

Bike Regina is a non-profit cycling advocacy group. We represent the voice of a large number of avid cyclists, including commuters who use Regina's city streets every day to get where they're going, be it work, school, errands, or leisure. We have heard from our membership and the message is clear: motorists' behavior makes cyclists feel unsafe using the streets. For some, this is no more than an annoyance; for others, it keeps them off the streets, and as a result, off their bikes. People who feel unsafe biking in the street simply revert back to driving, which, as we know, increases the number of cars on the streets, and it does nothing for Regina's active transportation numbers.

We know that other cities have implemented this bylaw and have seen some success. If motorists were required by law to give cyclists a delineated buffer zone when passing, we believe this would contribute to the safety of cyclists. It would also raise awareness on the cyclist's right to be on the street riding as vehicles in traffic.

All road users have responsibilities. With cyclists being the more vulnerable road user, it is important to try to protect them from fear, injury or fatality with bylaws such as this. We ask that all voters thoughtfully consider traffic safety and the growing number of cyclists when voting on this bylaw.

Respectfully,

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On behalf of the volunteer board and membership



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