



Bike to the Future

2008 Capital Budget Submission

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 Bike to the Future is a voluntary, inclusive group of concerned cyclists working to make cycling in Winnipeg a safe, enjoyable, accessible and convenient transportation choice year-round.

 We envision a city where cycling is embraced as the preferred mode of transportation, where cycling is integrated into urban design and planning, and where Winnipeg is recognized as a leader in cycling infrastructure and programs .

What Cyclists Want

 Safe Routes

 Convenient and Direct Routes that connect destinations

 Employment Centres

 Education Centres

 Shopping Districts

 Entertainment Districts

 Recreation

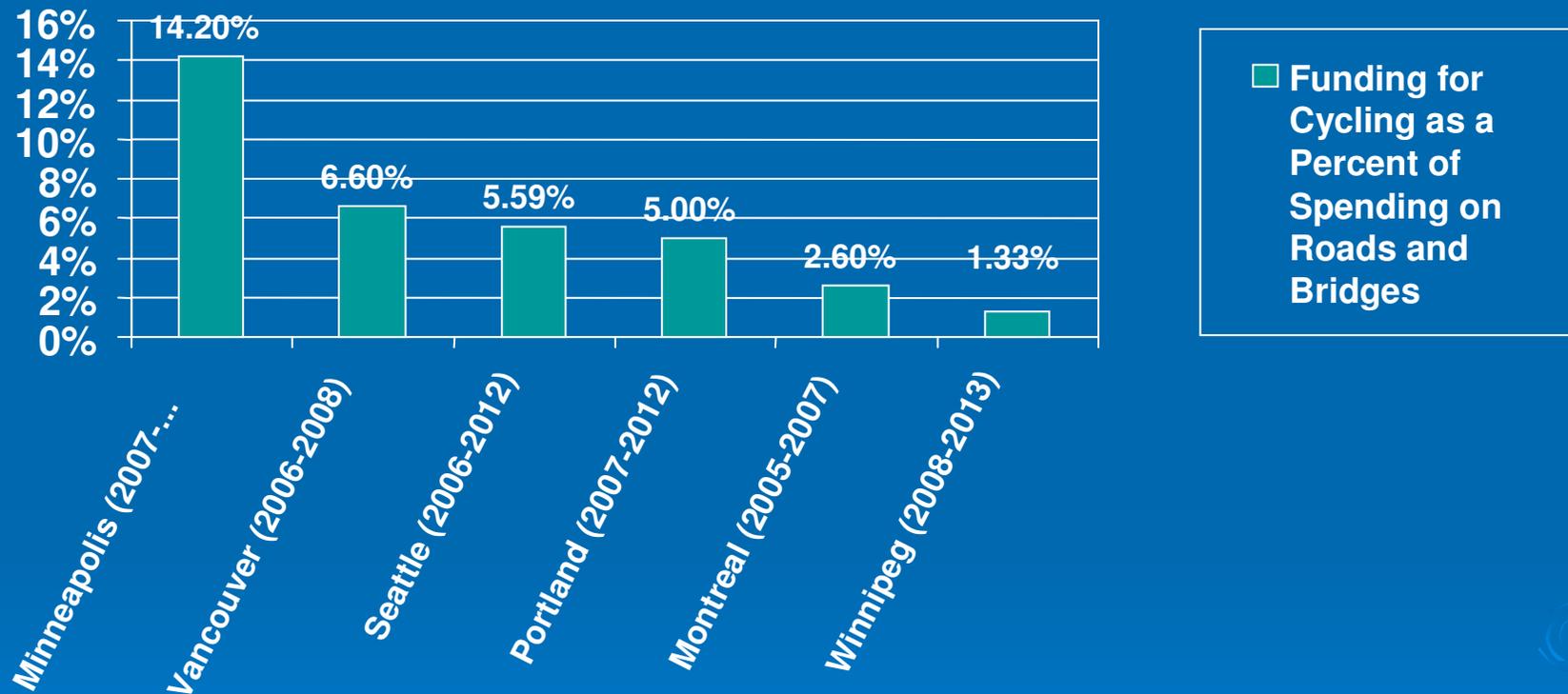
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 Secure Bicycle Parking (Short Term and Long Term)

