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We're trying out a new Section 5, Bike Ottawa Suggested Reads

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1. Parkways for People: Can We Close the Parkway to Loud Obnoxious Vehicles This Weekend?

With the "Rolling Thunder" rally coming to town this weekend, could we not just [close the parkways](#)? Or at a minimum, enforce the traffic laws for noise?



2. Word on the Street

- Do we really need to spend hundreds of millions **widening a highway** based on a decade-old traffic survey, when we're building an LRT next to it?
- A **non-official roadmap** of **planned east end** Ottawa bike connectivity.
- One of the **City's most important climate change responses**.
- The City has put out a call for **nominations for the Bruce Timmermans Cycling Awards**, until April 30.
- **Paris** is close to the **tipping point** where bikes outnumber cars.
- Don't **confuse the future of cars with the future of mobility**.
- **Edmonton** is leading the way in addressing the **housing crisis**.
- Toronto is racking up some impressive AT wins, including **Shaw St and York University**.



3. This Week's Big Idea: Can We Make a \$275m #BigBondForBiking a Municipal Election Issue?

Earlier this week on [Twitter](#), some of you will have seen a [proposal that Ottawa issue a \\$275m green bond](#) to accelerate 25 years of spending on bike infrastructure. Ottawa could build a complete bike network now, rather than drip it out over the next quarter century, repaying that debt with the money that we are almost certain to spend anyways.

If you think idea has merit, over the next six months considering asking prospective municipal candidates for their views on a [#BigBondForBiking](#). Together, we can make bike infrastructure spending a 2022 Ottawa election issue, and get action in the 2023 City budget.



4. Stand Up For Something

(new listings first)

Tonight, April 28, Councillor Brockington is hosting a [community information session](#) on the [reconfiguration \(to include bike lanes\) of Walkley Rd](#) between Airport Parkway and McCarthy.

Register to create or join a [Spring Cleaning the Capital](#) event in your neighbourhood, until April 30.

Join a [Jane's Walk](#) on May 7-8 -- "a festival of free neighbourhood walking tours that help put people in touch with their city".

As part of the Sherwood Drive redesign, the City is consulting on a [Kenilworth Street](#) trial road closure (see photo above, to fix a 5-way intersection) with an [open house](#) on May 10 and [survey](#) until May 15.

Sign up for [Pedal Power](#) -- Vélo Canada Bikes nationwide counting of bike traffic, by

people like you, on June 7-14.

NCC is running a **survey on their bistros**, open until April 29.

The City of Ottawa is looking for feedback on **traffic calming on Broadview Ave around the local schools**. Complete the City's **survey**, until April 29. **School Streets Ottawa** discusses how Broadview could become a School Street.

Councillor Menard is hosting a re-design discussion for **Bronson Ave**, on May 4.

For anyone looking for a **social bike ride around Ottawa**, **#ottbikesocial** will be out **every Thursday evening starting at 7pm from these departure points**.



5. Bike Ottawa Suggested Reads

- New #BikeLove blog via @b1keridingpink -- **"help teach kids to ride a bike: give them a lifetime of self-powered happiness**, to create memories of freedom, amazing adventures & all of the bike love that comes with it."
- Something to keep in mind in the upcoming voting booths: **"It was a political choice** to build a city where using transit takes 2 or 3 times longer than driving, & where it is distressingly hostile & dangerous to walk or ride a bike."
- "But **car-dependent cities cost** us in other ways too. Take personal and public health-care costs. Sitting in traffic has been shown to have **significant mental and physical health** impacts for those with long commutes."
- Happy Earth Day (April 22). The earth needs **fewer cars and slower safer streets** to ride bicycles and walk/roll.
- **Living life without a car** isn't just for 'city folks': "People put up a lot of mental

barriers. I know I did. If I had known that it would be this easy, I would have sold my car years earlier."

- Shorter crossings, not adding lanes ... [how can we build safer roads](#).
- A few Bike Ottawa **board members take the stage** for the [latest #BikeLove blog](#). Check out [@Flomouthe](#), [@DaveBikeSki](#), and [@shawngettler](#)'s thoughts on all things bikes!



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