

PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL CYCLING STRATEGIES



**Increasing Cycling While
Reducing Collisions**

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COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY STRATEGY

- Reduce collisions
- Increase cycling levels
- Safe, accessible and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities
- Children and seniors
- Best practices from around the world
- Local experience and evidence

PROVINCIAL MEASURES

- Funding
- Infrastructure
- Education
- Maintenance
- Hazard Removal
- Legislation
- Speed Reduction
- Enforcement
- Helmet Education
- Helmet Choice

FUNDING

Infrastructure

- \$175 million per year
- Province and Federal Governments
- 4 year initial commitment
- \$40 per person

Education and Promotion

- \$5 million per year each

INFRASTRUCTURE

Complete networks of high-quality facilities

- Bicycle paths
- Separated bike lanes
- Traffic-calmed streets
- Paved shoulders on rural highways

Provide the opportunity for safe interaction between cyclists, motorists and pedestrians.

EDUCATION

- Universally available
- Cycling safety education
- Skills training for children and adults
- Cycling safety integrated into driver training and testing
- On-going safety campaigns targeted at drivers and cyclists

MAINTENANCE

Prompt all-season maintenance of cycling facilities, roads and shoulders

Removal of

- Debris
- Snow
- Ice

HAZARD REMOVAL

The elimination of hazards cycling facilities, roads and shoulders

- Poor surface treatments
- Blind spots
- Obstacles

LEGISLATION

- Update provincial legislation, including the Motor Vehicle Act, to provide greater legal protection and comfort for cyclists
- Safe passing distance
- Rolling stop
- Riding two abreast
- Separated bike lanes, bike box, bike signals

SPEED REDUCTION

- Lower speed limits
- Blanket speed limits of 30km/h in residential areas
- 30 km/h on bikeways
- Higher insurance rates for speeder
- Effective traffic calming

ENFORCEMENT

- Focused enforcement campaigns that maximize the safety of vulnerable road users including cyclists and pedestrians

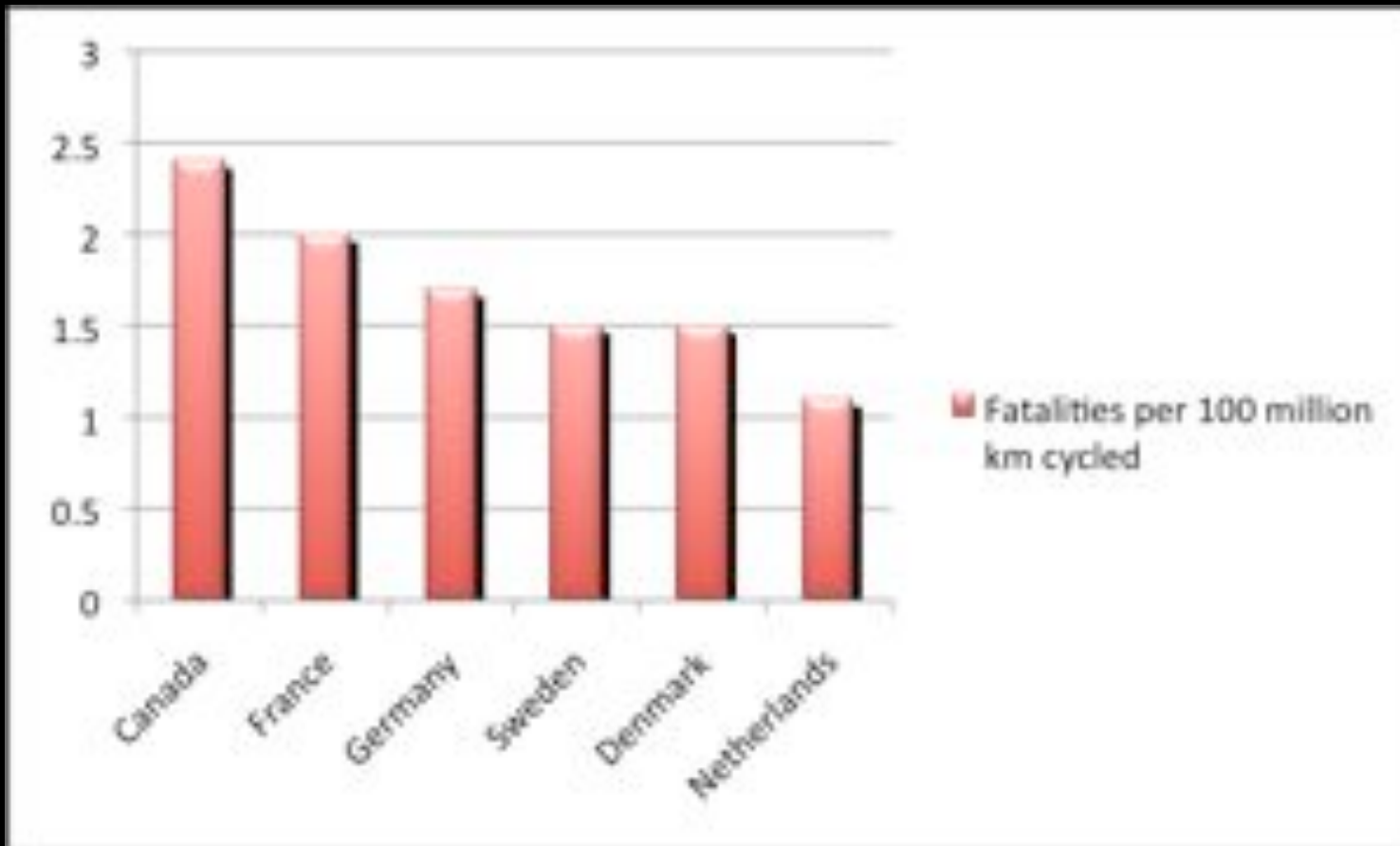
HELMET EDUCATION

- Encouraging helmet use through education that reflects the risk of cycling in different circumstances.
- Avoid fear-based helmet marketing campaigns that exaggerate the risk of cycling and thus discourage cycling

HELMET CHOICE

- Jurisdictions which have implemented comprehensive crash reduction measures have fatality rates dramatically lower than BC
- Allow adults choice regarding helmet use by eliminating the mandatory helmet requirement
- Enable enforcement resources to be focused on collision reduction
- Facilitate the successful introduction of bike sharing

CYCLING SAFETY



FEDERAL

- Develop a National Cycling Strategy
- Funding for infrastructure, promotion and education
- Bicycle facilities on all road, bridge, transit and rail projects that receive federal funding

RAIL

- Regulations streamlining the process for bicycle paths next to active rail lines
- Regulations that require abandoned rail lines to be retained in perpetuity for use as bicycle trails.

STANDARDS

- Safety standards for motor vehicles to reduce collisions with bicycles and to reduce the severity of injuries to cyclists
- National standards for electric bicycles

TAX

- Tax rebates for companies who provide facilities for commuter cycling

OTHER

- Researching and promoting best practices
- Developing and promoting cycling tourism in Canada