

Saskatchewan Government Insurance Cycling Safety Education Follow-up

ISSUE

To provide an update on Saskatchewan Government Insurance's response to the City of Saskatoon's request to improve cycling safety education for driver training.

BACKGROUND

The Standing Policy Committee on Transportation at its meeting held on June 12, 2017, considered the Transportation 2016 Annual Report and resolved, in part:

- "2. That the Administration report back on the possibility of Driver Education adding cycling safety education for driver training, as a means to support the City's Active Transportation Plan;"

CURRENT STATUS

The Administration previously asked Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) to consider amendments to its driver education program and the Saskatchewan Driver's Handbook to include more information regarding safe motorist interaction with people riding bicycles.

SGI's Driver Development section responded on September 4, 2019, acknowledging that the Administration's concerns regarding cyclist safety will be considered when the annual review of the handbook takes place in June 2020.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Based on a review of the driver's handbooks from across Canada, the Administration recommended the addition of the following topics to the Saskatchewan Driver's Handbook:

1. A detailed list of motorist and cyclist responsibilities.
2. More detailed direction guiding motorists on how to observe and to interact with people riding bicycles:
 - a. How to avoid common car-bicycle collisions during right and left turning movements.
 - b. How to safely pass people riding bicycles and understand their position on the road.
3. Strategies for people riding bicycles on being visible, signalling, turning and lane changing.

IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

The Administration will review the next edition of the Saskatchewan Driver's Handbook and take the appropriate action as required.

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