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Active Transportation

This 2008 Active Transportation Action Plan provides a list of projects for 2008 and a proposed Active Transportation Network.

More information about Active Transportation in Winnipeg can be found at:
www.winnipeg.ca/ActiveTransportation

Active Transportation (AT)

Defined as any human-powered mode of transportation such as cycling, walking, skiing, and skateboarding. The main emphasis is on travel for a specific purpose or to a specific destination. However, this definition does not exclude travel for purely recreational purposes.

Pathways

Defined as AT facilities that are physically separated from automobile traffic. They are multi-use (cyclist and pedestrian) pathways of either asphalt or limestone surfacing.

AT Corridors

Defined as AT infrastructure where cyclists share the roadway with automobiles.

Fast Facts

- Current AT kilometres = approx. 120
- 2008 additional AT kilometres = approx. 70

The map at the end of this booklet illustrates how, as projects are completed, the AT network will be connected in 2008.



Action Plan

The Public Works Department has been working with the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC), made up of representatives of AT stewardship groups and members of the Winnipeg Public Service. ATAC has been tasked with making recommendations to the Public Works Department regarding AT policies, programs, priorities, facilities, and standards. The public and AT stewardship groups have identified five important themes, as follows:

1. The Action Plan must be reviewed annually

2. Three separate networks

A comprehensive AT network in Winnipeg needs to consist of three separate and independent networks to realize the vision of making AT the preferred mode of transportation for pedestrians, novice cyclists and advanced cyclists.

3. Downtown must receive special consideration

The Downtown is an area of significance, as identified in Plan Winnipeg, and it is a primary thoroughfare for travel to other areas of the city.

4. North/South Spine

It is important that significant AT infrastructure aimed at serving large areas of the city be developed as soon as possible. An opportunity exists to connect neighbourhoods in the north area of the city (North Kildonan) via the recent development of the Northeast Pioneers Greenway, with neighbourhoods in the south area of the city (St. Norbert) through development of the WinSmart Pathway.

5. East/West Spine in South Winnipeg

An east/west spine will connect Charleswood to the newly developed Sage Creek community by linking the Harte Trail with McGillivray Boulevard and the Bishop Grandin Greenway over the next few years.



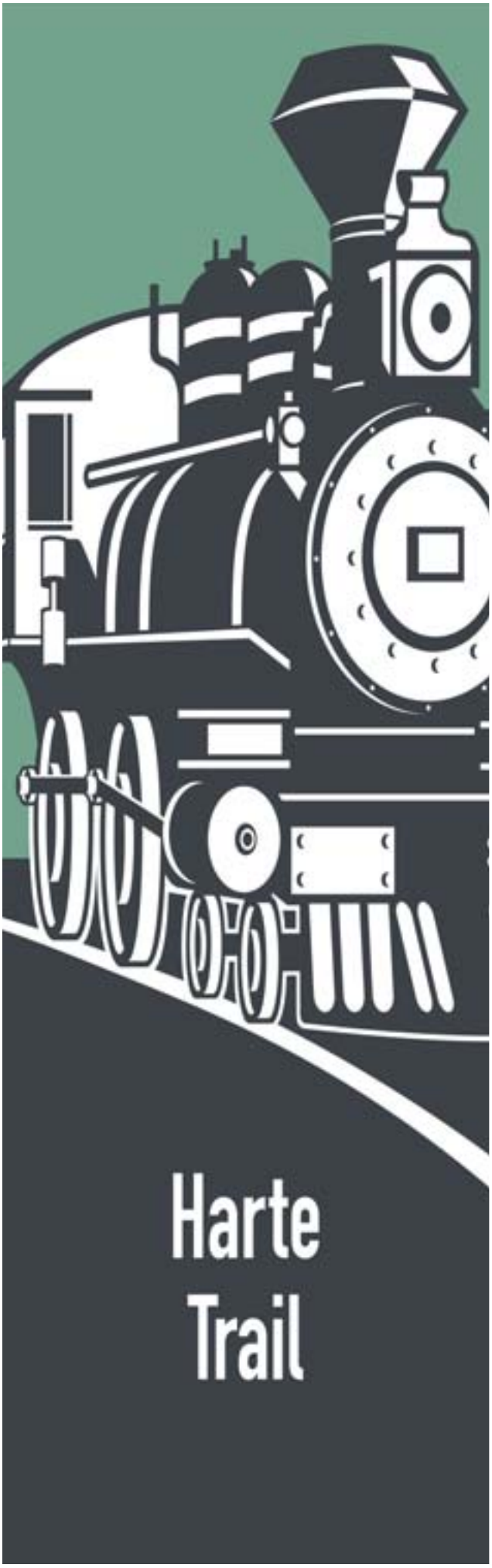
2008 Projects
Pathways

Phase II
Northeast Pioneers Greenway

The second phase of the Northeast Pioneers Greenway (NPG) from Springfield Road to Knowles Avenue will start this spring.