Recent Steps to Improve Cycling Infrastructure in Winnipeg

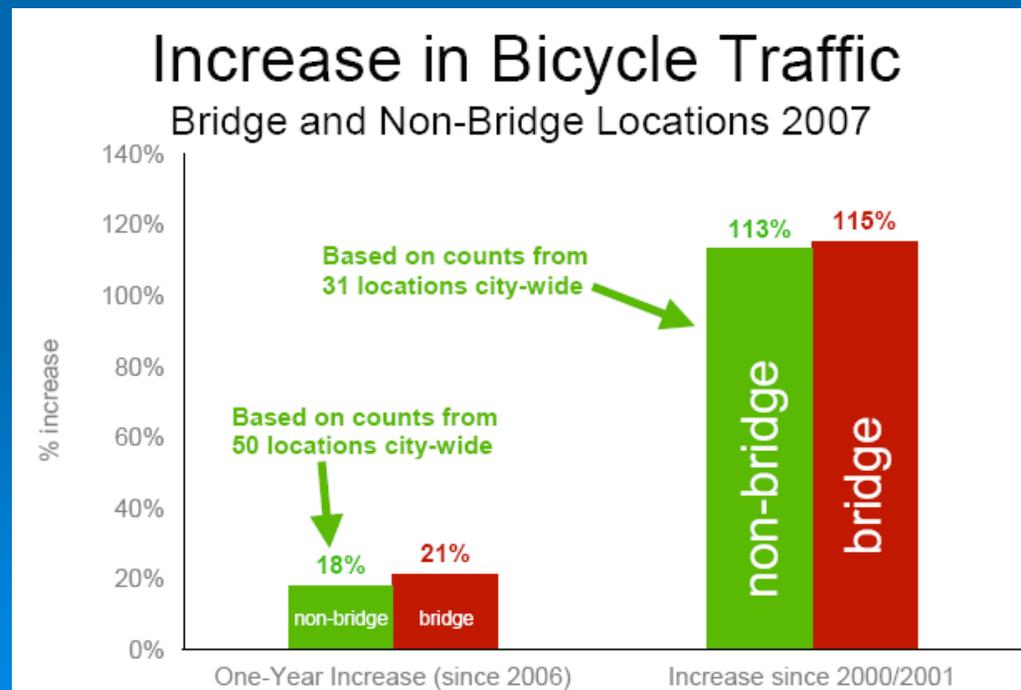
- 🚲 Increased Funding for Recreational Walkways and Bike Paths
- 🚲 Hiring of an Active Transportation Coordinator
- 🚲 Creation of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- 🚲 Inclusion of a progressive Bicycle Parking requirement in the new Zoning By-Law
- 🚲 Addition of an Active Transport Corridors line item in the 2008 budget
- 🚲 We still lag behind most other Canadian and American Cities

Cycling Spending in Other Cities



There is a clear relationship between investment and increased cycling levels

- 🚲 In Toronto, the average increase in cycling two years after installation of a bike lane was found to be 23%
- 🚲 Portland has had a policy of aggressive expansion of their cycling infrastructure since 1991.



More Cycling = Cheaper Infrastructure

- 🚲 A standard traffic lane will accommodate 800 vehicles per hour
- 🚲 A 1.5 meter bicycle lane will accommodate 2000 bikes per hour
- 🚲 A 2006 study found that the Twin Cities could reduce forecast need for roadway expansion by between 36% and 43% if they reduced the modal split for single occupant vehicles by 20%
- 🚲 Each trip converted from a motorized vehicle to a bicycle reduces congestion by freeing up space for public transit, delivery vehicles and private cars and trucks
- 🚲 Cycling in Winnipeg Currently Reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 11 KT/year

Potential for Increased Cycling Rates in Winnipeg

- 🚲 30% of Manitobans cycle “most of the time” to at least one destination
- 🚲 30% of Manitobans cycle “sometimes” as a mode of transportation
- 🚲 65% of Manitobans would like to use bicycles more as a mode of transportation

🚲 Source City of Winnipeg Active Transportation Study, 2004

- 🚲 90% of Manitobans support governments investing more money in active transportation

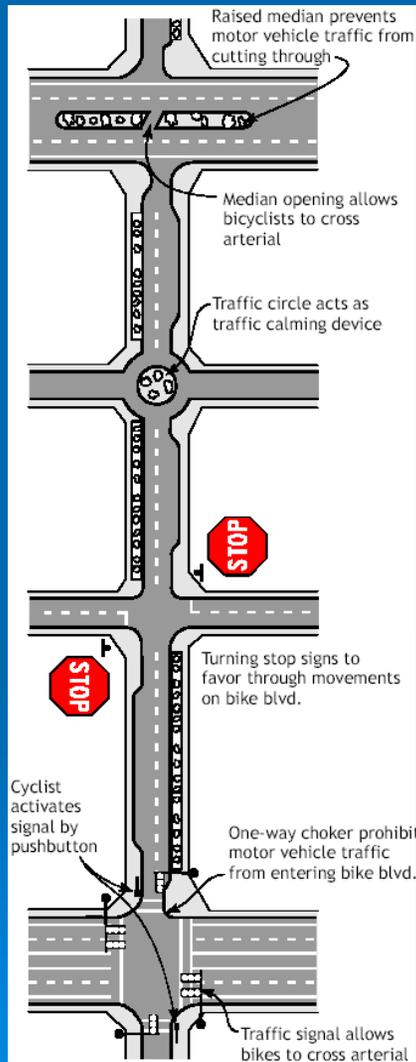
🚲 Source: Manitoba Medical Association 2007

Bicycle Boulevards

- 🚲 Low-traffic neighbourhood streets that have been optimized for bicycling
- 🚲 Welcoming to kids, families and novice cyclists, and attractive for all kinds of cyclists
- 🚲 They provide direct, attractive routes for bikes
- 🚲 They enhance neighbourhood liveability and traffic safety



Implementing Bike Boulevards



- 🚲 Traffic calming to slow cars down
- 🚲 Diverters to discourage through traffic (Bicycles travel through)
- 🚲 Turned Stop Signs to Minimize stops for Bicycles
- 🚲 Traffic lights and curb extensions to help cyclists cross busy streets
- 🚲 Central to the Cycling Networks in Vancouver, Montreal and Portland

Recommendations

- 🚲 Set a goal of doubling the modal split for cycling from 3% to 6% by 2013
- 🚲 Increase Funding for Cycling in 2008 to \$5,395,000 (3% of the budget for Roads and Bridges)
- 🚲 A Substantial Part of this increase should go into on-road infrastructure
- 🚲 Increase Staffing to Plan, Design and Market New Cycling Infrastructure
- 🚲 Additional spending amounts to just \$6.65 per capita