

Making change from the inside:
public servants pedalling Calgary's cycling evolution
from 2003 to 2015

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Calgary

- A million people
- 142 years old



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Culture

The ideas, customs, and social behaviour
of a particular people or society

(Oxford English Dictionary)

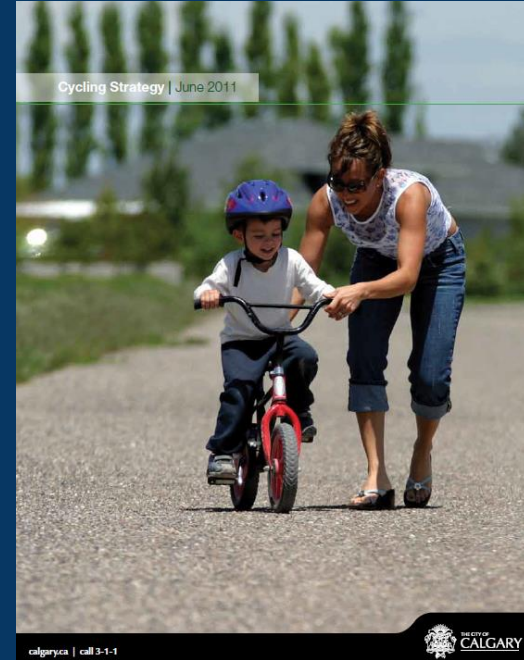
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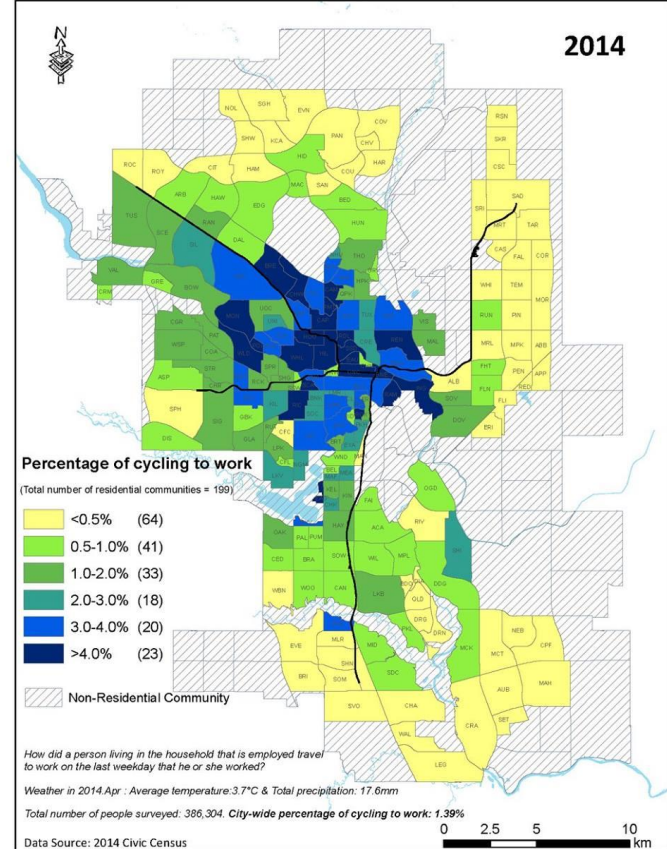
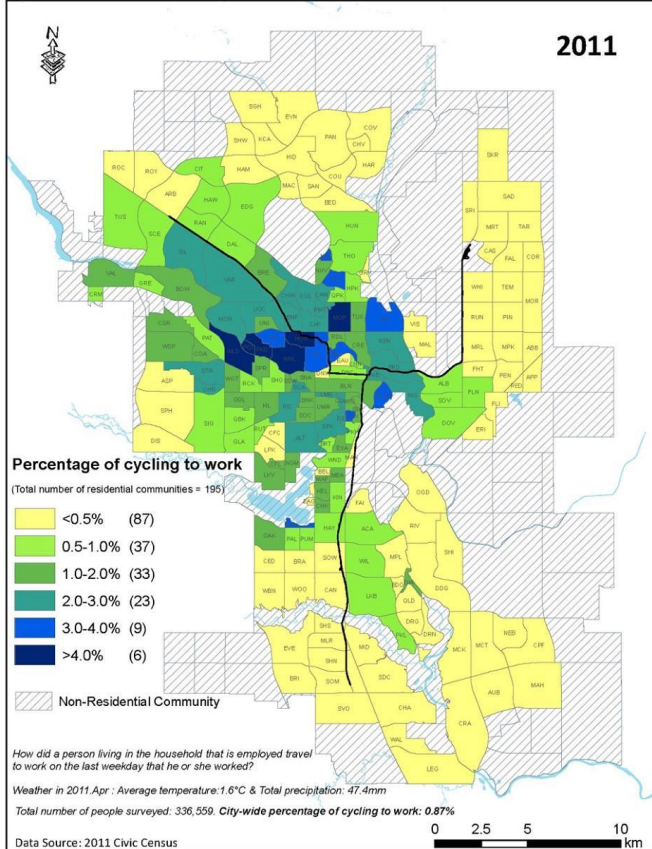
- Commit
- Collaborate
- Continue



