



# AMAZING CYCLING CITIES

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**BURLINGTON CYCLING COMMITTEE**

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Working to make the City of Burlington a better place to bike!

A volunteer Citizen's Advisory Committee, reporting to City Council through the Community and Corporate Services Committee.

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# Video #1: Inspirations from Madison, Wisconsin

Madison citizens talk about what cycling is like in their city, a Gold award recipient from the League of American Bicyclists.

Some facts about Madison:

- Population: 240,000 (568,000 in metro area)
- Average temperature in winter: 3° colder than Burlington.
- Average temperature above 10°C for 4 months (Burlington = 6)
- Density: 547.3 residents / sq. km (Burlington = 946.8)

Link to Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Off8PD47zhM>

# Madison Discussison

The background features a light blue gradient with a white silhouette of two cyclists riding on a track. The track is depicted with white curved lines, and a yellow curved line is visible at the bottom of the slide.

- What do they do best?
- Preference for bi-directional cycle track vs. one directional bike lanes?
- Is it necessary to plow the bike paths / lanes in winter?

# Video #2: Copenhagen, City of Cyclists

Part 1 of a 5 part series focusing on the City of Copenhagen and the measures it has taken to improve the share of trips taken by bicycle to 1/3. Their target is to raise that to 40%.

Link to Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibCcp0Y3OB0>

# Copenhagen, City of Cyclists



- Many of the measures used in Copenhagen's cycle policy focus on "the cycling experience". What is "the cycling experience" here in Burlington, and what can / should we do to make it better?

# Video #3: North American Cycling – A Dutch Perspective

A Dutch cycling enthusiast tours a number of American cycling facilities, including Davis, CA and offers a Dutch perspective comparing the culture here with his home country.

Link to Video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2THe\\_10dYs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2THe_10dYs)

# North American Cycling – A Dutch Perspective

- What do you think are the primary reasons for the different views on cycling infrastructure?
- What would help North Americans to learn from what is being done in countries like Holland?



# Video #4 - TED Talks – New York City

Janette Sadik-Khan, former New York City Transportation Commissioner, discusses the role of streets in designing thriving cities that provide quality of life and efficient use of public resources.

During Janette's tenure, a number of very visible changes have been made to the function and form of New York's streets, including:

- Converted Times Square to a pedestrian oriented area.
- Doubled the number of bike lanes (and quadrupled the number of cyclists)
- Launched CitiBike bikeshare program.
- Deployed benches, public art and created new public spaces across the city.

Link to Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LujWrkYsl64>

# TED Talks – New York City



- Which NYC ideas do you think could work here in Burlington?
- What would you love to see Burlington introduce?

# Video #5: Vancouver Melds Bikes and Transit

Translink, the regional transportation authority for the Vancouver area, illustrates the convenience offered by the combination of bicycle transport with public transit.

Link to Video:


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S84OqpkY0gY>

# Vancouver Melds Bikes and Transit



- Which message resonates most?
  - Convenience?
  - Inexpensive?
  - Health & well-being?
- Ideas for our region?

# Video #6: StreetFilms Green Lane Project



A partnership of 6 U.S. cities who are leading the way to implement protected bicycle lanes on city streets.

- Austin, TX
- Chicago, IL
- Memphis, TN
- Portland, OR
- San Francisco, CA
- Washington, DC

Link to Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qM6rSx9pdW4>

# Green Lane Project



- How important is the Green colour for protected bike lanes?
- Would this type of infrastructure influence you or your family to cycle more? Why / why not?

# Video #7: Ciclovía – Bogota, Columbia

The city of Bogota introduced Ciclovía, where streets are closed every Sunday morning to be reserved for citizens on bikes and on foot. The idea has sparked a global movement towards physical activity, using the available infrastructure in the city – its streets.

Ciclovía spurred many North American cities to launch similar programs, including Burlington with its Car Free Sundays.

Link to Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELa5CHsUepo>

# Ciclovia - Bogota, Columbia



- How would our lifestyle be enhanced by a Ciclovia type program?
- What elements would we need in place to make this work?



# Video #8: How the Dutch Got their Cycle Paths

Another video from BicycleDutch explaining how the Netherlands developed their cycling infrastructure as a response to high car traffic volumes and deaths/injuries in Dutch cities.

Link to Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuBdf9jYj7o>

# How the Dutch Got their Cycle Paths

- Does it offer hope that the Dutch were able to overcome their early mistakes after WWII?
- Do we have all of the same elements in place today in North America? What, if anything, is missing?

