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The 2015 draft budget of \$800,000 for bicycle lanes is a great beginning. We urge council to adopt this measure and increase it 50% to \$1.2 million in 2015.

Furthermore, we urge council to direct these funds towards developing an integrated network that features protected bicycle lanes, neighbourhood routes, and bicycle-friendly intersections to ensure the most effective use of these and future funds over the long term.

From a base of \$1.2 million this year, we recommend indexing the annual cycling infrastructure budget to inflation at an average rate of at least 2.5% per annum to ensure reliable and sustainable planning and funding.



commend directing maintenance funds towards achieving service levels equal to those of motor vehicle roads for all on-street routes and recreation trails, including snow and ice removal in winter and street lighting and drainage where necessary.

We recommend that council and staff look for ways to develop cycling infrastructure in line with improvements to the TVP (\$1.2 million, 2015, and \$8.5 million, 2016-2024), and new investment in rapid transit (SHIFT).

In the support of increased funding, we would recommend council to bear in mind the numerous studies showing that improved cycling infrastructure invariably leads to increased economic development, increased property values, improved local business conditions, improved city reputation, improved community health and a generally more



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