**HIGHLIGHTS of TODAY’S AT ANNOUNCEMENT**

* 2800 students attend 5 schools in the community (Dalhousie / Ryerson / Acadia / Avila / Fort Richmond Collegiate)
* New infrastructure will support kids travelling to school – and improve community connectivity
* City of Winnipeg focusing on School Active Transportation Corridors is precedent setting for many other communities
* Projects announced are the result of years of work by the community looking to improve active transportation in their community

**Active Transportation & Fort Richmond:**

* Built in an era strongly shaped by the vehicle as a primary means of transportation -  clearly reflected in the number of kilometers of roadways (130km)  and nominal number of sidewalks / trails (20km).
* Community  recognizes many social, economic and environmental benefits associated with active transportation
* Fort Richmond, University Heights and U of M are looking closely at their community to find ways to incorporate increased active transportation opportunities.

**ACTIVE  TRANSPORTATION  INITIATIVES in Fort Richmond over the years:**

**1996                       Dalhousie Forest Naturalization and Trail project**

- Community initiated

**2005                       Construction of Sentier Cloutier Trail enabling safe connectivity to St. Norbert**

                                - Community initiated

**2008                       Construction of Bishop Grandin West on the berm between bridge and Pembina –
 enabling safe connectivity in and out of Fort Richmond**

                                - Community initiated

**2010 – 2012         Green Action Centre - School Travel Planning – National Pilot with Ryerson / Dalhousie &
 Ecole St. Avila**

* Community initiated
* Three schools within close proximity enabled a ‘community perspective’ of challenges walking and biking to school
* Partners: City of Winnipeg / Pembina Trails School Division / Green Action Centre / Parent Committees / Schools
* Collected data on challenges related to kids walking biking to school  Ie: infrastructure, encouragement, education, enforcement, etc.

**2011                       Event Day Advisory Committee Representation**

- Community Active Transportation representation on Investors Group Field Advisory Committee providing AT input

**2012** [**Bike Walk & Roll Project**](http://greenactioncentre.ca/living-green-living-well/bike-walk-roll-project-helps-fort-richmond-community-find-their-vision/) **Launched by Green Action Centre**

                                - Project independent of school travel planning but next logical step –to continue

 seeking AT data /input  from the broader residential community

 **U of M launches ‘Re-Generation Project’**

- Goals and guiding principles focus on Active Transportation

**2013                       Active Transportation Initiatives:**

                                - Construction of Alex Bridge Park Pathway – enabling improved access to Ryerson School

     - Construction of pathways linking Dalhousie & Acadia Schools and the community

* Produced Winnipeg’s first in depth community ‘Walking and Cycling Map’. A magnifying glass was put on the community and with extensive community engagement – the Fort Richmond / University Heights/ U of M Walking and Cycling Map was created: <http://fortrichmondat.ca/Map.pdf> Essentially a magnified version of the city of Winnipeg cycling map.