

Motion

Agenda Number: 20.2
Date: September 14, 2023

Moved by Councillor Santos
Seconded by Councillor Reid

Whereas the Sustainable Transportation Strategy (STS), approved by Regional Council in February 2018, sets a goal of a 50 per cent sustainable mode share by 2041;

And whereas, the Region of Peel unanimously passed a motion on April 8, 2021 (Resolution 2021-338) to advance Sustainable Active Mobility and work collaboratively with lower-tier municipalities and community advocates to improve the active transportation network across the Region;

And whereas, the Region of Peel has provided financial support for programs to promote and encourage active transportation, including Community Cycling Programs, Bike the Creek, School Bike Rack Program, Bike Month activities, community bike hubs and pop-ups, training and mentorship programs, and more, which benefit all residents across the Region;

And whereas, these programs have demonstrated their effectiveness at increasing cycling as a transportation mode share, encouraging an active lifestyle by incorporating cycling into recreational and utilitarian daily routines thereby increasing overall levels of physical activity, health and wellbeing, and increasing accessibility to affordable transportation options;

And whereas, these programs are run by non-profit organizations funded by the Region with matching grants from other levels of government and face immediate uncertainty during the transition period;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That staff be directed to continue delivery of these programs, including sufficient staff and funding resources in the annual budget during the transition period of the Region of Peel as follows:
 - Community Cycling Program
 - \$125,000 for Brampton and Caledon
 - \$113,300 for Mississauga
 - AT Programming \$150,000 including:
 - School Bike Rack subsidy,
 - CAN-BIKE Training,
 - Bike Month
 - Bike the Creek \$20,000
 - One full-time Regional staff position plus two university summer students.