

Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition,  
Cycling Association of Yukon

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Thank you for taking the time to reach out to the Yukon Liberal Party with your questions concerning active transportation.

As a Government, we declared a climate crisis and worked hard to ensure that Yukon had a strong plan in place to address climate change. We released Our Clean Future in 2020, which, if re-elected, we will continue to implement.

Active transportation is a huge aspect of how we will reduce Yukon's GHG emissions. We need to make it easier for Yukoners to choose active transportation, over driving, wherever possible. In many cases, this will require strong partnerships with municipalities.

Our Clean Future (OCF) addresses active transportation in several ways, and if re-elected, we will implement the following:

- Prioritizing the use of clean transportation wherever possible. We are committed to making it more affordable for Yukoners to purchase both electric vehicles and electric bikes. This began with a suite of rebate programs that we put in place in the summer of 2020, and we will continue those very popular programs. This includes rebates for both personal and business e-bikes.
- Incorporating active transportation in the design of highways and other Government of Yukon transportation infrastructure near communities. We believe this commitment is critical for encouraging increased active transportation when it comes to things like commuting to and from work.
- Conducting climate risk assessments of all major transportation infrastructure projects above \$10 million that are built or funded by Government of Yukon.
- Develop detailed guidelines by 2025 that can be used by the Government of Yukon and partners to develop walkable, bike-friendly and transit-oriented communities.

We will incorporate a climate change lens into the decision-making process for major Government of Yukon policies, programs and projects by 2021 – and this priority will be made clear to the Department of Highways and Public Works.

We are also committed to making active transportation to and from schools easier. In our platform, we have committed to develop and implement school safety transportation plans

covering safe drop-off and pick-up areas, snow removal, safe crosswalks, speed control, and proper lighting.

Thank you for reaching out to the Yukon Liberal Party on this important topic.

Sincerely,



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