



Everyone Rides Grade 4-5!

Shifting more British Columbians over to cycling for transportation has important environmental, health, safety, affordability and safety benefits. Providing kids with the skills, confidence and opportunity to learn to ride in school is the best way to raise a generation of sustainable transportation users and safer road users. Every child should finish elementary school having received cycling education (much like they do in many European jurisdictions) - this creates a systemic culture of cycling that permeates student, parent and teacher lifestyles and transportation choices.¹

“I learned hand signals that I didn’t even know were a thing!”

“Now I feel safer on the road, because I know the rules of the road.”

“This made me realize how much I love biking.”



The framework and curriculum is ready to deliver this as a pilot project across Metro Vancouver. After the pilot period, it could be rolled out across the province. Based on peer reviewed standard generated by educators across BC, school cycling education has been delivered in patchwork manner across Metro Vancouver depending ever-changing local and regional funding since 2009 - it has received great feedback from students, parents and admin, as well as partner municipalities and TransLink. We are at a juncture where shifting to systemic delivery to all elementary schools is needed to see the full benefits.

Who: Every grade 4-5 student (over 20,000 in Metro Vancouver)

Where: Pilot project in Metro Vancouver, ultimately delivered across BC

What: 2 session cycling education in schools, with Day 2 bicycles (including adaptive bikes for kids with mobility challenges), helmets and road scenario set up:

- o Day 1: In-Class Introduction to Cycling and Helmet Safety – 45 minutes
- o Day 2: Learn2Ride School Ground Cycling Skills Training – 80-90 minutes

When: Pilot delivery starting as early as Fall 2019

How: ~\$350,000/year is needed for the pilot. Potential to cost share between TransLink, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and other provincial ministries

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¹ <http://tram.mcgill.ca/Research/Publications/Cycliste%20averti.pdf>