When completed, the total length of the NPG will be approximately 6 kilometres. The NPG could be connected to Bird's Hill Provincial Park in the future.





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Pathways

Harte Trail

The Harte Trail will span the south edge of the Assiniboine Forest between Elmhurst Road and Shaftesbury Boulevard.

Once completed, users will be able to travel along 12 kilometres of continual pathway. This pathway includes the important destinations of Marj Edey Park, The Assiniboine Forest, Fort Whyte Alive! and the shopping district at McGillivray Boulevard and Kenaston Boulevard.



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Bishop Grandin Greenway from Glen Meadow Street to River Road

This project involves the construction of a 3.5 metre-wide asphalt multi-use pathway that will link St. Vital Centre to St. Vital Park. This project will connect to an exsisting pathway that extends east to Island Shore Boulevard.



Bishop Grandin Greenway West from the Red River to Pembina Highway

This project involves construction of a 3.5 metre-wide asphalt multi-use pathway along Bishop Grandin Boulevard to Pembina Highway and will provide a connection to the University of Manitoba.

This section will complete the pathway from St. Vital Centre to the University of Manitoba.



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Trailhead & ID Signage

This involves partial funding to Winnipeg Trails Association for the production and installation of trailhead and trail identification signage.









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Pathways

WinSmart Pathway
Osborne Street to the Red River

This project will connect the WinSmart Pathway from Osborne Street to the South Winnipeg Parkway. This will complete the connection to the Norwood Bridge, a distance of approximately 1.5 kilometres. This project will give cyclists an alternative to the Osborne Street underpass in their commute to and from the Downtown.





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Pathways

Southpoint Pathway

The completion of a 2 kilometre asphalt multi-use pathway will connect the Riverview and Lord Roberts neighbourhoods to The Forks.





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Pathways

North Winnipeg Parkway Study from Alfred Avenue to St. John's Park

The Public Service will conduct a study to address riverbank stability issues along the Red River pathway and under the Redwood Bridge. This section of pathway along the Red River will complete a 10 kilometre Parkway that extends from The Forks to Chief Peguis Trail.





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AT Corridors

Sharrows

Sharrows are special lane markings combined with signage that encourages vehicles and cyclists to share a widened curb lane.



Sharrows
Roblin/Grant, Plessis/Regent, Dakota/Dunkirk

The City will install sharrows on key routes, including sections of Higgins Avenue, Roblin Boulevard, Grant Avenue, Regent Avenue, Plessis Road, Dakota Street, and Dunkirk Drive. This concept is new to Winnipeg. Both cyclists and motorists have a responsibility in sharing the roadway.



Roblin/Grant



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Sharrows continued



Dakota/Dunkirk



Plessis/Regent



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AT Corridors

Northeast Pioneers Greenway to The Forks from Higgins Avenue to Waterfront Drive

This 13 kilometre corridor will connect the north edge of the city through The Forks to the Riverview and Lord Roberts neighbourhoods.





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Bike Boulevards

Bike boulevards are streets that have been modified to encourage cycling and discourage automobile traffic. To achieve this, 'traffic calming' measures such as right-of-way closures and traffic circles can be installed.

Assiniboine Bikeway

This 1 kilometre bike boulevard will connect Osborne Street to Main Street. This bikeway is an important part of the 5 kilometre Downtown cycling circuit.



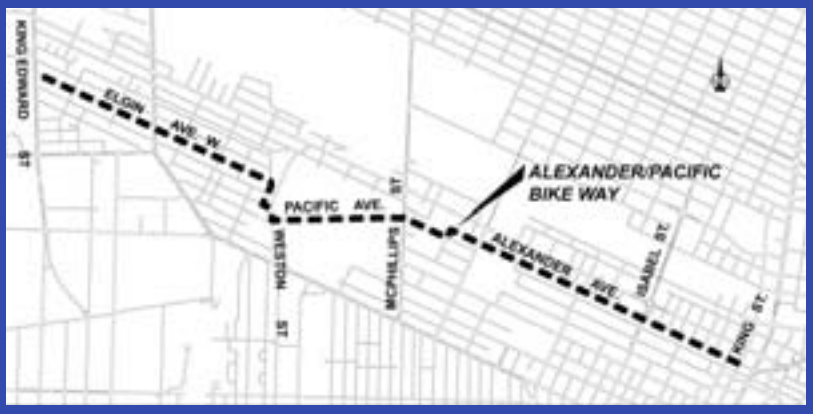


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Alexander/Pacific Bikeway

This bike boulevard will run along Alexander, Pacific and Elgin Avenues and will connect the Red River College Princess Street campus to the Notre Dame Avenue campus. The Downtown portion of the route is part of the 5 kilometre Downtown cycling circuit and is an important east/west connector in the Downtown.





