

## Council Member Motion For the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting of May 21, 2015

To: Council Date: May 15, 2015

From: Mayor Lisa Helps, Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Jeremy Loveday

**Subject:** Cycling Network Implementation

## **Executive Summary:**

On April 16 Council adopted a strategic plan that included Objective #9 Complete a Multi-Modal and Active Transportation Network. One key 2018 Outcome that will help achieve this objective is: Victoria is a national leader for cycling infrastructure and complete streets planning, with completed all-ages and abilities cycling network connecting all neighbourhoods and village centres.

In order to achieve this outcome, the plan outlines actions to be taken in 2015 including:

- Collaborative design and completion of network of 4-8 high quality cycling corridors by 2016.
- Build protected cycling facilities, more bike parking, and start an Active Transportation Advisory Committee. Begin to see all planning and engineering through multi-modal lens.
- Designate money in 2015, 2016, 2017 and build it (cycling network).

Council has allocated a budget of up to \$500,000 in 2015 to complete these actions, though we feel that this amount is in excess of what will be required to undertake the process as outlined in the recommendation.

In order to get these actions underway we recommend that Council adopt the following recommendation.

## **Recommendation:**

That Council direct staff to:

- (1) Issue an RFP for consulting services to review and enhance the cycling network, beginning with further analysis of public input received during the 2014 Cycling Master Plan update, and including identification of corridors and design of facilities on each corridor, with a view toward an interim report to Council on the proposed enhanced network and conceptual designs for each corridor in September 2015 and a final report to Council with recommended detailed designs for on-road facilities by December 2015;
- (2) Re-activate a Technical Committee consisting of staff and members of the public to support this process of reviewing the network and recommending on-road facilities;
- (3) Work with partner organizations, including the Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition, Bike Victoria, Women's Everyday Bicycling (WeBike) Association and the Greater Victoria Placemaking Network, to host a public information series in September 2015 on cycling

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facilities, active transportation and placemaking in the City of Victoria.

Respectfully submitted,

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