#CycleON Action Plan 1.0

As the first in a series of ongoing, multi-year action plans, #CycleON Action Plan 1.0 lays out the path the province will follow in 2014 and beyond to work towards the vision and goals set out in #CycleON: Ontario's Cycling Strategy.

This plan includes initiatives that are already underway, some that are to start soon and others that are longer-term. Many actions will continue over multiple years. Where an action has a defined completion year it is indicated in brackets.

Twelve Ontario ministries have responsibility for implementing Ontario's Cycling Strategy and Action Plan 1.0: Transportation (MTO) and its agency Metrolinx; Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS); Education (EDU); Environment (MOE); Finance (MOF); Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC); Infrastructure (MOI); Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); Natural Resources (MNR); Northern Development and Mines (MNDM); Rural Affairs (MRA); and Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS).

The five strategic directions within #CycleON have been designed to help make Ontario a more cycling-friendly province. The government's actions to implement them are described below.

1. Design healthy, active and prosperous communities by:

- 1.1. Implementing the active transportation policies in the <u>Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe</u>, a long-term plan to manage growth in the region MOI
- 1.2. Working with municipalities to implement the <u>Provincial Policy Statement</u>, <u>2014</u>, which provides direction on land-use planning and development across Ontario and emphasizes the importance of cycling to healthy, active communities MMAH
- 1.3. Implementing the active transportation elements of <u>The Big Move</u>, the 25-year plan for coordinated, integrated transportation and transit in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area Metrolinx
- 1.4. Working with municipalities to strengthen local implementation of provincial active transportation policies that facilitate cycling by:
 - Supporting municipalities as they develop and implement municipal official plans and transportation-related plans that support cycling
 - Developing an education program for provincial and municipal staff on cycling planning (2015)
 - Undertaking research to identify planning, engineering and operational barriers to cycling and active transportation, and related tools (2015)
 - Developing an implementation plan to help overcome these barriers (2015) – MTO, MMAH, MOI

- 1.5. Looking for and considering additional opportunities to encourage and support cycling during the review of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe – MOI
- 1.6. Looking for and considering additional opportunities to support cycling during the review of the Greenbelt Plan, which provides permanent agricultural and environmental protection in the Greater Golden Horseshoe – MMAH
- 1.7. Adding a cycling component to <u>First Impressions Community Exchange</u>, a program in which peer communities use a checklist to assess each other's strengths and challenges based on first impressions (2015) MRA

2. Improve cycling infrastructure by:

- 2.1. Launching a three-year Ontario Cycling Infrastructure Program to build municipal and provincial cycling infrastructure MTO
- 2.2. Identifying a province-wide network of cycling routes that will help locate areas of provincial infrastructure that should accommodate cycling (2016)
 MTO
- 2.3. Incorporate design features for cyclist and pedestrian facilities and safety improvements on provincial road and bridge projects using appropriate criteria, unless justification exists for exemption – MTO
- 2.4. Working with municipalities to identify and address any provincial practices or infrastructure that are barriers for local cycling networks (2015) MTO
- 2.5. Releasing Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 to provide guidance to municipalities on the planning, design and operation of cycling facilities (2014) – MTO
- 2.6. Releasing the Bikeways Design Manual to provide updated guidance to provincial staff who plan, design, build and operate cycling facilities on provincial roads and bridges (2014) – MTO

3. Make highways and streets safer by:

- 3.1. Introducing proposed legislative and regulatory amendments to promote cyclist safety, including amendments that address dooring, one-metre passing, contraflow bike lanes, bicycle-specific traffic signals and riding on paved shoulders (2014) – MTO
- 3.2. Consulting municipalities, road user groups and others on additional safety-related issues such as cycling on sidewalks and default speed limits (2015) MTO
- 3.3. Providing stakeholder partners with new funding to develop or enhance cycling skills training programs (2015) MTO
- 3.4. Encouraging drivers to learn the rules of the road related to cycling by adding more cycling content to driver-testing materials (2015) MTO

3.5. Promoting the use of helmets by cyclists of all ages – MTO

3.6. Continuing Ontario Provincial Police visits to schools to educate children on cycling safety – OPP

4. Promote cycling awareness and behavioural shifts by:

- 4.1. Establishing and supporting a community of interest forum for municipal staff who work on cycling, to encourage innovation by sharing best practices and knowledge MTO
- 4.2. Promoting cycling to school and to work through the <u>Active and Sustainable School Transportation program</u> and the <u>Smart Commute workplace program</u> Metrolinx
- 4.3. Supporting cycling-related programs and development of community cycling policies through the Healthy Communities Fund MOHLTC
- 4.4. Encouraging more people to cycle more often by supporting a variety of cycling programs and initiatives through the <u>Ontario Trillium Foundation</u> MTCS
- 4.5. Delivering cycling-related education programs and collaborating on local cycling initiatives through local public health units MOHLTC
- 4.6. Supporting student learning about cycling through the existing elementary and secondary curriculum EDU
- 4.7. Building the Pan/Parapan Am Games four-season Velodrome to provide a training and competition facility for national and provincial highperformance cycling athletes (2015) – Infrastructure Ontario, Pan/Parapan Am Games Secretariat, MTCS
- 4.8. Supporting cycling opportunities through various sport and recreation funding programs MTCS
- 4.9. Beginning to support community-led physical activity programs through the Healthy Kids Community Challenge, a program where community partners work together to implement local activities based on social marketing themes MOHLTC

5. Increase cycling tourism opportunities by:

- 5.1. Identifying a province-wide network of cycling routes to promote recreational cycling and cycling tourism, connect municipal cycling routes and places of interest and help prioritize future infrastructure investments on provincial highways (2016) MTO
- 5.2. Investing more than \$3.5 million in trails that can be used for cycling, walking and other activities as part of Ontario's celebration and legacy of the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games (2016) MTCS
- 5.3. Supporting cycling through the <u>Ontario Trails Strategy</u>, a long-term plan that provides direction for planning, managing, promoting and using trails in Ontario MTCS
- 5.4. Supporting cycling tourism projects through the <u>Celebrate Ontario</u> <u>program</u>, which supports festivals and events, and the <u>Tourism</u> <u>Development Fund</u> MTCS

- 5.5. Providing product development and marketing support for cycling tourism through Regional Tourism Organizations MTCS
- 5.6. Planning for cycling routes, bicycle access and parking measures at venues during the Pan/Parapan American Games (2015) MTO

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