

Bike path push still on

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The quest to secure a bike path along an extremely dangerous stretch of Glenmore Road soldiers forth.

Last year Doug Elmore collected over 1,100 signatures from Central Okanagan cyclists interested in seeing a section of the road from the McKinley Landing turn off through to Winfield given a

dedicated multi-use pathway. The concept was soon tied to what the mayor termed a Central Okanagan Tour, the idea being to pitch the concept to higher levels of government as a vital link in a Tour

from hikers to bikers to mountain bikers, walkers and skateboarders, each gave Urban Systems a rundown of their interests—in Elmore's case the Glenmore project.

The Glenmore cycling path has already received funding for a feasibility study through both the City of Kelowna and the District of Lake Country, and Bell confirmed the city is in discussions with Lake Country on the feasibility study as well.

A second meeting with Urban Systems is scheduled for the end of September for the active transportation plan.

The city is looking to nail down policies, guidelines and a general framework for the project within the year and set the 5-year, 10-year and 20-year goals they would like to achieve, sometime next year.

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"Planning is everything. So what we want is a nice network for people to walk, cycle, and so forth," explained Jerry Bell, city transportation.

While there are solid road network plans in place, looking at the larger system of transportation and all of the cyclists, pedestrian, hikers, mountain bikers and alternative transportation needs have yet to be done under one cohesive project. Elmore's plan would fall under this initiative.

From what he's seen, Elmore said he is very impressed with the progress the city's consultant is making on the first phase.

"Michael Stringham (with Urban Systems) was one of the most eloquent speakers I had ever had the pleasure of meeting with," he said, noting it appears they're really taking people's issues to heart.

see everything from the city's cycling master plan, to the sidewalk plan rolled into a larger system.

de France-style stage race for road riders to attract ongoing sport tourism dollars.

It would now appear the Glenmore bike path has made it into discussions for an active transportation master plan to

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