

## **Appendix II Sustainable Transportation Strategy – Implementation Update**

### **2022 Active Transportation Programs**

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

#### **1) Bike Month 2022**

Bike Month is a month-long celebration of cycling across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area and Guelph. The Region of Peel has been participating in Bike Month since 2013. In 2022, year many events and programs took place in-person for the first time since 2019. In Peel Region, 18 events took place in Mississauga, 20 events took place in Brampton and two events took place in Caledon. An estimated 1,995 residents attended these events which included group rides, bicycle repair clinics and cycling workshops. This included the record number of cyclists who attended the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Bike the Creek 2022, with routes through Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga.

#### **2) Bike to School Week**

Bike to School Week is a great opportunity for schools to encourage students to ride their bikes to school and an opportunity to teach and encourage safe riding practices. Last year represented the first Bike to School Week celebration since 2019. Fifty-one schools in the Region of Peel participated, with an estimated 1,767 students riding their bicycles to school.

#### **3) Community Cycling Program**

The Community Cycling Program focuses on increasing the number of people who choose to ride a bicycle to reach their destination by focusing on building familiarity, comfort and confidence using the existing road and trails network through an individualized mentorship program while also increasing Peel residents' access to a working bicycle, basic bike maintenance skills and the necessary tools and materials required for bicycle repairs. In 2022, 102 residents participated in the bike mentorship program and showed consistent increases in their cycling trips. In addition, 188 outreach events were held throughout the Region, over 3000 bicycles were repaired by residents with guidance from volunteers, 80 bicycles were loaned out, and 114 bikes were refurbished and donated to other community programs. Outreach events included group rides, pop-up bike repair stations, in-depth workshops, and specialty events targeted at select groups like youth, seniors, and newcomers.

#### **4) 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.