



The City of Saskatoon has identified the need to improve cycling as a part of a larger strategy to increase the attractiveness of and access to the downtown for residents, visitors, businesses, employers and their employees. A protected bike lane demonstration project has been planned to achieve this goal.

You are invited to come and learn more about the 18-month downtown protected bike lane demonstration project scheduled to begin May 2015, view detailed drawings, and have an opportunity to ask all of your questions and provide feedback. There are two opportunities to participate and both will be facilitated by Doug Fast, Principal of Fast Consulting:

OPEN HOUSE: Downtown Protected Bike Lane Demonstration Project

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

2 to 4 p.m. - Presentation and Open House for Businesses

5 to 8 p.m. - Presentation and Open House for the General Public

Le Relais Community Centre

103 - 308 4th Avenue North

What are Protected Bike Lanes?

Protected bike lanes physically separate people riding bikes from drivers. Protected bike lanes make cycling a more attractive transportation option by increasing the comfort level and feeling of safety by 'protecting' cyclists from traffic and car doors opening. The lanes benefit drivers, as separate space for cyclists increases the predictability and comfort of driving. It also reduces 'sidewalk riding' which is beneficial for pedestrians.

What streets would the Protected Bike Lanes be on?

After an in-depth examination of downtown streets and how they connect to the larger city, **4th Avenue and 24th Street** have been identified for the demonstration project as a north-south and east-west street pair that builds on the current major access points for people riding bikes to the downtown.

What are the next steps?

City Administration is currently working on a proposal to present at the Open House based on City Council's feedback in May which included concerns about parking; traffic flow; impact on retail; winter use and maintenance; and implementing proper measurements for success. While many questions will be addressed at the start of the project, there will still be many learning opportunities resulting from the demonstration project itself.

More information and preliminary meeting notes available on www.shapingsaskatoon.ca.

For questions, call the City of Saskatoon Planning & Development at 306.975.2642.