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1. Parkways for People: Let's Not Forget Colonel By Drive Should Be Part of Weekend Bikedays

One of the surprising features of the summer 2022 NCC Bikedays was that **Colonel By Drive was not included** in weekend Bikedays. CBD has been part of Bikedays for about half a century, and so it was a disappointment to see this dropped.

While CBD has been replaced by Queen Elizabeth Driveway this year, it's not quite the same: QED is a much shorter stretch; communities on the east side of the Canal have made this a part of their weekend routines; and, CBD provides better connectivity to the Byward Market, Gatineau and the south end of the city.

Given how little car traffic we are seeing on CBD on weekends, **why not provide Bikedays on both sides of the Canal?**



2. Word on the Street

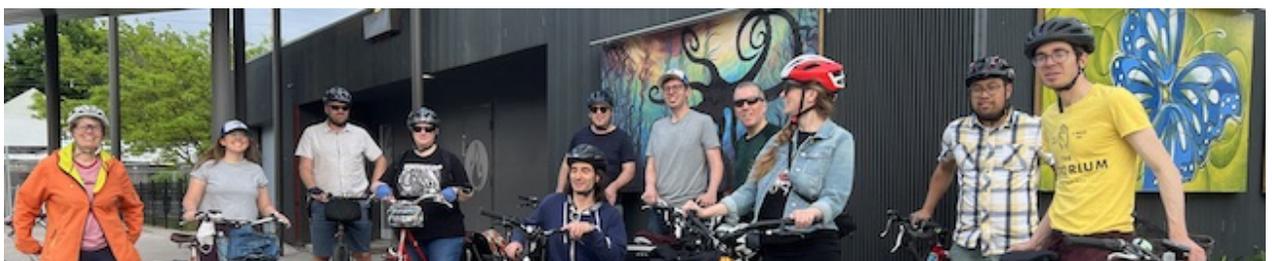
- **Bank St**, despite having no current bike infrastructure, is one of the more heavily cycled streets in Ottawa. **Big changes could be in store** over the next decade.
- One proposal that will be going to City Council for approval includes conducting a **feasibility study of implementing an active transportation corridor through the Glebe**.
- A new podcast, **Bike Tales**, launched this week, and will be telling the stories of community **efforts to improve biking in Ottawa**. This week: **David Chernushenko and the Flora Footbridge**. (*12 minutes very well spent!*)
- A **new pedestrian bridge** over the **Rideau River at Carleton U** is going up, for opening in the fall. Meanwhile, **love for other AT bridges** in Ottawa **here** and **here**.
- Pick-up **truck advertising** is appropriating **cafe culture**.

- Pick up [this infographic](#) to appreciate our current situation.
- An excellent [infographic](#) from the California Department of Transportation explaining **induced demand**.
- How about a [tax credit](#) for **not owning a car**?
- [Mick Jagger](#) rides an e-bike.
- Councillor McKenney and Gatineau Mayor, France Bélisle, made the case to parliamentarians that the [federal government take on responsibility for Wellington Ave, Sparks St. and Gatineau's rue Laurier](#).
- Grover editorial on proposed [417 widening doing little for congestion](#).
- The City of Ottawa awarded its [2022 Bruce Timmermans Cycling Awards](#) to Bike Ottawa (organization) and Eugenie Waters (individual).



3. This Week's Big Idea: SMART Housing

[Sustainable Mixed-income Affordable Rentals near Transit](#). Lack of housing affordability is driving some remarkable innovation, including from churches, unions and other places you wouldn't necessarily expect to be showing the way forward. Ottawa Community Housing's new Gladstone development (photo) is an example of what we need a lot more of, to address the housing crisis.





4. Stand Up For Something

(new listings first)

For anyone looking for a **social bike ride around Ottawa**, #ottbikesocial will be out **every Thursday evening starting at 7pm from these departure points**. **Join me and others tonight**, departing from Dundonald Park - Somerset W at Lyon. *(Hard to explain how enjoyable this is ...)*

June is #LetsBikeMonth in Ottawa. **Sign up**, bike and win prizes.

There is a **town hall looking at Community Benefits** on June 8, hosted by Councillor Menard.

Pedal Power -- Vélo Canada Bikes **nationwide counting of bike traffic** -- is looking for people in Ottawa, to count bikes (usually for a single 2 hour shift) between June 7-14.

Ecology Ottawa is giving away free tree saplings (22 native species) over the summer, with **many different pick up options**.



5. Bike Ottawa Suggested Reading

- A video! For the '**it's causing congestion!!!**' crowd. No, it ain't.
- **Some data!** 28 countries polled: 86% of adults said bikes are important to reducing GHG. 80% said biking was important to reducing traffic and 52% said biking in their city/town is too dangerous.
- Rebranding: You're gonna need a truck to pick up that cup of coffee? "Auto makers are **normalizing these behemoths** for all uses and completely blurring the lines between a practical work truck and a vehicle for everyday use."
- Allowing large vehicles to dominate the streets **isn't inevitable** - here's a throw back article about Germany's efforts to curb larger vehicle sizes.
- We're still not done reading about vehicle weight and tolls: "With traffic fatalities climbing and the effects of climate change growing more dire, passage of DC's **new fee structure could serve as a model.**"
- EVs may **not be the saviour** everyone is hoping they will be.
- "Those who have become attached to their bicycles—there are several millions of bicycle riders—will not easily give up the pleasure of skimming along the country like a bird . . . for the more doubtful delight of riding in the cumbersome, **ill-smelling automobile.**"
- Another one for the "**If you build a protected bike lane, they will ride**" file.



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