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Election Candidate Survey Finds Overwhelming Support for Walking, Cycling and Public Transit in Next Term of Council

Today, the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT), in partnership with Toronto Environmental Alliance, Cycle Toronto, Walk Toronto and Canada Walks, releases the results of its 2014 all-candidate municipal election transportation survey.

In June 2014, Toronto Councillor and Mayoral candidates were invited to respond to a short 12-question survey to provide voters with information about their views on active transportation and public transit. The candidates were also provided with [Building a Toronto that Moves](#), a backgrounder developed by active transportation and public transit community leaders that sets out 12 concrete steps that can be taken in the next term of Council to improve cycling, walking and transit in Toronto.

Here is a snapshot of the survey results:

- Strong support was expressed for the 12 election priorities for walking, cycling, and transit identified in *Building a Toronto that Moves*;
- Highest support (97%) was expressed for establishing School Travel Plans to improve the safety of children walking to school;
- Strong support (89%) for a Complete Streets policy to ensure our streets are routinely designed to provide the safe travel of all road users;
- Strong support (80%) for a Minimum Grid of 100 km of protected bike lanes and 100 km of bicycle boulevards to be built by 2018;
- Lowest support (58%) for a four-year TTC fare freeze;
- Two-thirds (63%) of the 38 councillor incumbents running for re-election responded to the survey, and 2 of the 3 leading mayoral candidates.

Jacky Kennedy, Director, Canada Walks commented “we are thrilled that 97% of survey respondents showed support for School Travel Plans for all Toronto schools and we look forward to working with successful candidates to make this a reality.”

“Investment in Toronto’s on-street network of bike lanes has stalled. It’s fantastic that the candidates have committed to fast-track a Minimum Grid of this critical infrastructure that saves lives and improves our health and environment,” said Jared Kolb, Executive Director, Cycle Toronto.

“Overall, we are seeing an emerging consensus that Toronto City Council should be doing more to promote and protect Torontonians who are walking, cycling, and taking public transit,” concluded Nancy Smith Lea, TCAT Director. “This is a huge step forward for building a city that moves us all, safely and equitably.”

More information, including the candidates’ individual responses here: http://tcat.ca/election_surveys_2014

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