



Active Commute

WHITEHORSE

What's new in sustainable travel

Ditch the Drive: Join the Active Commute Month Challenge this May



Ready to rethink how you get around? Join the Active Commute Month Challenge this May and make every trip count, whether you're commuting, running errands, or heading out for fun.

This challenge is for everyone. Walk, roll, cycle, take the bus, or carpool - every sustainable trip adds up.

Last year's participants showed how doable it can be. The Fiscal Force team joined "just to have fun," cheering each other on and ultimately topping their category leaderboard. For others, it was the push to try something new. A member of the Hvactec team finally made the leap to cycling to work, and even helped spark new bike parking at their workplace.

"When you get to work in the morning, you feel energized and ready to start the day."

Build healthier habits, save money, and reduce emissions, while adding a little friendly rivalry. Rally your team, climb the leaderboard, and compete for prizes.

Getting started is simple:

- Register
- Log your trips and bonus activities
- Track your impact

Every trip counts. Join the challenge: activecommutewhitehorse.ca/active-commute-month/

[Join the Challenge](#)



Support Station hosts needed

Got an hour to spare on Wednesday mornings in May (7:30–9:00 a.m.)? Help cheer on active travellers by co-hosting a support station - high fives and snacks included.

Locations across Whitehorse:

- Millennium Trail (Rotary Park)
- Two Mile Hill Trail (Takhini Arena)
- Airport Trail (Alaska Highway)
- Lewes Boulevard Trail (Alsek Road – new)

It's a fun, low-commitment way to support your community during Active Commute Month.

Sign up: <https://signup.com/go/runCNwH>



Connecting Whistle Bend to Downtown

A major new active transportation corridor is moving forward, with \$12.5 million allocated in the City's 2026–2029 Capital Budget, including \$8.7 million in federal funding.

Part of Canada's [Build Communities Strong Fund](#), this project will strengthen connections between Whistle Bend, Porter Creek, and Downtown.

What's coming:

- 5 km of new infrastructure, including multi-use pathways, protected bike lanes, and upgraded sidewalks
- Better connections to neighbourhoods and the trail network

What's next:

- Detailed design begins this summer
- Range Road segment targeted for completion by fall 2027
- Future phases advancing with Yukon Government collaboration

More opportunities for public input are coming as the project progresses.

WORKPLACE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL CHECKLIST



New: Workplace Sustainable Travel Checklist

Looking to support active and shared travel to and from your workplace?

This new checklist provides a simple, step-by-step guide to help employers take action, from transit incentives and carpooling to bike facilities and staff engagement.

Designed for Whitehorse's context, it helps workplaces:

- Reduce costs
- Support employee wellbeing
- Lower emissions

Download the checklist: activecommutewhitehorse.ca/what-employers-can-do/



State of our transportation network

The City's [2025 State of Infrastructure Report](#) shows a strong foundation for getting around:

- 272 km of roads
- 128 km of sidewalks
- 44 km of paved trails

With high data confidence, roads and sidewalks are in good condition, and paved trails are in very good condition.

This “report card” highlights the importance of continued investment to maintain and expand sustainable travel options as the city grows.



A decade of progress

Ten years into Whitehorse's [Sustainability Plan](#), progress is being made toward more complete, connected neighbourhoods.

Key advances highlighted in the report include:

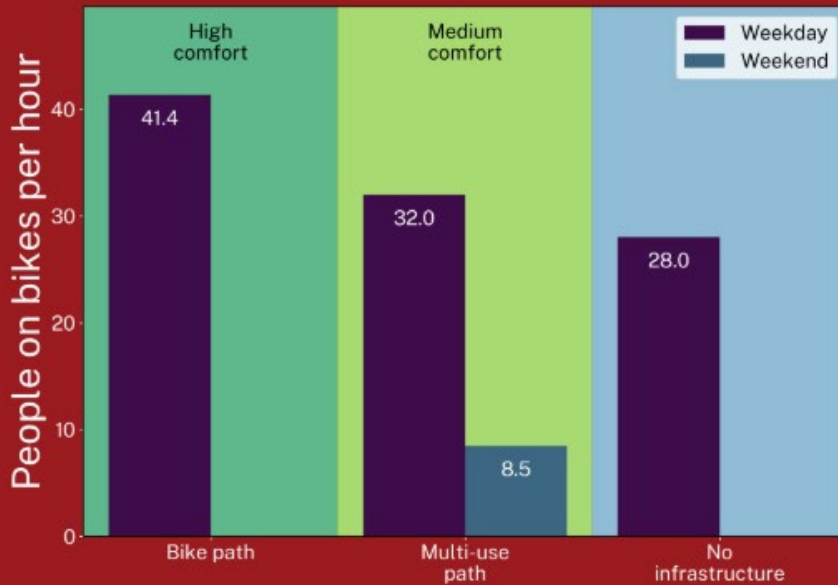
- Expanded housing options through updated zoning
- Better access to services and public spaces
- A more vibrant downtown, with patios, vendors, and community events

At the same time, how people move is shifting. The [Transportation Master Plan](#) targets 40% of trips by sustainable modes by 2040.

Ongoing investments in transit, bike lanes, trails, and safer streets are making these options more practical year-round, though more work remains.

Programs like Kids Bike Rodeo and Active Commute Whitehorse are helping turn these investments into everyday habits.

Ridership by Can-BICS infrastructure type in Whitehorse in Pedal Poll/Sondo Vélo 2025



Can-BICS infrastructure type

The **Canadian Bikeway Comfort and Safety (Can-BICS) classification system** is a three-tiered classification scheme that groups bicycle facilities based on safety performance and user comfort.



High Comfort Bikeways are low stress routes comfortable for most people, including those of all ages and abilities, with a record as best for safety. Includes local street bikeways, cycle tracks and bike paths.



Medium Comfort Bikeways are low or medium stress routes comfortable for some people, but whose safety requires careful design. Includes multi-use paths.



Low Comfort Bikeways are high stress routes comfortable for few people, with little or no additional safety compared to no bicycle facility. Includes painted bike lanes.



Non-conforming bike infrastructure does not meet Can-BICS standards of comfort and safety. Includes unpaved trails, sharrows, and signed routes without traffic calming.



Locations with **no infrastructure** do not have any bicycle infrastructure, signage, or pavement markings.

Pedal Poll: A snapshot of cycling in Whitehorse

Pedal Poll is a [Vélo Canada Bikes](#) national community science initiative that tracks how people move to support better transportation planning.

In June 2025, volunteers counted 506 people cycling at key locations across Whitehorse.

While these are short, location-based counts, the results highlight a link between infrastructure and ridership:

- 41% of riders used high-comfort routes
- 32% used medium-comfort routes
- 28% rode where no dedicated infrastructure exists

Next count: June 2–7, 2026.

Volunteer registration opens soon at: <https://velocanadabikes.org/pedalpoll/>

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