



Public Works Department

July 23, 2010

Dear Area Resident, Business Owner, and/or Stakeholder,

RE: Assiniboine Bikeway – Active Transportation (AT) Route

This summer, the City of Winnipeg will construct the **Assiniboine Bikeway**. This is part of the City's commitment to develop more Active Transportation (AT) facilities in Winnipeg through the Active Transportation Infrastructure Stimulus Program (ATISP), which is funded by all three levels of government.

Active Transportation means using human power to get around. Cycling, walking and in-line skating are some examples of how people can get from Point A to Point B whether for recreation or commuting.

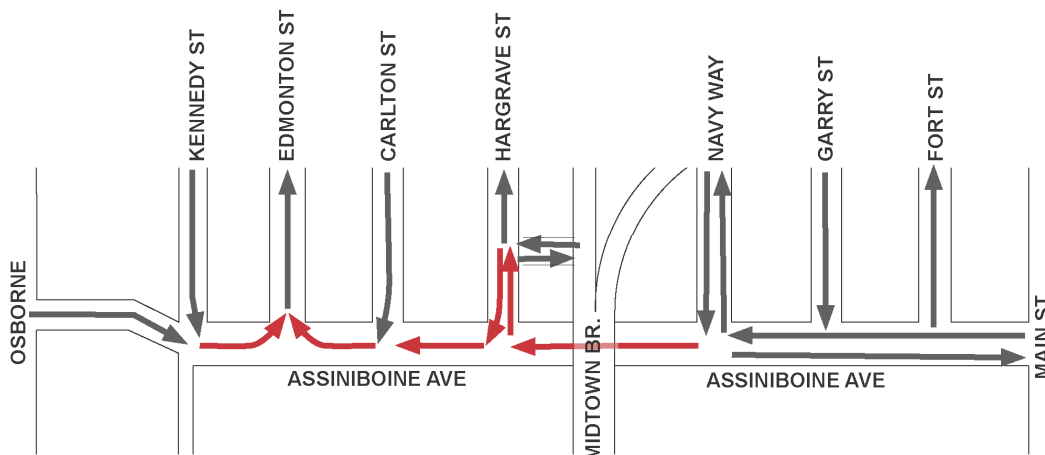
The **Assiniboine Bikeway** is an innovative enhancement for cyclists, pedestrians and vehicles that will provide better Active Transportation connections between the Assiniboine Avenue neighbourhood and areas like Wolseley, Osborne, The Forks and downtown. When complete, the Assiniboine Bikeway will feature a 3.0 metre wide **cycle track** placed on to the south side of the Assiniboine Avenue roadway between Kennedy and Garry. The cycle track will connect to an off-road bike path between Garry and Main alongside Bonnycastle Park.

A cycle track is a two-way bike lane separated from vehicle travel lanes by a half-metre wide curb barrier. This safety feature helps keep cyclists and drivers apart, but is mountable so emergency vehicles can easily cross the curb if needed. Access to private driveways and parking lots on the south side of Assiniboine has been maintained by lowering the curb barrier at these locations.

The Assiniboine Bikeway also involves changes to traffic flow movements to retain and create on-street parking stalls, accommodate Handi-Transit movements and reduce non-local "cut-through" traffic. Changes to the location of some on-street parking will accommodate the construction of the cycle track.

The following changes to traffic flow movements in your neighbourhood will commence with the start of construction tentatively set for mid-August 2010:

- Assiniboine Ave. from Kennedy St. to Edmonton St. will become **one-way eastbound**
- Assiniboine Ave. from Edmonton St. to Navy Way will become **one-way westbound**
- Hargrave St. from Hargrave Place to Assiniboine Ave. will become **two-way**



Construction will take approximately 4-6 weeks. During that time, all parking will be temporarily suspended along Assiniboine Avenue. Once construction is complete, you will see several changes to on-street parking in the neighbourhood, including:

- Addition of new on-street parking to the east side of Kennedy Street between Broadway and Assiniboine Avenues
- Addition of new on-street parking to the north side of Assiniboine Avenue from Kennedy to the Midtown Bridge
- Removal of on-street parking on the south side of Assiniboine Avenue between Kennedy and Garry (on-street parking will remain on the south side of Assiniboine Avenue between Garry and Main)

The new directions of travel and changes to the location of on-street parking spaces are shown on the attached diagram.

In 2009 and 2010, the City met with residents, business owners and stakeholders regarding the planning and design of the Assiniboine Bikeway. The input received at meetings and public events was important in planning the changes and many of the comments received have been incorporated into the final design.

For questions about construction in your neighbourhood, please contact Scott Suderman at Stantec Consulting, 981-9706.

For questions about the Active Transportation Infrastructure Stimulus Program, please contact Erik Dickson at Marr Consulting Services, 927-3456 ext. 242.

Yours truly,

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Active Transportation Infrastructure Stimulus Program – City of Winnipeg, Public Works



In December of 2009, Winnipeg City Council approved \$20.4 million in capital funding to support an extensive active transportation network throughout the city. This funding comes from the three levels of government (the City, Province and Federal governments each contributing one-third, or \$6.8 million). This active transportation program involves the creation of 37 projects that range from multi-use pathways to bike boulevards. When this program is completed by the end of this year, Winnipeggers will be able to access 375 km of active transportation routes. More information about active transportation can be found on the City of Winnipeg's website:

www.winnipeg.ca/activetransportation/HikeltBikeltLikelt.asp

Assiniboine Bikeway

Assiniboine from Osborne to Hargrave



Assiniboine from Midtown Bridge to Main

