



Dear Esquimalt Council,

The Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition and our local Esquimalt Local Committee are excited by the possibilities Esquimalt has with biking in the next four years. Building on work done by previous councils and guided by the urgent need to tackle multiple crises in housing and climate, now is the time for bold action on biking.

The current Esquimalt Official Community Plan has policy to “Consider improving and expanding cycling infrastructure to an All Ages and Abilities (AAA) standard to encourage cycling as a healthy form of transportation.” *but unfortunately there is no municipal-wide vision for a biking network.* Esquimalt’s neighbours are moving forward quickly; both Victoria and Saanich are looking to build extensive networks of AAA bikeways in the next few years.

With all that in mind, we recommend the following amendments to the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan:

Support multi-modal transportation strategies that reflect the cumulative impact of business and residential development

<i>Current Wording</i>	<i>Proposed Wording</i>
Research and consider best practices for multi-modal traffic initiatives and strategies	Develop an Active Transportation Plan by the end of 2020

Support ongoing improvements to transportation corridors

<i>Current Wording</i>	<i>Proposed Wording</i>
Evaluate transportation corridors for opportunities and options to enhance	Build All Ages and Abilities bikeways on at least two corridors by 2023

We look forward to working with Esquimalt council and staff in next few years as we work together to make Esquimalt a friendlier place to ride a bike.

Yours,

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