

Question: What is your understanding of the state of active transportation in the City?

Candidates - Councilor	Response
Michelle Stimson	The state of transportation- access- inclusion- tech- electric buses? City sponsored Uber - Schedule on line demand -(pilot project) Safe bus stops - relationship build with innovative hubs- plug ins- 911button- Relationship building with organizations. I'm mostly about open house ' town hall ' style talks to get this community building healthy memories with creative gatherings . Even mini market style so there is always food.'!
Norma Felker	A work in progress
Ken Schick	I understand that active transportation is using one's own power to get from one place to another. I regret that I do not know enough about the current overall state of this in the City of Whitehorse but I do know that it needs to be improved.
Anne Middler	<p>*Summary/TLDR: Vote for Anne Middler for a voice on council that understands/seeks to understand the concerns, issues and proposed solutions of the cycling community. I will ensure open lines of communication between the cycling community and city government. I hope to see so many more people feel confident and safe to ride bikes instead of driving, and will ensure that existing plans to build infrastructure to accommodate goals of increased ridership have implementation plans adhered to, with priority actions budgeted so we can anticipate and see progress.*</p> <p>I don't feel confident asking my 13 year old daughter to ride her bike to my place downtown from her dad's in Takhini because of the risks at the Industrial Road T intersection and Chilkoote way, among other places along the route. I worry about the safety of everyone on bikes. I have experienced close calls, we all have. Joe Morrison, a most exceptional human, was killed while riding his bike to work by a driver this summer. I cannot move through Rabbits Foot Canyon without becoming overcome with emotion from the devastating loss to his family, to the community, and to our collective sense of safety.</p> <p>I live downtown, and there is a lot of talk lately about safety. Safety encompasses a lot of things, but mostly my thoughts about safety are around pedestrian and cyclist safety, being vulnerable road users, and the real risk</p>

	<p>to life from potentially lethal vehicles being driven by people who are not paying attention. Sometimes it's just bad design that has created a conflict and hazard, sometimes it's bad driving or a combination. I teach my daughter to assume that all drivers are drunk and staring at their phones, so even if we have the right of way as a pedestrian at a crosswalk or a cyclist in an intersection, do not proceed unless you have 100% confidence that drivers see you and are slowing down. We do not yet have a connected, separated bike network to ensure a seamless and safe ride. YG is making improvements along the highway to create a separated path rather than requiring us to teeter on the rideable edge (bike lanes/shoulders), that more often than not contain hazardous debris in our path. So that is good progress. I support the construction of underpasses to further separate active commuters from motorized vehicles and make active commutes more efficient and safe.</p> <p>There have been improvements over the years to infrastructure and maintenance, but it is not nearly enough to encourage a larger percentage of people - who are interested in bike commuting but concerned about safety - to choose an active commute to school and work rather than driving. If we have stated that increasing active transportation is a goal, we need to accommodate it, make it convenient, reliable and safe. I love riding my bike - more often for recreation than commuting because I live downtown and mostly work from home. But I love riding my bikes and feel strong, free and happy when riding them - except when i feel threatened by drivers, or come upon a barrier to access or illogical and bad design that frustrates me and makes me feel like my preferred mode of transportation is an afterthought and is given less attention to safety and convenience and less investment.</p>
<p>Sarah Newton</p>	<p>It is promising but needs to be made safer. People are split on issues of bike lanes. Businesses and organizations like yours are potential partners to improve the situation.</p>
<p>Lenore Morris</p>	<p>The percentage of Whitehorse residents using active transportation for regular commuting is low – around 10% - and does not appear to be growing. I believe though that many more residents would choose active transportation if there was better infrastructure in place. The City was built in a very sprawling manner, which creates geographic challenges. Residents, especially those living anywhere other than downtown, need practical, safe, direct routes. The City has been expressing a desire to create those good routes, but largely fallen short. Continued prioritization, regular consultation with user groups and careful detailed planning are keys to future success.</p>
<p>Tony Lundgaard</p>	<p>I feel like its above average</p>
<p>Jenny Hamilton</p>	<p>I am under the understanding that it is not working for many people as it is at the moment. That the new plan actually made it worse.</p>

Jean-Sebastien Blais	We have definitely seen a lot of progress over the past few years. Bikers and pedestrians have more options for active transportation and we see a growing number of users using the existing corridors all year long. Citizens have taken advantage of the options given by e-bikes to do errands and to drop their kids at daycare. However, we have also seen tragic accidents lately. This tells me that we have to continue working on increasing the safety of bikers and pedestrians. The increased volume of active commuters forces us to plan accordingly a greater system of active transportation corridors. Safer bike lanes are needed. And by safe bike lane I am not asking for more lines painted of the pavement. We need a network of bike lanes designed to protect commuters.
Paolo Gallina	Active transportation in Whitehorse has seen some improvements over recent years, but there are still significant gaps, especially in connectivity between neighbourhoods and downtown. Our trails and pathways are popular, but many residents face challenges in using them safely and efficiently for everyday commuting, particularly in winter. The lack of dedicated cycling lanes and protected routes, coupled with inconsistent maintenance, means that active transportation still isn't accessible year-round for many.
Daniel Schneider	I think the current state of active transportation leaves much to be desired. Accessibility is a big issue not to mention that the size of most bike lanes are quite small making it unsafe to travel.
Eileen Melynychuk	Whitehorse has made progress, but more investment in safe, year-round active transportation is needed, especially in key areas like downtown, and trails at each end of the city.
Candidates - Mayor	Response
Stephen Kwok	There are safety gaps on the highway, Downtown, Riverdale and connecting some neighborhoods. We need to work with the community to better understand these concerns and work together to fix the issues. We need to ensure safety for all riders.
Dino Rudniski	Whitehorse is advancing active transportation with new bike lanes and pedestrian paths, emphasising safety and connectivity, though there's room for better integration and community input.
Dan Bushnell	My understanding is that it is decidedly dangerous to ride a bike in this city. That we lack dedicated bike paths that connect and run continuously between neighborhoods, and we need trails to be cleared in the winter and well lit.
Kirk Cameron	