



Statement from Mayor Helps on BC's Active Transportation Strategy

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VICTORIA, BC — Mayor Lisa Helps issued the following statement today about BC's Active Transportation Strategy:

"I'm thrilled to see the provincial government moving forward with a bold strategy that focuses on the future of active transportation. My thanks to Ministers Heyman and Trevena for moving this important initiative forward.

We know from our own work at the City of Victoria that making meaningful changes in transportation requires collaboration at all levels. From the public consultation, to the design and implementation, countless hours are spent making sure we can provide safe, reliable and attractive networks for residents of all ages.

The commitments to supporting low-carbon, safe, active transportation in this Strategy are encouraging. It's clear that this government understands that we are in a climate emergency and that all solutions must be deployed.

Active transportation not only promotes physical health, but it can dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve social connectedness. I'm excited to see the government build on the successful BikeBC funding program, which the City has benefited from, and to update the Motor Vehicle Act to better support pedestrians and cyclists.

The City of Victoria has continued to see growth in walking, cycling and use of public transit. Investments in new infrastructure as well as education and encouragement programs are already proving to make a big difference in how people get around.

Our residents are on the front lines of climate change and we're leading the way in implementing impactful solutions. Through the development of our own mobility strategy, Go Victoria, we are continuing to invest in innovative and practical transportation solutions for residents, businesses and visitors. Again thanks to the Province for strong leadership, with this and with collaborative efforts, I'm confident we will make the right investments now and into the future."

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