

# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU



## DOWNTOWN BIKE LANE SYSTEM

### CONNECTING THE FORKS TO THE EXCHANGE DISTRICT

(FORT ST., GARRY ST. & THE FORKS TO ASSINIBOINE AVE. CONNECTION)

In September 2015, the City of Winnipeg initiated a public engagement process to receive input on the Downtown Bike Lane System Study. Feedback received during this process has been incorporated into the design options for upgrading the existing bike lanes on Fort Street and Garry Street.

Visit us at one of the three pop-up engagement events to view the three options that have been designed to upgrade the existing bike lanes on Fort Street and Garry Street as well as an improved connection between the Assiniboine Avenue protected bicycle lanes and the new bicycle lanes connecting to The Forks. This is part of the continued public engagement process and will allow you to speak with members of the project team, provide your feedback and ask questions regarding the study. Further information can also be found on the project website which was recently updated with feedback we have heard so far and FAQ.

## Pop-up Engagement Events

Drop-by format (come and go). Visit us to view the design options, speak with members of the project team, provide your feedback and ask questions regarding the study.

### PORTAGE & MAIN ROTUNDA

DATE:  
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016  
TIME:  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
LOCATION:  
PORTAGE & MAIN  
UNDERGROUND ROTUNDA

### FORT GARRY PLACE MALL

DATE:  
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016  
TIME:  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
LOCATION:  
85 GARRY STREET

### THE FORKS

DATE:  
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016  
TIME:  
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
LOCATION:  
THE FORKS MARKET  
1 FORKS MARKET ROAD



THREE POP-UP EVENTS PRESENTING THE SAME MATERIAL FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE



## SHARE YOUR INPUT ONLINE

### INTERACTIVE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WEBSITE:

Coming March 11 - View design options, post comments on the discussion board and provide feedback through an online survey.

[www.winnipeg.ca/walkbikeprojects](http://www.winnipeg.ca/walkbikeprojects)



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# FAQ



## What are the City of Winnipeg's Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies?

On July 15, 2015, the City of Winnipeg Council adopted the Winnipeg Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies. This document stems from the 2011 Transportation Master Plan. The Strategies provide a long-range policy framework for active modes of transportation in Winnipeg for the next 20 years. Following public engagement in 2013 with more than 3,000 Winnipeggers, the Strategies will assist in the prioritization of walking and cycling infrastructure projects city-wide based on further in-depth engagement with neighbourhood and local stakeholders on a per project basis.

## What is the Downtown Bike Lane System Study?

This study will explore and create a design to upgrade the existing pedestrian and cycling facilities on Fort Street and/or Garry Street, while at the same time renewing the roads. It will also design and construct a signalized pedestrian/cycling crossing of Main Street at Assiniboine Avenue.

## What is the purpose of this study?

The Winnipeg Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies identify Winnipeg's downtown as the highest priority area that will benefit from an improved pedestrian and cycling environment. The purpose of the study is to improve the pedestrian and cycling facilities on Fort Street and/or Garry Street, while renewing the roads. This would enhance the area as a vibrant destination, a more liveable community and provide more choices for people to travel safely.

## How can I stay involved in the study?

You can join in the on-going conversation at the discussion page of the website. [www.winnipeg.ca/walkbikeprojects](http://www.winnipeg.ca/walkbikeprojects) The project includes online and in-person public engagement activities during various stages of the process. Join our email list to be notified about upcoming public engagement opportunities and follow the City of Winnipeg on Twitter and Facebook.

## Why is Fort Street and Garry Street being considered, why not others?

The City's Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies have prioritized Fort Street, Garry Street and many other streets in downtown Winnipeg. The Downtown Bike Lane System Study was approved by Council and is part of the 2015 Pedestrian and Cycling Action Plan. Yearly action plans outline the public service's annual recommendations for annual capital budget spending associated with walking and cycling projects.

## How will this project maintain and enhance safety?

Separating cyclists, pedestrians and vehicles presents the safest way to accommodate these modes of transportation. Enhanced street crossings will be considered along with creating more space for streetscape improvements including bike parking, lighting, trees and street furniture. The City is committed to creating a pedestrian and cycling network that is safe and accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

## Will there be a loss of on-street parking and loading zone space as a result of new cycling infrastructure?

Design options will consider maintaining as much on-street parking and loading as possible. The study must strike a balance between the needs of all road users.

## Will vehicular access to private property and businesses be limited by new pedestrian and cycling infrastructure?

Vehicular access would not be closed as a result of this project unless requested by the landowner. In the event vehicles are required to cross a protected cycling lane for access, signage and surface treatments would promote awareness for both cyclists and vehicles.

## Winter lasts about half of the year, so why are we building bike lanes?

The City's Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies commits to providing and maintaining safe walking and cycling facilities year-round.

## Will new cycling lanes connect with existing cycling routes and destinations?

Upgraded cycling lanes on Fort Street and/or Garry Street would provide a seamless connection with the Assiniboine Avenue Cycle Track. The new crossing of Main Street and an enhanced crossing of Portage Avenue would complete a connection between The Forks and the Exchange District.

## How will the pedestrian environment be considered in this project?

The entire street would be redeveloped including upgraded cycling lanes, renewing vehicle lanes and sidewalks. Enhanced street crossings will be considered along with creating more space for streetscape improvements including lighting, trees and street furniture.

## When will construction begin?

The Main Street crossing is scheduled to start construction in the spring of 2016. The improvement to Fort Street and/or Garry Street is a design study and construction timing has not been announced by the City.