



**1. Does your party support the development and implementation of an Active Transportation Strategy?**

Today's BC Liberals are focussed on controlling government spending, keeping taxes low, and creating jobs through a strong, diverse economy. Because of this foundation - Canada's strongest economy and best job creation - we can look after the people we love and invest in the things that matter to British Columbians. And we get to leave an even better province for our children and grandchildren with the freedom to make their own choices when it's their turn to lead.

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Today's BC Liberals will continue working with partners such as the BC Cycling Coalition to make investments that improve safety and encourage cycling across British Columbia.

**2. What level of annual investment (cost shared funding for municipalities and upgrading provincial highways and bridges) for all ages cycling and walking networks is your party committed to?**

- A. Cost shared cycling & walking infrastructure funding for municipalities (per year)**
- B. Funding for upgrading cycling & walking facilities Provincial Roads and Bridges (per year)**

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The Province's Cycling Policy also states that provisions for cyclists are made on all new and upgraded provincial highways. This is why we have also made direct investments to improve cyclist and pedestrian safety, such as the Stanley Park Causeway improvements, valued at \$7 million. We worked closely with the local cycling groups, the Vancouver Park Board, the City of Vancouver, the Stanley Park Ecological Society and local First Nations and to successfully deliver this project.

One of the most significant cycling gaps in the province is the George Massey Tunnel. Since it opened in 1959, cycling has not been permitted in the tunnel due to its narrow lanes. To bike through the tunnel would be extremely dangerous and cyclists are currently faced with the choice of finding another route or taking a shuttle through the tunnel. In 2012, we committed to replacing the tunnel and undertook an extensive multi-year consultation process to hear from groups such as yours to ensure we maximize the benefits of the project for the cycling community.

Today's BC Liberals are absolutely committed to integrating cycling infrastructure as we undertake new construction and improvements on provincial highways. For example, last year, we were proud to announce the formation of a cycling working group, including representatives from the cycling community, to provide input on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement project to ensure that the replacement bridge is integrated into the regional cycling network. We have also established a separate working group for the Lower Lynn Improvement Project underway in North Vancouver.

### **3. Does your party support a safer passing law?**

A re-elected BC Liberal government would be pleased to meet with your organization and other stakeholders to determine what initiatives could be undertaken to further improve safety for cyclists in B.C.

#### **4. A. What measures does your party support to protect people cycling and walking by reducing motor vehicle speed?**

#### **B. The Province's road safety strategy has a goal of zero traffic fatalities. What other road measures is your party committed to help BC eliminate cycling and walking traffic fatalities?**

Today's BC Liberals recognize the importance of safety on our Province's roads. Through our partnerships with the RCMP, local police, ICBC and government traffic engineers, we regularly review the speed limits on our roadways. Speed limits are set using internationally accepted practices on a case-by-case basis for the specific roadway, and includes consideration of factors such as the ambient speed, safety history, road design, mix of traffic and the amount of roadside development.

As committed to in B.C. on the Move, our government is widening the shoulders on corridors that are used by many cyclists. This will improve safety and comfort by adding space between cyclists and passing motorists. Sweeping reduces gravel and other debris, making corridors safer for cyclists. For example, we have completed widening on Highway 14 and provisions for additional sweeping are will be included in new maintenance contract language.

We will continue to review speed limits on a case-by-case basis.

**5. Does your party commit to fund and implement a comprehensive cycling touring strategy including an initiative for marketing cycling tourism?**

A further commitment in BC on the Move is to work with Destination British Columbia, local governments and stakeholders to promote cycling tourism in B.C., which we have implemented in the South Okanagan. Working with our partners, signs were installed across the region to help identify routes for cyclists to follow. The City of Penticton partnered with local cycling shops to build a “bike hub” at the Peach Plaza, providing a bike pump, racks, repair tools and water bottle filling station for cyclists to use at no charge.

Additionally, the new South Okanagan Similkameen Cycling Guide – a co-operative effort between South Okanagan local governments – shows the array of cycling trails and routes throughout the region in a convenient, foldable pocket map easy for cyclists to carry. Today’s BC Liberals are committed to expanding this model to other regions across the province to help increase cycling tourism.

**6. Does your party commit making cycling skills training available for every child in the province?**

Today’s BC Liberals are committed to making targeted investments to promote and encourage cycling. Our government has funded numerous multi-agency initiatives that promote cycling, including the development of the Spirit of 2010 Trail, the Recreation Trails Strategy for British Columbia and Bike to Work Week promotional campaign.

And if re-elected, we will continue to make investments that promote cycling. At the same time, we are focused on controlling government spending and growing the economy to keep taxes low for British Columbia’s families and businesses. We want to get to a debt-free BC so that our children and grandchildren aren’t forced to pay for what we spend today.