

ARBUTUS CORRIDOR

cycling & walking for a healthy & green Vancouver

An important piece of the puzzle to increase cycling & walking in Metro Vancouver

For personal and population health, & a sustainable city



a new priority of the VACC why here, why now?

Cycling in Cities Survey shows that Metro Vancouverites want this type of route

- of 16 route choices, top one: paved off-street paths, with cyclists & pedestrians separated
- top cycling motivators: routes away from traffic, with beautiful scenery, gentle slopes

Converting rails to trails increases cycling rates

- Galloping Goose, Lochside & other converted rail trails are the major force making Victoria the city with Canada's highest cycling rate, approximately double Vancouver's
- evidence from US cities shows that "if you build it, they will come"

Corridor would serve school & work commuting, shopping & recreation

- within 1 km: 28 schools, 3 public libraries, 4 community centres, 16 shopping districts, 12 theatres, 25 parks, many community gardens (see map overleaf)

Corridor is central to cycling networks in the city & region

- connects with more than 10 existing bike routes
- connects to Burrard and Canada Line bridges, leveraging investments made in both
- proposed as regionally significant bikeway in TransLink's draft cycling network plan

CP Rail is looking forward to a call from the City

- John Walsh, VP Real Estate, retiring in February, is interested in working on this for CP during his retirement

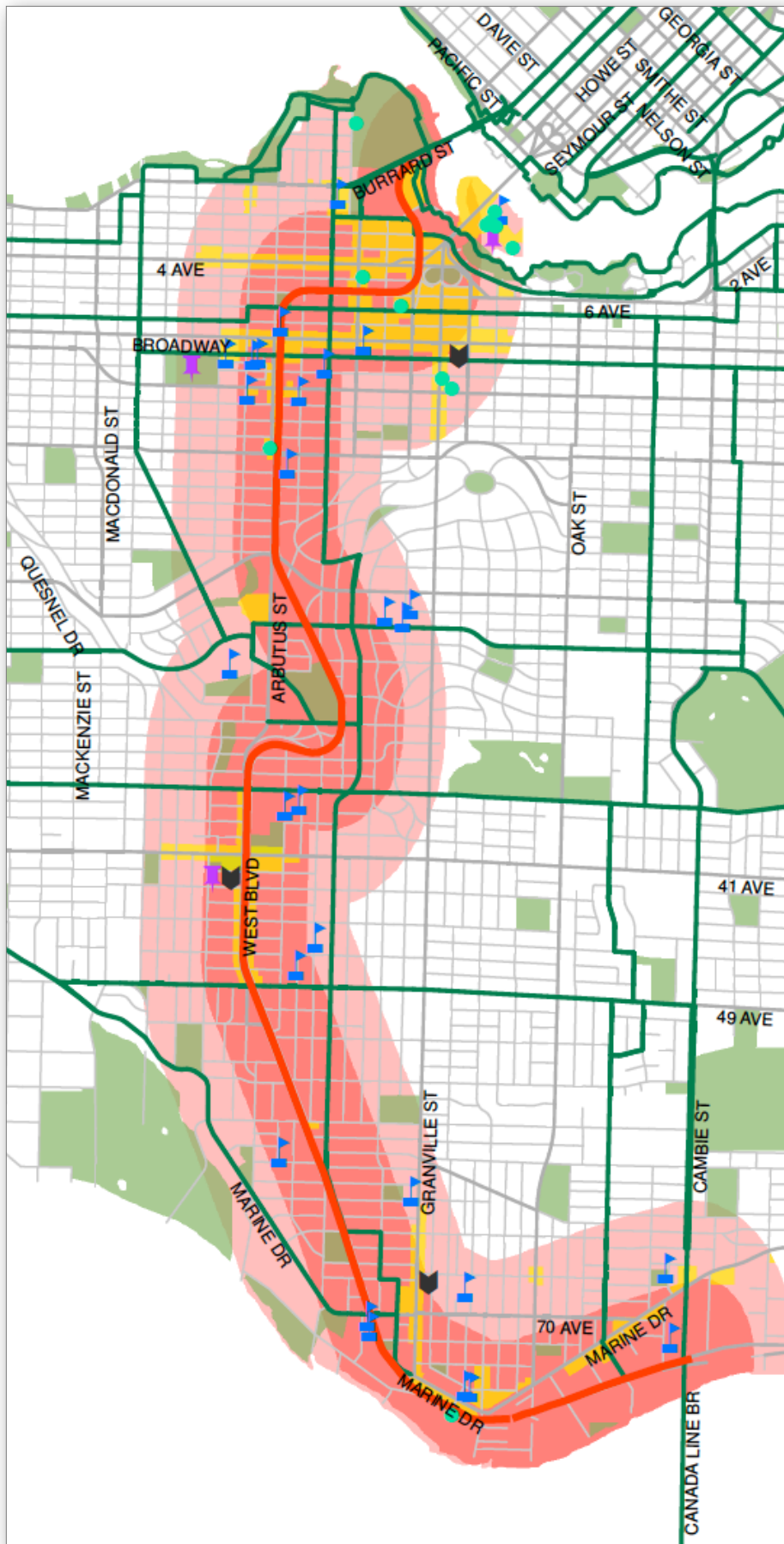


Source: Cycling in Cities Survey

Source: TransLink



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destinations features connectors

legend

- proposed Arbutus Corridor bike route
- 500 m catchment of proposed route
- 1000 m catchment of proposed route
- theatres
- ▲ schools
- libraries
- ★ community centres
- commercial
- parks
- existing bike routes
- major roads
- local roads

data sources

- theatres:
Google Maps
- schools, libraries, community centres:
City of Vancouver Open Data Catalogue
<http://data.vancouver.ca/index.htm>
- commercial, park land uses:
Metro Vancouver Land Use Data
- road network:
City of Vancouver Open Data Catalogue
<http://data.vancouver.ca/index.htm>
- bike network:
Vancouver Bicycle Route Map & Info Guide
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