# Safer Cycling

Working Collaboratively on Road Safety through Design, Construction & Operations of Cycling Infrastructure





### The Big Picture – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cities



Protected bike lanes and enhanced pedestrian amenities reduce road user conflicts and transportation incidents.

**AFFORDABILITY** 

#### HEALTH



Walking or biking daily is an easy way to get exercise, fresh air and reduces risk of health problems.

#### 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CITIES



Not using a car for all trips can save money on gas, parking and maintenance so people can spend more elsewhere.



Cities all over the world are renewing streets to create vibrant public places that enhance quality of life.

#### **URBAN GROWTH**



20,000 people are expected to move to Victoria by 2038 with 90% of growth planned for downtown and urban villages.

#### ENVIRONMENT



Providing low carbon travel options helps to address climate change.

# WHY - Safety

### **Types of cyclists**

**2%** strong and fearless 8% enthused and confident **60%** interested but concerned **30%** not interested

### **PROTECTED LANES' APPEAL**

Protected bike lanes make riding feel safer and get more people moving. <sup>10</sup>

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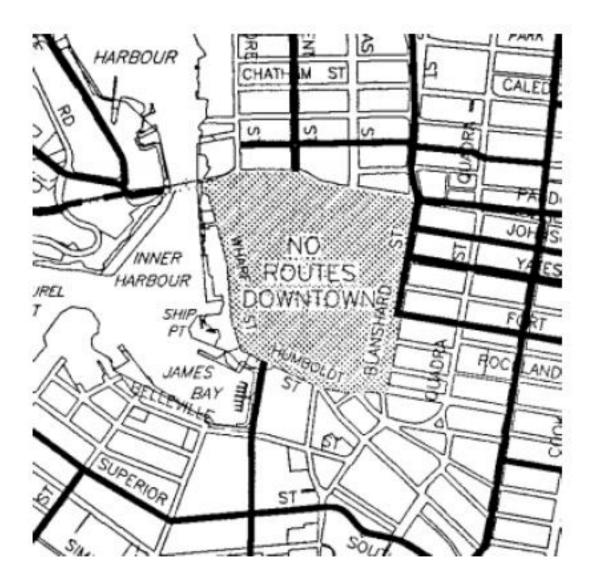
Of riders in new protected bike lanes in San Francisco and DC said the facilities made biking safer.

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Said they had already increased their biking as a result.



### Who would want to bike downtown?



### **Road Safety Through the 5 Es**

Engineering: Creating safe and convenient places to walk, ride and park

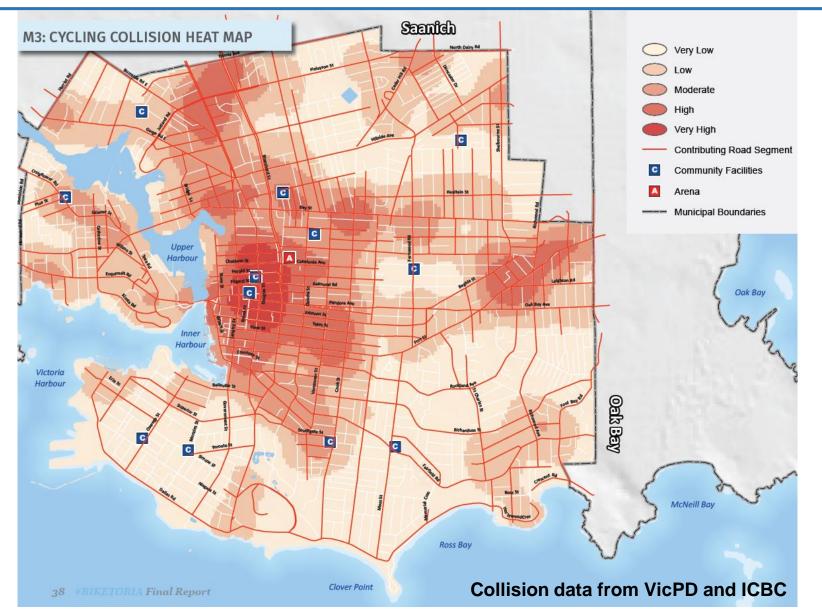
Encouragement: Creating a strong culture that welcomes and celebrates walking and cycling as safe and effective modes

Education: Giving people of all ages and abilities the skills and confidence to ride and walk in urban environments

Enforcement: Working collaboratively on safe roads for all users

**Evaluation:** Planning for bicycling and walking as a safe and viable transportation option and measuring uptake

# **Network Analysis – Safety**







### **Protected Bike Lanes**

#### **Protected Corridors**



Physical separation with median (\$\$\$)

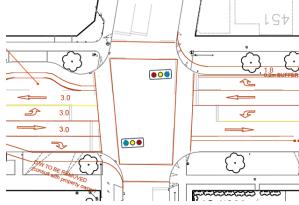


Physical separation with barrier (\$\$)

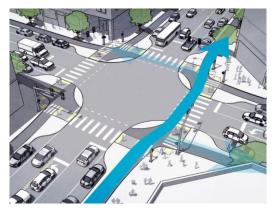


Separation with bollards and paint (\$)

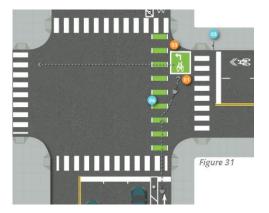
#### **Protected Intersections**



Protect by time (exclusive turn movement)



Protect by space (increase visibility)



Identify conflict (lower volume treatment)



### **Shared AAA Routes**

To achieve AAA status, shared facilities need low traffic speeds & low traffic volumes

Traffic Diversions (reduce volume)

Traffic Calming (reduce speeds)

Paint markings (sharrows)

Paint markings (advisory lanes)











### Applying Engineering Guidelines in the Local Context

### And...

- Data Collection
- Site Visits
- Routing Designations
- Experience and Observations
- Adjacent Land Uses
- Behaviour!

