

APPENDIX III: 2020 and 2021 Active Transportation Programs Sustainable Transportation Strategy – Implementation Update

The Region of Peel leads and/or supports several active transportation programs:

Bike Month

Moved to September 2020 (from June) and mostly online due to pandemic restrictions, the Region supported this initiative to encourage people to bike more often, including a series of educational webinars on safe cycling topics. In 2020, there was a total of 23 associated events across Peel. In 2021, the event took place in June, as per its usual schedule, with many of the events occurring online once again. Participants who signed up were able to log their cycling trips – 144 trips and 2,309km were logged on the trip tracker by those in Peel Region.

Community Cycling Program

The Region of Peel partnered with three community organizations to deliver a suite of projects to support cycling, including cycling mentorship programming, bicycle repair, and bike loan services. Building cycling and repair skills not only encourages people to bike, but also improves the safety of cycling. Participants totalled over 1,100 in 2020.

Ontario Active School Travel Fund Project

The Region of Peel secured external funding and worked with a number of partner agencies and organizations (primarily the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority) to expand active school travel programming in 2020. This included organizing cycling safety workshops to train teachers on cycling and walking skills they can pass on to their students, equipment kits to support schools in the delivery of active school travel programming, wayfinding and air quality lessons delivered directly to students, and the development of parent engagement resources, including Walk and Roll to School: a guide for parents, and the Family Cycling Handbook: Peel Region edition. Across Peel, the project was able to reach 79 schools in 2020.

Peel Safe and Active Routes to School

The Peel Safe and Active Routes to School Committee, including staff from the Region of Peel and local municipalities, agencies, and other organizations, met regularly to support education and outreach strategies, policies, and programs that encourage students, families, and school staff to choose active, healthy, sustainable, and safe options when traveling to and from school.

NOTE: Some metrics for 2021 are unavailable, as programs are still ongoing and final numbers have not been determined. Some programs the Region has supported in the past have been on hold due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions and related issues and are intended to return in 2022.