Changes from 2003 to 2015

- 2009: Bicycle policy
- 2011: Cycling strategy
- 2012: Dedicated capital budget
- 2012: Dedicated staff
- 2012: First downtown cycle track
- 2015: Downtown cycle track network





Calgary



Total Downtown Bicycle Trips

Annual May Count

■ Inbound ■ Outbound



Source: The City of Calgary Central Business District Cordon Count. The total number of bicycles entering and exiting the downtown are counted annually on a weekday in May from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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2002



2008



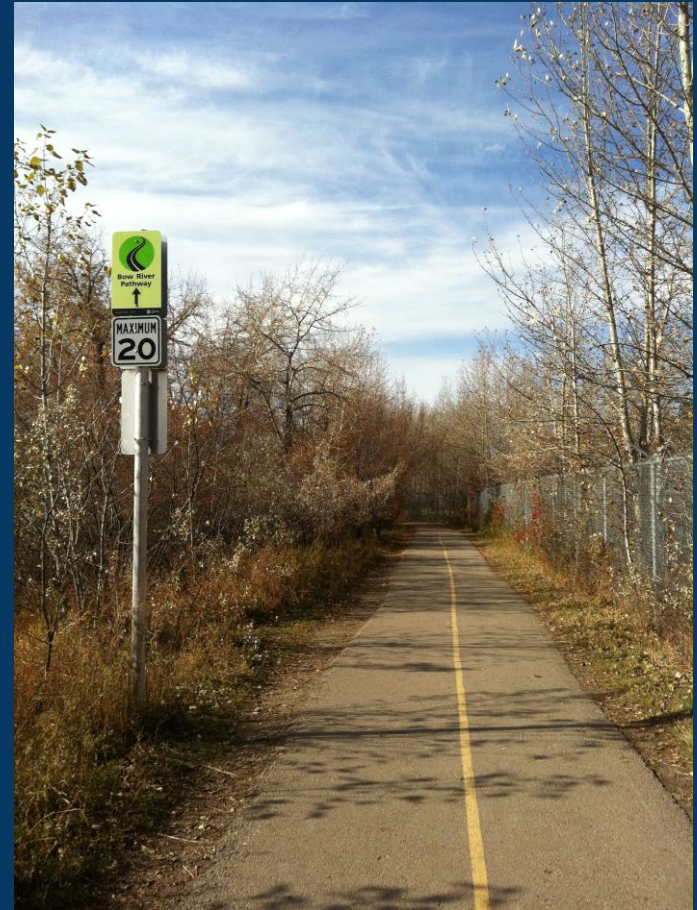
2015

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Commit

- Run a marathon (+ sprints)
- Know practice and research
- Educate yourself and others
- Start where you are



Calgary's first "Copenhagen Left"



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Centre City Cycle Track Network

- Pilot 2015-2016
- Now permanent
- 5.5km cycle tracks
- 800m shared space lite



Collaborate

- Invite
- Ask to be invited
- Offer constructive feedback
- Find allies
- Be an ally



Influence processes and create new ones

Roadway resurfacing



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Traffic detour manual



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Bike racks at light rail transit stations



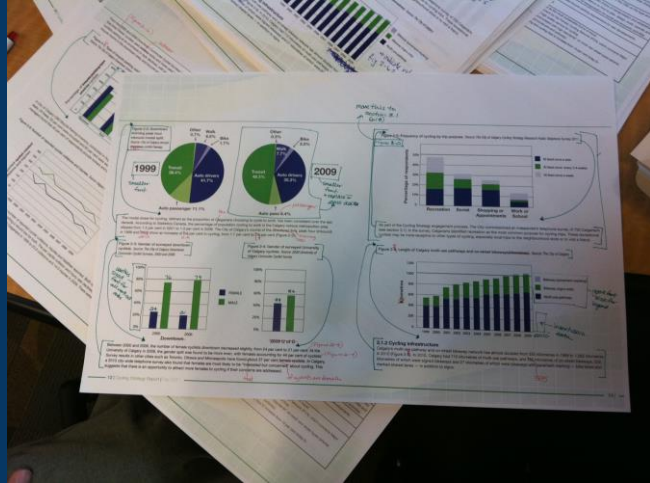
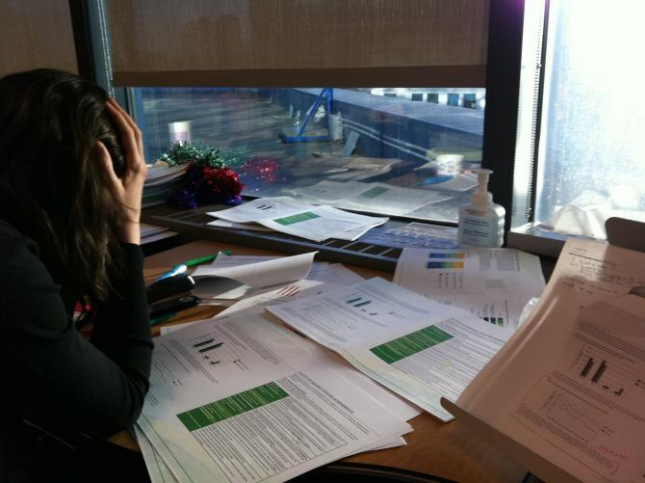
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Continue

- Iterate
- Prioritize
- Prepare
- Proceed





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Recognize the growing demand



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Celebrate



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