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**RE: Cycling Association of Yukon and Whitehorse Urban Cycling Coalition questions**

Hello to all you bikers, cyclists, riders, and bicycle enthusiasts!

As you're probably well aware, I love bikes, and I tell folks all the time that I look forward to seeing them on our shared trails. I'm so happy to be able to speak to you about the Yukon NDP's plan for active transportation and cycling in the Yukon!

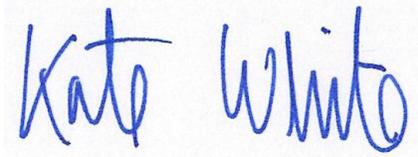
After the Yukon Government declared a climate emergency, we believed it was time to include active transportation in all Yukon Government plans going forward. We know that improved active transport is important for the environment, for our health, and for alleviating rush hour traffic in Whitehorse. That's why the Yukon NDP is committed to supporting the City of Whitehorse in their work on this. A Yukon NDP government will make public transit free in Whitehorse, reducing traffic on our roads and moving towards more environmentally friendly methods of transportation.

In terms of more systemic changes, and especially those that concern Highways and Public Works, we will make sure that anytime a road under Yukon Government responsibility gets worked on, active transportation is part of the plan where appropriate. A big piece of this is supporting the City of Whitehorse with completing their Bicycle Network Plan, instead of leaving it as an afterthought, such as happened recently at the Range Road and Hillcrest Drive intersection redevelopments. I would also love to work with partners to connect communities with safe transportation options, decrease emissions, and make it easier for everyone to get where they need to go. That means increasing access to Yukon Government facilities by foot and bicycle throughout the whole year, and making sure there's a suitable all-weather place to park those bikes!

Beyond these commitments, I'm absolutely on board for creating cycling paths for new schools and making sure that schools have adequate and modern bike storage. I also want to highlight our platform commitment to partner with service providers including NGOs and small businesses to provide services like snow shovelling for homecare. This would make it easier for seniors to get around, but would also work to maintain walking routes clear in the winter months.

I know that the City has committed to winter maintenance of any new trail developments, but there are many opportunities for the Yukon Government to work with the City to support maintenance. The airport trail for example, is an important piece of active transportation infrastructure but the Yukon Government could be a better partner by helping reduce drifting through modifications to the airport parcel, and coordinating plow times so highway plows do not bury the freshly plowed multi-use path.

I hope this answers your questions and gives you confidence in my plan to make active transportation a priority in the Yukon. I look forward to talking and riding with you in the future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate White".

Kate White,  
Leader, Yukon NDP