

#CycleON Action Plan 1.0

As the first in a series of ongoing, multi-year action plans, #CycleON Action Plan 1.0 lays out the path the province will follow in 2014 and beyond to work towards the vision and goals set out in #CycleON: Ontario's Cycling Strategy.

This plan includes initiatives that are already underway, some that are to start soon and others that are longer-term. Many actions will continue over multiple years. Where an action has a defined completion year it is indicated in brackets.

Twelve Ontario ministries have responsibility for implementing Ontario's Cycling Strategy and Action Plan 1.0: Transportation (MTO) and its agency Metrolinx; Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS); Education (EDU); Environment (MOE); Finance (MOF); Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC); Infrastructure (MOI); Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); Natural Resources (MNR); Northern Development and Mines (MNDM); Rural Affairs (MRA); and Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS).

The five strategic directions within #CycleON have been designed to help make Ontario a more cycling-friendly province. The government's actions to implement them are described below.

1. Design healthy, active and prosperous communities by:

- 1.1. Implementing the active transportation policies in the [Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe](#), a long-term plan to manage growth in the region – MOI
- 1.2. Working with municipalities to implement the [Provincial Policy Statement, 2014](#), which provides direction on land-use planning and development across Ontario and emphasizes the importance of cycling to healthy, active communities – MMAH
- 1.3. Implementing the active transportation elements of [The Big Move](#), the 25-year plan for coordinated, integrated transportation and transit in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area – Metrolinx
- 1.4. Working with municipalities to strengthen local implementation of provincial active transportation policies that facilitate cycling by:
 - Supporting municipalities as they develop and implement municipal official plans and transportation-related plans that support cycling
 - Developing an education program for provincial and municipal staff on cycling planning (2015)
 - Undertaking research to identify planning, engineering and operational barriers to cycling and active transportation, and related tools (2015)
 - Developing an implementation plan to help overcome these barriers (2015) – MTO, MMAH, MOI

- 1.5. Looking for and considering additional opportunities to encourage and support cycling during the review of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe – MOI
- 1.6. Looking for and considering additional opportunities to support cycling during the review of the Greenbelt Plan, which provides permanent agricultural and environmental protection in the Greater Golden Horseshoe – MMAH
- 1.7. Adding a cycling component to [First Impressions Community Exchange](#), a program in which peer communities use a checklist to assess each other's strengths and challenges based on first impressions (2015) – MRA

2. Improve cycling infrastructure by:

- 2.1. Launching a three-year Ontario Cycling Infrastructure Program to build municipal and provincial cycling infrastructure – MTO
- 2.2. Identifying a province-wide network of cycling routes that will help locate areas of provincial infrastructure that should accommodate cycling (2016) – MTO
- 2.3. Incorporate design features for cyclist and pedestrian facilities and safety improvements on provincial road and bridge projects using appropriate criteria, unless justification exists for exemption – MTO
- 2.4. Working with municipalities to identify and address any provincial practices or infrastructure that are barriers for local cycling networks (2015) – MTO
- 2.5. Releasing Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 to provide guidance to municipalities on the planning, design and operation of cycling facilities (2014) – MTO
- 2.6. Releasing the Bikeways Design Manual to provide updated guidance to provincial staff who plan, design, build and operate cycling facilities on provincial roads and bridges (2014) – MTO

3. Make highways and streets safer by:

- 3.1. Introducing proposed legislative and regulatory amendments to promote cyclist safety, including amendments that address dooring, one-metre passing, contraflow bike lanes, bicycle-specific traffic signals and riding on paved shoulders (2014) – MTO
- 3.2. Consulting municipalities, road user groups and others on additional safety-related issues such as cycling on sidewalks and default speed limits (2015) – MTO
- 3.3. Providing stakeholder partners with new funding to develop or enhance cycling skills training programs (2015) – MTO
- 3.4. Encouraging drivers to learn the rules of the road related to cycling by adding more cycling content to driver-testing materials (2015) – MTO
- 3.5. Promoting the use of helmets by cyclists of all ages – MTO

3.6. Continuing Ontario Provincial Police visits to schools to educate children on cycling safety – OPP

4. Promote cycling awareness and behavioural shifts by:

- 4.1. Establishing and supporting a community of interest forum for municipal staff who work on cycling, to encourage innovation by sharing best practices and knowledge – MTO
- 4.2. Promoting cycling to school and to work through the [Active and Sustainable School Transportation program](#) and the [Smart Commute workplace program](#) – Metrolinx
- 4.3. Supporting cycling-related programs and development of community cycling policies through the Healthy Communities Fund – MOHLTC
- 4.4. Encouraging more people to cycle more often by supporting a variety of cycling programs and initiatives through the [Ontario Trillium Foundation](#) – MTCS
- 4.5. Delivering cycling-related education programs and collaborating on local cycling initiatives through local public health units – MOHLTC
- 4.6. Supporting student learning about cycling through the existing elementary and secondary curriculum – EDU
- 4.7. Building the Pan/Parapan Am Games four-season Velodrome to provide a training and competition facility for national and provincial high-performance cycling athletes (2015) – Infrastructure Ontario, Pan/Parapan Am Games Secretariat, MTCS
- 4.8. Supporting cycling opportunities through various sport and recreation funding programs – MTCS
- 4.9. Beginning to support community-led physical activity programs through [the Healthy Kids Community Challenge](#), a program where community partners work together to implement local activities based on social marketing themes – MOHLTC

5. Increase cycling tourism opportunities by:

- 5.1. Identifying a province-wide network of cycling routes to promote recreational cycling and cycling tourism, connect municipal cycling routes and places of interest and help prioritize future infrastructure investments on provincial highways (2016) – MTO
- 5.2. Investing more than \$3.5 million in trails that can be used for cycling, walking and other activities as part of Ontario's celebration and legacy of the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games (2016) – MTCS
- 5.3. Supporting cycling through the [Ontario Trails Strategy](#), a long-term plan that provides direction for planning, managing, promoting and using trails in Ontario – MTCS
- 5.4. Supporting cycling tourism projects through the [Celebrate Ontario program](#), which supports festivals and events, and the [Tourism Development Fund](#) – MTCS

- 5.5. Providing product development and marketing support for cycling tourism through [Regional Tourism Organizations](#) – MTCS
- 5.6. Planning for cycling routes, bicycle access and parking measures at venues during the Pan/Parapan American Games (2015) – MTO

ISBN 978-1-4606-4296-2 (PDF)
© Queen's Printer for Ontario, 2014
Disponible en français