provide full access to transit services by cyclists.

Cycling Network Plan (Major Routes)

