

A GROWING BICYCLE NETWORK

One of Vancouver's top attractions is the Seawall (Seaside Greenway) around Downtown. It is one of the oldest, longest and most recognized bicycle pathways in Vancouver.



To encourage more growth in cycling the City is developing bike pathways that are separated from traffic, similar to many cycle tracks seen in Europe. The award winning² Downtown Separated bike lanes and Burrard Bridge bike lanes are examples of how Vancouver is committed to making cycling easier and more comfortable for those living, working, shopping or visiting Downtown.

Cycling volumes continue to grow! July, August and September 2011 saw a total of 187,000 bike trips made on Dunsmuir Street, 40% more than the same period in 2010³.



Cycling Towards Sustainability

Vancouver has a vision of being the greenest city in the world by 2020, and Green Transportation is one of the 10 goal areas of the Greenest City Action Plan. There are two main targets: (1) to make the majority (over 50%) of trips on foot, bicycle and public transit; and (2) to reduce distance driven per resident by 20%.

A Growing City

Vancouver is creating compact neighbourhoods with higher densities to provide easy access to work, shopping and recreation. The City's population has increased by 18% and jobs by 16% over the last 15 years, but at the same time the number of vehicles entering the City every day is declining¹.

Planning Bike Routes for People

The City of Vancouver is committed to making Vancouver a cycling city. The City is currently developing its first ever Active Transportation Master Plan, which will form the basis for Vancouver's long-term walking and cycling network and policies for the next 10 years.

The City has developed over 400 lane-kilometres of bicycle facilities throughout Vancouver; a network designed to improve connections between homes, work, shopping areas and our many parks and beaches.

Moving forward the City is considering other cycling initiatives such as Public Bike Share and supporting the Velo-city 2012 cycling conference.

1 - City of Vancouver estimates based on screenline counts and census information.

2 - 2011 Bill Curtis Technical Achievement Award: Project of the year issued by Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers.

3 - Downtown separated bike lanes monitoring program.

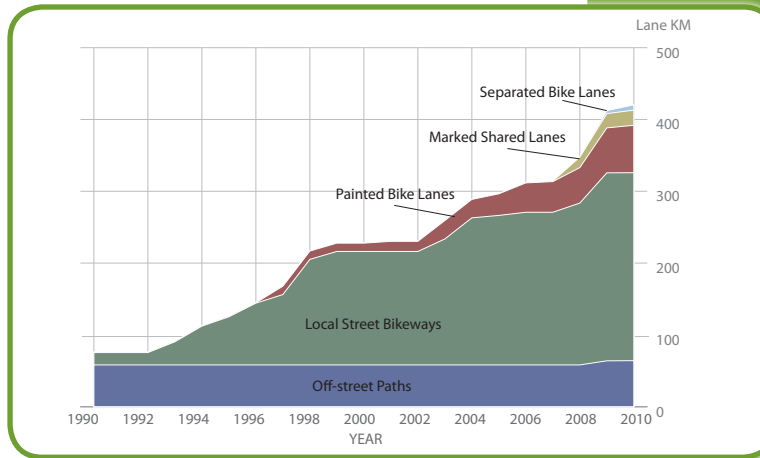
More People Riding Bikes

Over 3,500 cyclists commute to work Downtown, an increase of 70% in 10 years⁴. In some neighbourhoods, over 10% of commuting trips are made by bike, while citywide about 4% of commuting trips in Vancouver are made by bike⁵. Despite our recent success, we have captured only a small proportion of the potential market for cycling. Research shows that 31% of adults in the Vancouver region identify themselves as regular, frequent, occasional or potential cyclists⁶.

Cycling for Everyone

To capture new cyclists of all ages and abilities we have shifted our design principles to provide better quality facilities and work closely with the regional transportation authority, Translink, to continue to encourage and facilitate trip linking on the regional public transit system. Bicycles are allowed on all buses, rail transit and passenger ferry systems, which provides for accessible and convenient options to travel by and with your bike all over the Lower Mainland. For more information about bicycles on transit visit translink.ca.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY'S BICYCLE NETWORK SINCE 1990



VANCOUVER IS ONE OF NORTH AMERICA'S TOP CYCLING CITIES

- Mild winters mean we can cycle all year round.
- Many Vancouverites commute less than five kilometres to work – this distance is ideal for cycling.
- Local street bikeways have minimal levels of traffic, noise and air pollution
- Vancouver offers beautiful scenery and is relatively flat.

PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT CYCLING

Through multiple support initiatives the City is working to provide continued cycling education and promotion with various partners, including other government, health and education sectors as well as advocacy, neighbourhood and business groups.

ON-STREET BIKE PARKING, DOWNTOWN



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4,5 Statistics Canada 2006 Census
6 UBC Cycling in Cities