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Subject: [School Active Travel Expansion Program](#)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire regarding School Active Travel Program. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- Since 2018, the City of Vancouver has worked with HUB Cycling to deliver walking and cycling education to grade six and seven students at six public elementary schools a year.
- In 2022, through Climate Emergency Action Plan funding, the delivery will increase to 37 elementary schools annually, allowing the program to reach all grade 6 and 7 students on a two-year rotating basis.
- Approximately \$150,000 of funding is budgeted for this program and will be sourced from the Climate Levy.
- The goals of the program are to increase students' walking and cycling safety knowledge, confidence and skills and to promote active travel to and from school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca.

Best,
Paul

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MEMORANDUM

February 17, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Lon LaClaire
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SUBJECT: School Active Travel Education Expansion

RTS #: N/A

Background

Established in 2012, the City's School Active Travel Planning program consults with school communities and stakeholders to improve safety, identify transportation-related challenges and opportunities, and increase the number of children walking, cycling and rolling to school.

In November 2020, City Council approved the Climate Emergency Action Plan including direction to develop a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Action Plan. The TDM Action Plan includes an expanded School Active Travel Program, which identifies a number of actions to help build and sustain an active travel culture in schools. A key component of the plan is to scale walking and cycling education to reach all grade 6 and 7 students on a two-year rotating basis.

Since 2018, the City of Vancouver has worked with HUB Cycling to deliver the Ride the Road walking and cycling course to grade six and seven students at six public elementary schools a year. In 2022, the City's goal is to expand the delivery model from six schools to approximately 37 elementary schools in collaboration with the Vancouver School Board. This will allow the

program to reach all grade 6 and 7 students in the City's 75 public elementary schools every two years.

School Active Travel Education

Universal cycling education programs are popular in many jurisdictions around the world, notably the Bikeability program in the United Kingdom and BikeReady in New Zealand. In Metro Vancouver, the cities of Coquitlam, New Westminster, North Vancouver, Pitt Meadows, Port Moody and Richmond offer cycling education to all elementary school students through HUB Cycling.

The City of Vancouver's School Active Travel Education Program aims to:

- Increase student walking and cycling safety knowledge
- Increase student cycling confidence and skills riding on the road with vehicles
- Promote walking and cycling to and from school to teachers, parents and students

The City has engaged the not-for-profit organization HUB Cycling to deliver Ride the Road to grade 6 and 7 students. This fun, interactive course aims to build students' walking and cycling skills, awareness and confidence. The four lessons teach walking and cycling safety theory and on-bike skills, which are then applied in a group ride around the neighbourhood to end the course.

To make this course accessible to everyone, HUB Cycling will supply a fleet of 12 bicycles - including adaptive bicycles – and helmets for each school during the course. Students will also receive a course completion certificate that includes resources to further encourage the use of active transportation modes among children and their families.

HUB Cycling will monitor program outcomes by surveying students, parents and teachers and will deliver an annual report to the City by December 2022.

Approximately \$150,000 of annual funding is budgeted for this program and will be sourced from the Climate Levy.

Next Steps

HUB Cycling will be reaching out directly to schools to invite them to participate, and scheduling schools on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested schools can also register directly with HUB Cycling. Courses will be delivered from late March to the end of June, and mid-September to mid-November 2022. An official news release will take place when the first course is delivered in late March or early April.

Additional information can be found at vancouver.ca/schoolactivetravel

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any further questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lon LaClaire', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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