

support for the tcat plan on active transportation

Below are some of the groups and businesses that support the TCAT plan.

- Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists
- The Bike Joint*
- bikeToronto
- BikingToronto
- The Clean Air Partnership
- Community Bicycle Network
- The Conservation Council of Ontario
- Conservation Development Association
- Cycle Ontario
- DIG IN (Dupont Improvement Group)
- East Toronto Climate Action Group
- Feet on the Street
- Friends of Fort York
- Go for Green
- Grassroots Environmental Products
- Green Communities Canada
- Harbord Village Residents' Association
- I Bike TO
- The Institute for Clinical Evaluative Services (ICES) BUG
- LEAF (Local Enhancement & Appreciation of Forests)
- Mountain Equipment Co-Op
- National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy
- Ontario College of Family Physicians
- Ontario Smart Growth Network
- Parkdale Community Legal Services BUG
- Pollution Probe
- PPS (Project for Public Spaces)
- The Running Room
- Sierra Club of Canada (Toronto Group)
- smartliving St. Lawrence
- South Riverdale Community Health Centre
- St. Clair West BUG
- Streets Are For People!/P.S. Kensington
- Toronto Bicycling Network*
- Toronto Green Community
- Toronto Public Space Committee
- Urbane Cyclist*
- Walk & Bike for Life

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walking and biking is active transportation

Whether you cycle and walk for fun, fitness or because it's the most convenient way to get around town, we all know that a city where it is safe and enjoyable to walk and bike is a great city to live in. Toronto could be a world leader in urban living and sustainable transportation,

but...

The City of Toronto dedicates less than 2% of its transportation budget to active transportation which is why we have:

- too many smog days,
- increasing greenhouse gas emissions,
- too many streets where cyclists and pedestrians don't feel safe,
- kids who never get to know the joy of getting around without a car

Come join us at our Walk21 international walking conference event:

Our Streets – inserting oneself into the municipal process: a discussion for the every day person on how to bring pedestrian change to their neighbourhood

Date: September 30th

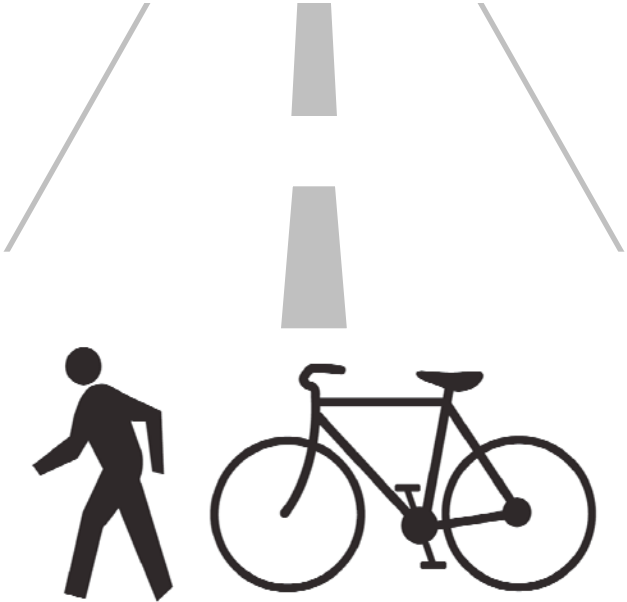
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm



Location and speakers to be announced – check our web site.

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A city where cycling and walking are safe and enjoyable is a great place to live!

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Formed in 2006, TCAT provides a unified voice for more than 35 community organizations working for a better cycling and pedestrian environment in the City of Toronto.

TCAT wants to see the City:

build

Active Transportation requires a continuous and safe network of bike lanes, sidewalks and trails that is well connected with other modes of transportation.

TCAT calls on Council to:

- **Add 285 kilometers of bike lanes and paths to the Bikeway Network over the next 4 years.**
- **Create a plan for a coherent and safe pedestrian network as part of the Pedestrian Plan due in 2008.**
- **Put bike racks on all buses by 2010.**
- **Build secure bike storage at all transit stations by 2010.**

find out more

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<http://lists.torontocat.ca/listinfo.cgi/tcatnews-torontocat.ca>

integrate

Improvements to cycling and pedestrian infrastructure are taking too long because city procedures often miss opportunities to make things better.

TCAT calls on City Council to:

- **Include cycling and pedestrian infrastructure improvements in every road reconstruction or resurfacing.**
- **Improvements to cycling and pedestrian infrastructure often get stalled because of lack of support from local councillors – as a result in 2005 only 1 kilometer of bike lane was actually built!**
- **TCAT calls on City Council to:**
- **streamline the approval process for bike lanes.**

lead

Toronto should be a leader in finding innovative ways to change North American cities into cycling-supportive and walkable cities.

TCAT calls on City Council to:

- **Create a groundbreaking, comprehensive Pedestrian Plan by 2008 that will provide an inspiring and detailed blueprint for a walkable Toronto.**
- **Finish the cycling corridors called for in the Bike Plan that span the City, north to south, east to west and go beyond the Bike Plan to create new corridors.**
- **Increase the use of cycling and walking to conduct city business.**
- **Make it easier to create temporary and permanent pedestrian-only zones.**

promote

The City does not provide enough resources and staffing to promote active transportation. For example, the annual cycling education, safety and promotion budget is only \$159 000!

TCAT calls on City Council to:

- **Support the Green Communities Canada proposal to use 2% of Toronto's portion of the federal gas tax money for education and promotion of active transportation.**
- **Create four new staff positions to design and implement active transportation promotion and education campaigns.**

protect

Many people do not cycle or walk because street design does not adequately protect vulnerable road users from motorized vehicles.

TCAT calls on City Council to:

- **Implement the recommendations of the 1998 Coroner's report on cycling fatalities.**
- **Use new pavement markings that make cyclists and pedestrians more visible.**
- **Improve intersection design to reduce pedestrian injuries and death.**

On smog days, cyclists and pedestrians need to be protected from polluted air.

TCAT calls on City Council to:

- **Investigate closing selected streets to cars on smog days in order to create 'clean air corridors' for public transit and active transportation.**

