

Policy Topics

This is a list of ideas that may prompt policy statements. Any statement would likely be a mix and match of several points.

- Infrastructure - How streets and paths are designed and built.
 - ◆ Identify the various types of cycling right of way and how they impact cyclists, motorists and pedestrians.
 - Sharerow – Marginal utility. Provides no real space for cyclists. Does not specify what cyclists or motorists should actually do. Should likely not be used at all
 - Bike lanes with pavement markings – Provide separation of space for cyclists.
 - Bikes lanes with physical separation - curbs, planters, parking lanes.
 - Bike paths away from streets – perhaps shared with pedestrians.
 - ◆ Facilities for intersection – where paths cross
 - Bike boxes to bring bikes to the front of an intersection with traffic lights. Also good for a type of left turn
 - Special bike crosswalks with lights – very effective
- Safety
 - ◆ Equipment
 - Lights for visibility – already a law – needs better enforcement and education
 - Clothing - reflective strips - bright colors
 - Heavy clothing and padding – as per “motorcycle leathers”
 - Helmets – for those who feel safer that way.
 - ◆ Cyclist behaviour
 - Attitudes – defensive riding – situational awareness
 - Education
 - Recommended courses
 - “Guide to cycling” perhaps bikeyface booklet
 - ◆ Motorists behaviour
 - “Guide to driving around cyclists” as per bikeyface
 - “breathing room??”, “one metre”, “don't squeeze by”
- Legislation and Rules
 - ◆ Yield on Stop – cyclists can go through stop signs (safely of course).
 - ◆ Stop on Red – Cyclists go ahead of the green light when safe. Puts them out in front of cars for better visibility
 - ◆ Using sidewalks – already allowed in certain locations. Needs much better documentation.