Making change from the inside: public servants pedalling Calgary’s cycling evolution from 2003 to 2015

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Calgary

- A million people
- 142 years old

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Culture

The ideas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society

(Oxford English Dictionary)
Get farther streetfighting or smiling?

- Commit
- Collaborate
- Continue

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Changes from 2003 to 2015

2009: Bicycle policy
2011: Cycling strategy
2012: Dedicated capital budget
2012: Dedicated staff
2012: First downtown cycle track
2015: Downtown cycle track network

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Commuting by bike

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Total Downtown Bicycle Trips
Annual May Count

Source: The City of Calgary Central Business District Cordon Count. The total number of bicycles entering and exiting the downtown are counted annually on a weekday in May from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
calgary.ca/trafficdata
Commit

- Run a marathon (+ sprints)
- Know practice and research
- Educate yourself and others
- Start where you are

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Calgary’s first “Copenhagen Left”
Centre City Cycle Track Network

- Pilot 2015-2016
- Now permanent
- 5.5km cycle tracks
- 800m shared space lite
Collaborate

- Invite
- Ask to be invited
- Offer constructive feedback
- Find allies
- Be an ally

Influence processes and create new ones

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Roadway resurfacing

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Bike racks at light rail transit stations

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Continue

- Iterate
- Prioritize
- Prepare
- Proceed

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Recognize the growing demand
Celebrate
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