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Growing Cycling Network is the Way to Go

VICTORIA, BC – Just in time for Go By Bike Week, the City of Victoria is putting the finishing touches on seven new All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling corridors.

Projects include traffic-calmed neighbourhood bikeways on Kings Road, Haultain Street and Richardson Street, as well as three additional connector routes into the Oaklands, Fernwood and North Park neighbourhoods. Protected bike lanes have also been installed on Government Street, between Pandora Avenue and Gorge Road.

With financial support from the Canada Community Building Fund, ICBC and the Pacific Economic Development Canada (PacifiCan), each project features several different road safety and accessibility improvements, new trees and landscaping, as well as placemaking features like benches and local plazas. Road paving, new sidewalks and upgrades to underground infrastructure were also completed on some corridors to coordinate construction and mitigate future disruptions to residents and businesses.

“Taking a complete street approach to improving road safety benefits our entire community,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “Whether it is a new traffic signal to help people cross a busy intersection, new trees to grow our urban forest, or adding speed humps to encourage slower shared streets, these investments are another step towards achieving our goals of increasing livability and equity and reducing traffic fatalities and injuries.”

As the cycling network expands in both size and popularity, the City is partnering with the CRD Traffic Safety Foundation this summer to deliver programming focused on familiarizing the public with new routes and facility types to support road safety. Promoting best practices and etiquette around sharing neighbourhood bikeways and multi-use pathways, the “Way to Go” campaign features free guided community bike rides, programming and prizes for elementary schools, and educational resources available at Crystal Pool, City Hall, community centres, bike shops and libraries.

To sign up for free, guided bike rides and for tips on sharing neighbourhood bikeways and multi-use pathways, visit victoria.ca/WayToGo.

For more information on PacifiCan, visit Canada.ca/en/pacific-economic-development.html

For more information on the Canada Community-Building Fund, visit www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-eng.html

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An updated map of the AAA cycling network and photos from the new corridors can be found in this folder [Network Map and Corridor Photos - OneDrive \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

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