

MOTION

16. Increasing Cycling Education and Safety Training for Youth in Vancouver Schools

At the Regular Council meeting on April 17, 2018, Vancouver City Council referred the following matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on April 18, 2018, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Carr

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver's Transportation 2040 plan targets two-thirds of all trips in the city to be on foot, bike or transit by 2040;
2. Our Transportation 2040 plan also aims to increase safety on our streets and sidewalks and achieve zero traffic-related fatalities;
3. The City's Healthy City Strategy promotes active transportation as a way to improve health and well-being, reduce rates of obesity and other diseases, and connect people;
4. To help achieve our Healthy City and Transportation 2040's active transportation goals, the City has invested considerable resources in a safe, convenient cycling network of segregated bike lanes and interconnected bike routes, and provides a modest level of funding for educational cycling programs in Vancouver elementary schools;
5. More Vancouver elementary schools have requested educational cycling programs than are able to be offered with current levels of funding, which enables programs in up to 10 Vancouver elementary schools per year;
6. These programs provide essential information about cycling safety, rules of the road, and respectful and responsible behavior; and
7. A study made public at City Studio's Hubbub event on April 6, 2018, revealed that the biggest factor in determining whether young people choose to cycle was whether they attended an educational cycling program in their school, which means that investing in such programs has the greatest potential to increase the number of youth, and potentially life-long, cyclists.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct staff to explore working in co-partnership with Vancouver School Board staff on delivering an improved cycling skills training program in Vancouver schools including working to:

- i. Assess the demand for educational cycling programs in Vancouver schools and the cost to supply sufficient programming to meet that demand;
- ii. Identify sources of funding to expand the educational cycling program in Vancouver schools, including the City of Vancouver's operating budget;
- iii. Identify measures other than educational cycling programs that would increase cycling and walking frequency and safety.

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