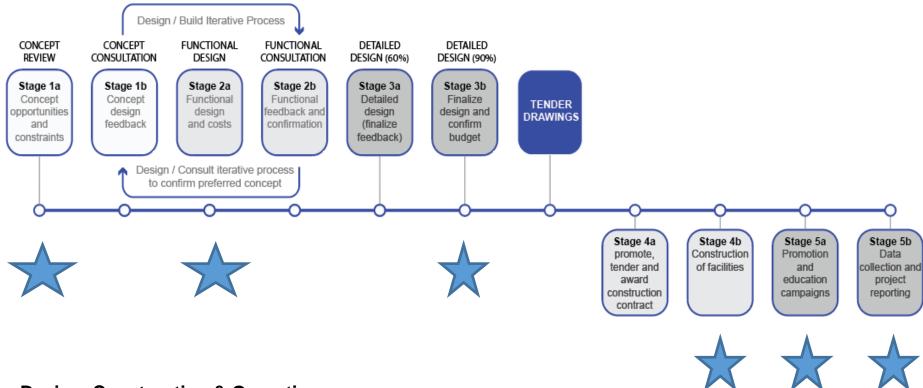
### **Design Standards and Guidelines**

Emerging concepts are informed by engineering standards and best practices to ensure safety, functionality and quality.

- Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Geometric Design Guidelines
- North American Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) - Design Guides
- Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) - Design Standards
- US Federal Highway Administration (FWHA)
- Dutch Design Manual for Bicycle Traffic (CROW)
- Various State, Provincial and Municipal Design Guidelines for Active Transportation infrastructure



# Safety – Iterative Project Lens



**Design, Construction & Operations** 

Victoria Police, Victoria Fire, BC Emergency Health Services, ICBC, CRD, BC Transit and More!







### Pandora Avenue Open May 2017





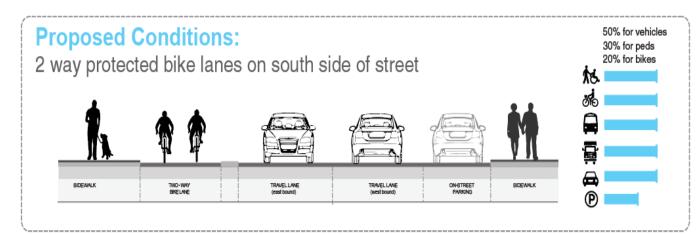
### Fort street Open May 2017



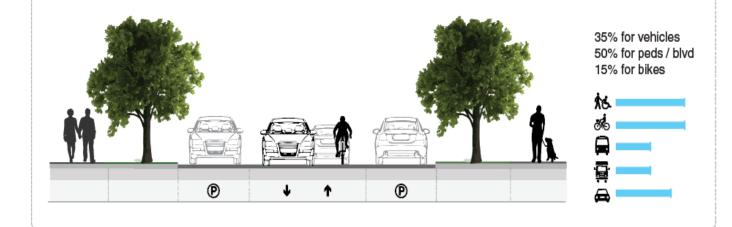




# Humboldt Street – 2018/2019



Proposed Conditions: Shared travel lane and on-street parking both sides of street

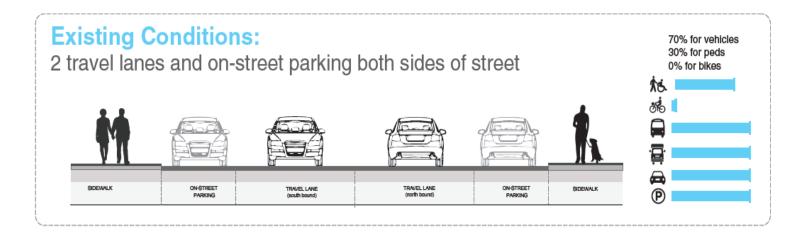


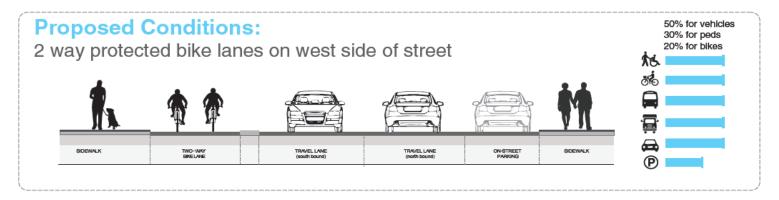






# Wharf Street - 2018/2019









### **Getting the Job Done - Collaboration**