# Video #9: America's First Platinum Bicycle City – Davis, California

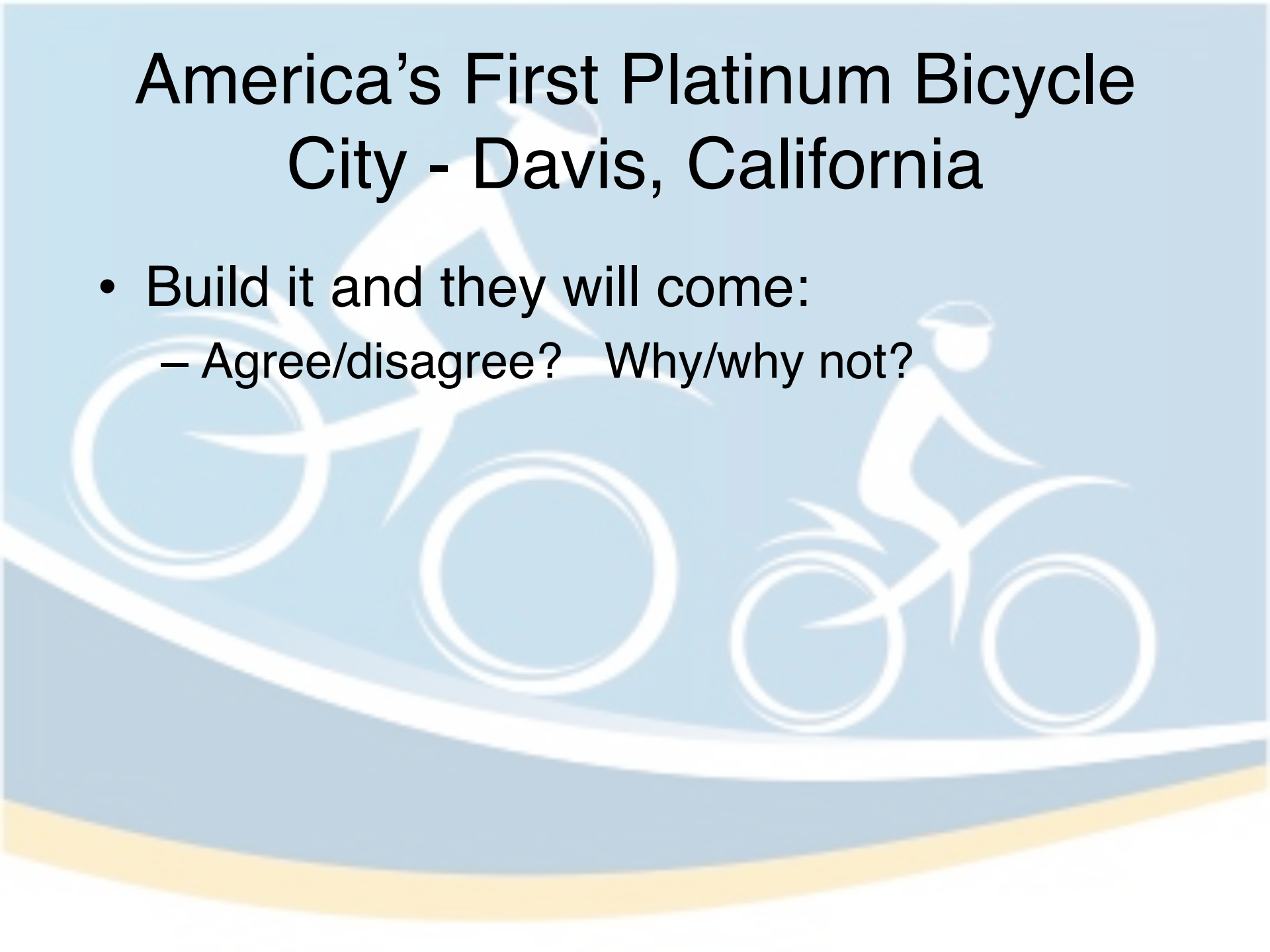
Davis is the only Platinum level Bicycle Friendly City in North America. 17% of its residents commute by bicycle, owing largely to decisions made since the 1960s to protect and continually add to the bicycle routes available.

Link to Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6vcBMyx5p8>

# America's First Platinum Bicycle City - Davis, California

- Build it and they will come:
  - Agree/disagree? Why/why not?



# What Can You Do?

- Talk, email and/or tweet your Ward Councillor and Mayor about your ideas and concerns regarding cycling.
- The more City Council members hear from citizens about cycling, the more of a priority it will become.
- Complete the online Citizen Cycling Survey!
- Stay in touch and come to one of our monthly meetings!
- Sign-up for our free newsletter to keep you informed.