Get bike lanes in your community!

Use the *Bike Lane Toolkit* to work with your council and cut greenhouse gases

The second-biggest source of greenhouse gases in Canada is transportation, and a good deal of that pollution comes from light trucks and cars. To reach our climate targets, people need safe, convenient alternatives to fossil-fueled private vehicles.

Enter the bicycle, the cost-efficient, zero-emission method of moving thousands of people a day. But most folks, understandably, won't start riding unless they feel safe. That means cities need to build bike lanes that separate motorists from cyclists by means of physical barriers. This infrastructure works well. A recent Ryerson University study found fully separated cycling lanes could reduce injuries along Toronto's Bloor-Danforth by 89 per cent, but not all city councillors support bike lanes.

The good news is that, with the right tools and education, you can convince city councillors that protected bike lanes make streets safer for *all* road users, can be part of a thriving environment for local businesses and are often popular with residents. Polling released in September 2020, for example, showed support for protected bike lanes in Toronto at over 80 per cent.

If cycling is your passion, consider leading a bike lane campaign in your community. You can partner with doctors, store owners and other residents to tell city hall that these lanes check all the boxes. Citizens have already made huge impacts working with their local governments. Cities such as Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal are building extensive cycling networks, and much of the credit goes to neighbourhood residents.

Use the *Bike Lane Toolkit* to help you collaborate with local politicians to reduce pollution, improve road safety and tackle the climate crisis.

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