

BICYCLE ACTION COMMITTEE**BAC Priorities and Plans**
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Role of BAC: Our primary role is **Advocacy**, including **research, promotion, watchdog**. We appreciate the positive collaboration of the Town of Cobourg towards building cycling infrastructure. However, there remains much to be done to achieve a cycling culture and adequate cycling infrastructure. We urge Council to make on-going regular consultation with the cycling community a priority, especially when developing/changing transportation and recreation infrastructure. There is significant expertise within the cycling community to initiate policy and projects that would benefit the Town.

Priorities:**Policy Initiatives:**

a) Safety and education:

- Speed reductions @ schools and other public venues where there is significant cycling and pedestrian traffic;
- creation and maintenance of trails, Bikeways and roads to accommodate cyclists safely;
- winter maintenance;
- Development and Promotion of safe cycling policies;
- cycling education for students, parents, seniors through community programs;
- updating of best practices in safety and education.

b) Infrastructure:

- Improving standards for design/building of Bikeways, see for eg. *Ontario Traffic Manual, Book 18; TORONTO MULTI-USE TRAIL DESIGN GUIDELINES-December 2014*.
- Create bike lanes at least 2 metres wide;
- Use of boulevards for multi-use trails;
- Build complete streets (see Pilot Studies in Bikeway Design);

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- Culture change in the planning and (re)building of trails, roadways/streets: There is a prevailing ideology built on cars and trucks, which causes planners to “forget” about or downplay cycling. This has to change;
- Creation of links to and between public venues, especially schools, parks, civic buildings;
- development of local business support for cycling: e.g. providing bike parking, encouraging bike lanes/tracks to their locations.

Infrastructure (including signs, maps, information): Vis. Master Cycling Plan Doc.

1. Trails:

- Kerr Trail:
 - Resurface - D'Arcy to Brook N.
 - Re-route/resurface - Division to D'Arcy
 - Construction - Division to Ontario
 - Ontario to William
 - William to Burnham
 - Rogers Rd to New Amherst Blvd
 - Brook N. to Workman
- Cobourg Creek (Cycling Spine – see Master Plan):
 - Elgin -William
 - William to lake
- Abbott (west side) from Lakeshore to King
- Lakeshore (southside) through to Lucas Point
- Coverdale from Lakeshore to Coverdale Park
- Pebble Beach to New Amherst Blvd (Waterfront Trail)

2. Road Diets:

- Research on Division;
- William St. study and design;
- University.

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3. Bike lanes:
 - D'Arcy (incl. removal of street parking)
 - Division south of University

4. Connectors:
 - Division from Elgin to Sobeys
 - Elgin from east of Ontario to YMCA
 - Kerr trail to CCC/Legion fields
 - Donegan Park to CCI and Gummow school via Abbott/Cottesmore
 - Terry Fox school to YMCA via conservation area

5. Bike Parking: parks /civic venues/commercial
 - New Sobey's Supermarket

6. Cycling safety education – Can Bike Instruction move to municipal responsibility (under Parks and Recreation)

7. Pilot studies in Bikeway design?
 - Experiments with bike tracks (lanes separated from the roadway);
 - complete streets e.g. Kerr
 - coloured lanes
 - specialized signaling