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MOTION ON NOTICE

2. BC Bicycling Development Program

MOVER: Councillor Geoff Meggs

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS cycling is a critical element of the province's transportation system, serving growing numbers of citizens for commuting, recreation and sport year-round; and

WHEREAS cycling not only supports BC's greenhouse gas emission goals and public health objectives, it provides community-friendly transportation at low cost to municipalities; and

WHEREAS cycling is an important part of BC's ecotourism industry with routes like the Kettle Valley Railway and others attracting thousands of visitors annually; and

WHEREAS the development and expansion of safe cycling across the province requires a co-ordinated approach that includes the relevant provincial ministries working with municipalities through the UBCM;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City of Vancouver call on the province, through the UBCM, to undertake a BC Cycling Development Program in co-operation with municipalities to:

- ensure safety is paramount through the development of cyclist and driver education programs;
- develop a best practices guide for municipalities designed to grow cycling traffic and cycling mode share by ensuring consistent standards province-wide in the implementation of cycling infrastructure, including bike lanes and signage, and the creation of cycling routes and loops to encourage destination cycling;
- allocate appropriate funding through the Ministry of Transportation to double cycling mode share by 2020 through strategies including increased capital cost sharing with municipalities, safe cycling connections between municipalities and safe cycling infrastructure on provincial routes through municipalities;
- consult with stakeholders on necessary amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act to promote safe cycling and to develop appropriate province-wide standards for enforcement of the law as it applies to cyclists and to motorists;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to other municipalities around the province for their consideration and endorsement.

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