

Cycling in York Region

Regional Council Workshop

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Sustainable Region Context

- ❑ Towards a Sustainable Region
 - ❑ Healthy Communities
 - ❑ City Building and Complete Communities
 - ❑ Auto Trip Reduction
 - ❑ Active Transportation
 - ❑ Complete Street



Healthy Communities Context

□ Healthy Communities

- live, work and play in the same community
- promotes active lifestyles, human interaction, safety and accessibility
- safe, efficient infrastructure for all modes of transportation, includes cycling



Complete Street Context

❑ Complete Streets

- ❑ Entire road system still undergoing improvement
- ❑ Opportunity to transform arterial roads to “streets”
- ❑ Streets are viewed as an integral part of the community design
- ❑ Regional Official Plan requires that our community be designed to be walk-able, bike-able and transit-oriented



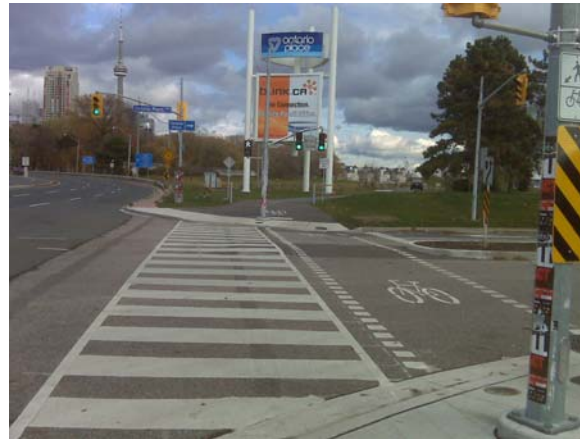
York Region's Vision for Cycling

- ❑ To create a pedestrian and cycling supportive environment that encourages both utilitarian and recreational travel by walking, cycling and using public transit (2008 PCMP).



Overall Objectives for Cycling

1. To design and build cycling network that accommodates all users
2. To provide on-going cycling safety training and promotion/awareness campaigns



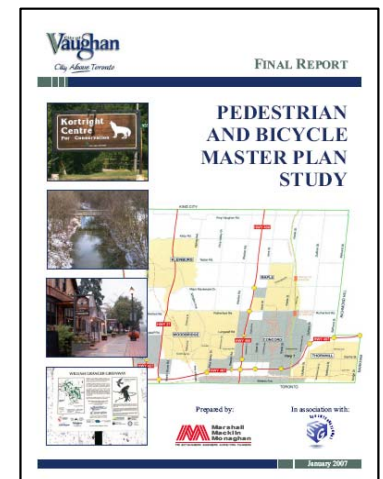
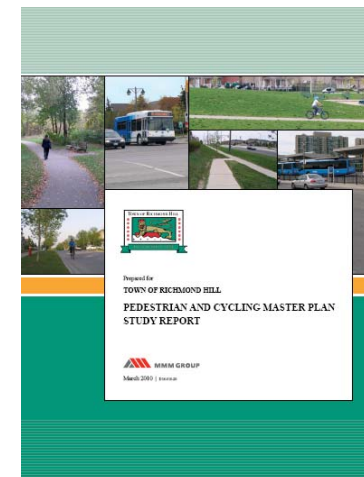
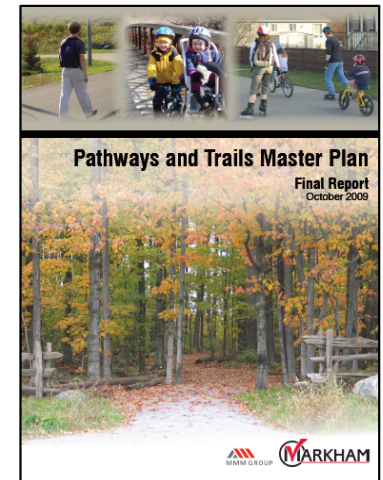
Coordinated Master Plans

❑ Cycling Master Plans

- ❑ York Region – adopted in April 2008
- ❑ Markham – completed in 2008
- ❑ Vaughan – adopted in 2009
- ❑ Richmond Hill – adopted 2010

❑ Trails Master Plans

- ❑ All local municipalities



Collaborative Planning & Implementation

❑ York Region

- ❑ Facilities on Regional roads
- ❑ Region-wide training & outreach

❑ Local municipalities

- ❑ Facilities on local and some Regional roads (bike lanes, multi-use paths, signed routes) and off-road trails

❑ Inter-Municipal Working Group

- ❑ Coordination, harmonization, info sharing



Regional Network Implementation

- ❑ Through road construction projects
- ❑ Through VivaNext projects
- ❑ Through road maintenance projects
- ❑ Municipal Partnership Program



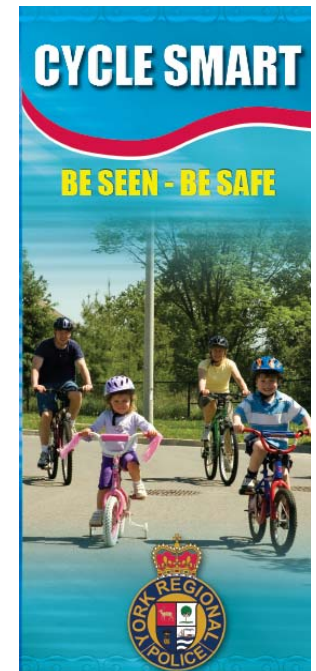
Cycling and Transit Go Hand in Hand

1. Bike racks on YRT buses
2. Bike racks at YRT/Viva terminals & stops



Safety Training and Outreach

- ❑ Cycling safety training
 - ❑ CAN-Bike safety training pilot
 - ❑ 2010 Kids' Bikefest
 - ❑ YR Police & Public Health initiatives
- ❑ York Region Cycling Map
- ❑ York Region Cycling Website



Cycling Experts

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