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Bike Lanes in the Downtown
Carlton/Hargrave and Fort/Garry

Bicycle lanes along Carlton and Hargrave and Fort and Garry are important north/south connectors in the Downtown and will make up a large portion of the 5 kilometre Downtown cycling circuit.





This Action Plan is a work in progress...

Additional Active Transportation priorities will be explored in 2008 for future viability. The City's Public Works Department is working with ATAC and other stakeholders to develop a strategy for a long term Active Transportation Network.

Stay tuned for more exciting Active Transportation news and initiatives including bike parking, and AT policies and programs.

Special thanks to City Council and the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) for their commitment to Active Transportation in the City of Winnipeg.

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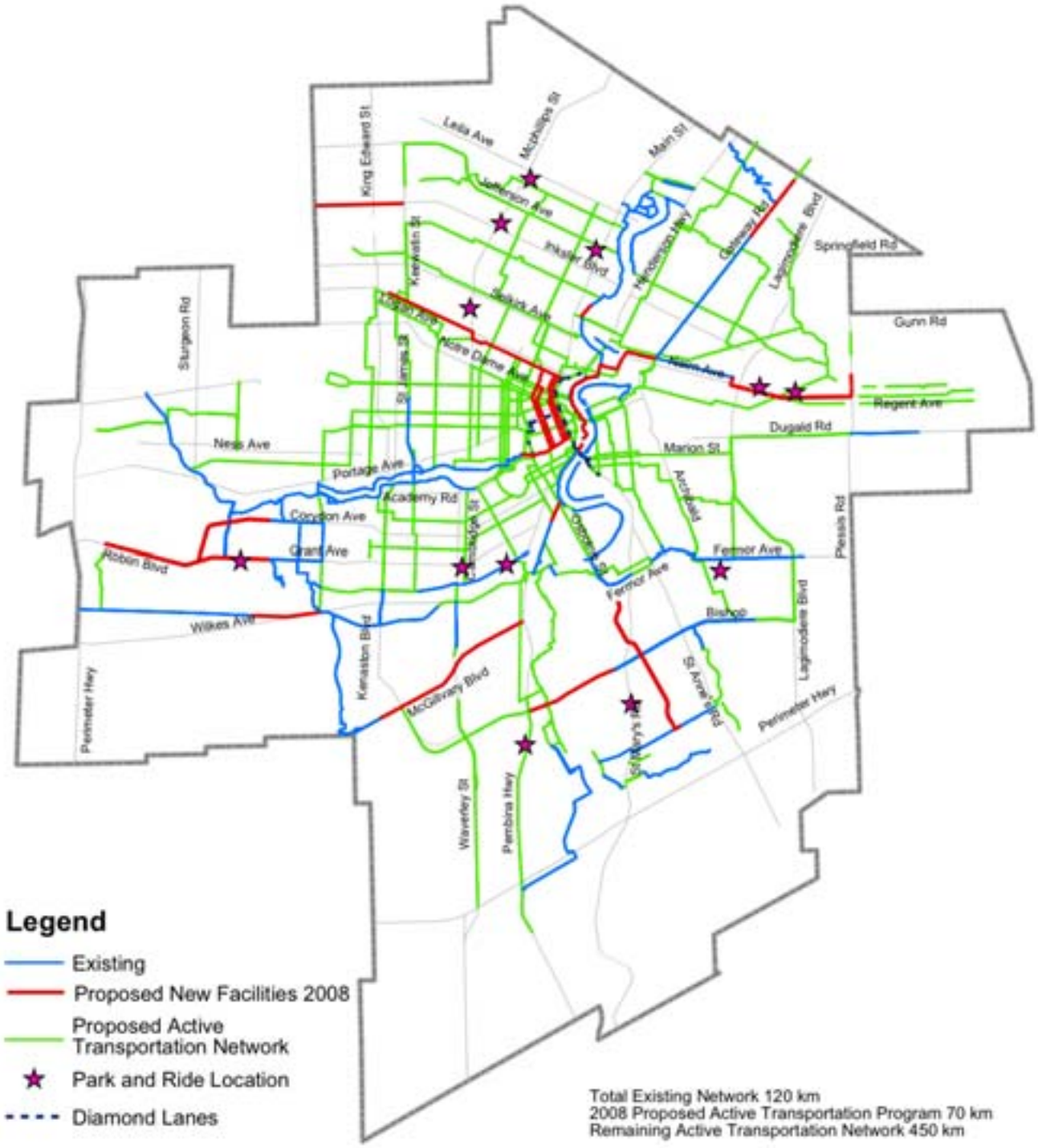
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