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EBC SUPPORTS THE 2013 ON-STREET BIKE ROUTES

EDMONTON – The Edmonton Bicycle Commuters' Society (EBC) supports the on-street bike routes planned for 2013. The president and the executive director of EBC will be available for interviews from 6-8:30pm at the public information session at Hazeldean School on February 12.

In 2011, sections of the on-street bike routes were undermined through compromises that benefited neither cyclists nor drivers. EBC wishes to avoid repeating those mistakes. More quality cycling infrastructure promotes health, economic, safety and community benefits.

According to a 2012 City of Edmonton survey, 54 per cent of Edmontonians are cyclists. 35 per cent of Edmontonians cycle once a week or more in the spring, summer and fall.

"If you create a city that's good for an eight year old and good for an 80 year old, you will create a better city for everyone. Building quality cycling infrastructure for everyone builds a higher quality of life in Edmonton," says Christopher Chan, executive director of EBC.

While there has been some controversy surrounding cycling infrastructure in Edmonton, there are positive signs for cyclists. The planned 97 Street [bike boulevard](#) is an example of residential street design that reduces speeding and shortcutting while making the neighborhood safer and more pleasant, with higher property values to boot.

[The proposed buffered bike lanes](#) on 106 Street, 132 Ave and 40 Ave offer another example of high-quality cycling infrastructure, where cyclists of all skill levels can feel comfortable.

The [City of Edmonton's Bicycle Transportation Plan](#) is only in its fourth year of existence. Building a proper bike network takes time, effort and effective consultation. The Edmonton Bicycle Commuters' Society is committed to working with citizens, businesses and the City to ensure that Edmonton gets the best possible bike infrastructure.

Background

About EBC

Learn how to fix your bike and ride in traffic. Buy a refurbished bike, or donate a disused one. Meet other cyclists, and help us advocate for a bike-friendly city.

Whether you ride a few times a week, 265 bike-friendly days a year, or year-round, the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters' Society (EBC) gives you the tools you need to enjoy cycling. Established as a non-profit society in 1980, EBC operates two volunteer-run community bike workshops, provides training for children and adults, hosts events during Bike Month and all year-round, and represents Edmonton cyclists at City Hall.

<http://edmontonbikes.ca>



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Further reading

Buffered bike lanes:

- <http://nacto.org/cities-for-cycling/design-guide/bike-lanes/buffered-bike-lanes/>
- http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/106_st_40_ave_Design_Plans_Jan_2013.pdf
- http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/137_Ave_Design_Plans_Feb_2013.pdf



Bike boulevards:

- <http://nacto.org/cities-for-cycling/design-guide/bicycle-boulevards/>
- http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/97_st_Design_Plans_Jan_2013.pdf



City of Edmonton Bicycle Transportation Plan & On-road bike routes 2013:

- http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/cycling_walking/bicycle-transportation-plan.aspx
- http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/on-street-bike-routes.aspx

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