

ST. VITAL WARD

Glenn CHURCHILL –

I am a Transportation Engineer and have many years of experience with design and construction of active transportation corridors. Some of my most recent projects were pathways under Fort Garry Bridge on the west side of the Red River, Kings Drive, Inkster Blvd and I am now designing for under the Redwood Bridge, west of the Red River.

There are numerous pathways throughout the city however, not all connect directly to a school area. For St Vital at least, I would like to ensure that connection points are added from the existing paths to school grounds where this is lacking. The connection points need to be constructed so that they are convenient. People will take the path of least resistance so if the pathways aren't convenient, children will choose to walk or bike elsewhere to and from school. Having pathways that are away from the heavy traffic that builds up around schools at the beginning and ending of the school day will also give parents a better sense of safety for their children and will let them walk to school.

I also want to ensure that the pathways are cleared of snow in a timely manner during the winter. The pathways are used not only by children to walk to and from school but also by bicyclists that commute to work and recreational purposes for families and seniors. If the paths are covered in snow, they won't be used.

Steven HENNESSEY-

“Thank you for the opportunity to answer this question.

I met with Bike Winnipeg last month and believe that the city needs to continue to work towards their plan for Active Transportation. We need a bike safe city that is connected and accessible.

This is no different than at our schools. With the introduction of the 30 km zones around schools I believe we have created a catalyst for more development of dedicated walking and bike paths to schools. School trip planning is essential in building healthier and more vibrant communities and I will hold the City to its commitment for the Active transportation network plan and that it ensures that we are also benefiting schools, communities and families.

There a few things I would like to do when I am in office:

- Build in a Municipal active transportation committee that involves both bike Winnipeg and the green action centre and other stake holders to advise the city on issues involving active transportation.
- Encourage developers to build active transportation into all plans in new and existing areas.
- Work to connect our existing bike trails all across St. Vital

- Continue to encourage the use of the bike helmet program through the WRHA
- Encourage the development of a Safety committee to address ongoing safety concerns across St. Vital. These may include neighborhood watch, block parent and other safety concerns.
- Create more buffer zones between bicyclists and motorists.
- Work with school boards to ensure that future development includes Active and safe routes to school.
- Create an online network of bike and walking paths to schools in the LRSD.

We need a sustainable plan and building these components around bike safety and schools will help in ensuring an ongoing commitment from the City. It is my sincere hope that this will lead to the reduction of barriers to active school travel and planning.”

Brian MAYES –

“As a parent and a former marathoner, I place a high priority on active transportation and ensuring that our children are able to walk and bike to school safely. As Councillor for St Vital I have worked hard to increase funding for road and sidewalk repair in the city. I have also supported investments in dedicated bike lanes, bike paths and other cycling infrastructure. The city's 2014 budget doubled funds for AT pathways from \$500,000 to \$1 million. We need to continue investing in active transportation infrastructure to encourage cycling and walking in our city. I will work to further increase funding to fix roads, asphalt back lanes, and build active transportation infrastructure. Going forward, AT infrastructure should become a component of any major road renewal project. We need to keep cyclists in mind when we are building and repairing roads. Ensuring that our children can ride and bike to school safely is important. I supported the reduction of speed limits in school zones. I will work with school divisions to enhance safe biking and walking routes to schools in St Vital.”