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Subject: [BC Climate Exchange] Cyclists Input Request - BCCC's Soaring Eagle Cycling Routes Proposal



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Cyclists Input Request – Soaring Eagle Cycling Routes

A few months ago, the British Columbia Cycling Coalition (BCCC) approached the BC Government and proposed a provincial-wide network of cycling routes aimed at encouraging touring cycling within the province. BC's Soaring Eagle Cycling Routes has been the working title for this proposal by the BCCC.

BCCC's proposal was inspired by Québec's very successful provincial-wide touring cycling network called "La Route Verte" (<http://www.routeverte.com/rv/ang/>). With such spectacular scenery, why does this province not have such capabilities for touring cycling? If you like the proposal and want to show your support for it, do not hesitate to let the Premier (premier@gov.bc.ca) or the Minister of Transportation (kevin.falcon.mla@leg.bc.ca) know.

The province has shown interest in the concept and has asked the BCCC to propose routes in three areas within the province:

1. Circular routes within the wine country of Kelowna from Vernon on the north side and Osoyoos at the south end.
2. Circular routes on the Southern parts of Vancouver Island from Nanaimo south to the San Juan Strait, including the Gulf Islands.
3. From the Georgia Strait through Metro Vancouver up the Fraser Valley to Hope.

The Cycling Routes should be appealing to touring cyclists of all skills capabilities, personal effort expenditure, and confidence with cycling on roads. The Routes should also interest out-of-province and British Columbian touring cyclists on day, weekend, or longer trips.

The work has started by gathering input for interesting routes from touring cyclists. Now, you are being called on for your suggestions for these three areas.

Your input before **February 29** would be much appreciated.

Please visit <http://bccc.thecyclistwebhouse.com/Soaring%20Eagle%20Cycling%20Routes%20Proposal/Index%20-%20SECR.htm> and provide your input

With your knowledge and contribution of favourite cycling touring routes, the BCCC will be able to provide the Province with routes which should appeal to a variety of potential touring cyclists.

The BCCC thanks you for your participation.

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Jan,

This is the other information that was requested by the clerks department for next Monday's meeting. Please do up another short memo from me:

The BC Cycling Coalition has presented a very exciting provincial-wide network of cycling routes that would encourage touring cycling throughout the province and one of the potential routes identified is a circular route within the wine country of Kelowna from Vernon to Osoyoos.

This potential route has economic value and would be exciting for our own community and for the many tourists that come to our region.

The recommendation is for council to send a letter in support of a touring route in the Okanagan and cc the three Regional Districts of the Okanagan and the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission for their consideration of forwarding support towards this plan.

Mayor Sharon Shepherd

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