



Bike Winnipeg St. James Civic Centre Expansion Submission

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Bike Winnipeg would like to submit the following recommendations for the expansion of the St. James Civic Centre.

Bike Parking

We are happy to see that bike parking has been included in the plans for the St. James Civic Centre expansion. We are happy to see that the bike racks shown on the presented drawings are located close to the entrance and are covered by the canopy being added to the centre. This definitely adds a layer of comfort for people biking to and from the centre.

We do have a few recommendations to help make the centre's bike parking even better so that more people might be encouraged to visit the centre by bike

1. Please ensure that bike racks are placed in such a way as to provide adequate spacing from walls and other fixtures.
2. Please ensure that at least some of the bike racks installed as part of this project are placed in such a way as to provide adequate spacing from walls and fixtures for larger bikes, such as cargo bikes and trikes.
3. In addition to the short term bicycle parking shown on the design diagrams, provide 5 to 10 bike lockers that are available for longer term bike parking that can be assigned to staff, volunteers, or service providers.
4. Ensure that some of the racks provided include charging stations for electric bikes.
5. Add video monitoring of the bike racks to help discourage theft.

Site Access by Bicycle

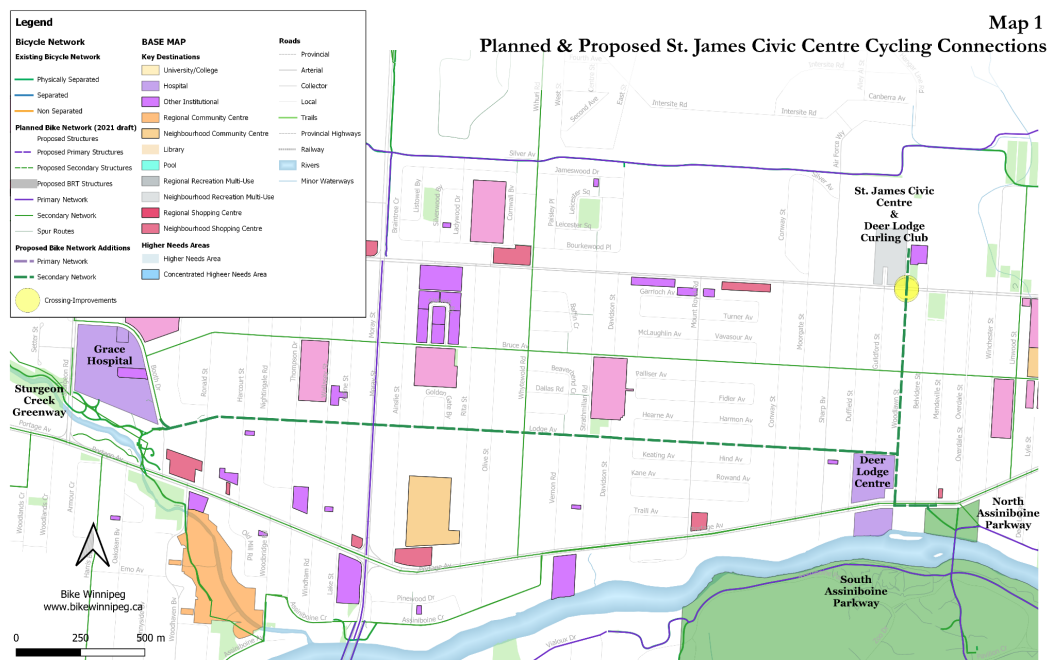
While a pedestrian corridor has been installed at the intersection of Ness Ave and Woodlawn St, this will have limited value to those people accessing the site by bicycle. A user must position themselves on the western sidewalks of Woodlawn to activate the pedestrian corridor and must

dismount to cross Ness Ave. This takes them off of the street, and promotes cycling on the sidewalk.

We would like to see the pedestrian corridor crossing of Ness Ave upgraded to a half signal or to a [HAWK beacon](#) to accommodate people on bikes as well as those on foot.

Bike Network Improvements

There is currently no bike network access to the St James Civic Centre site, and neither the current Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies nor the 2021 draft bike network proposed as part of the ongoing Transportation Master Plan update (TMP2050) plan for a connection to the centre.



We recommend that Woodlawn St be added to the city's proposed bike network as a neighbourhood greenway, along with a short section of two-way bike path along the south side of Portage Avenue to provide a connection to the pathways leading out from the Assiniboine Park Footbridge.

Woodlawn St provides access to Deer Lodge, Lodge St (and by extension the Sturgeon Creek Greenway paths), and the St. James Civic Centre.

Sincerely,

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