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### QUESTION 1 *Would you vote in favour of infrastructure investments that separate bicycles from motor vehicles along key transportation corridors and certain busy commercial streets?*

Malcolm Brodie MAYOR	Yes	I have already done this.
Chak Au COUNCIL	Yes	
Andy Chiang COUNCIL	Yes	I firmly believe in safety as a priority for all of the residents of Richmond.
Derek Dang COUNCIL	Yes	To make it easier and safer for people to use alternative transportation modes that are good for the environment, health and to make things safer are good goals to have.
Carol Day COUNCIL	Yes	My Family is from Denmark so I believe in creating a cycling system that is safe and efficient.
Kelly Greene COUNCIL	Yes	I will also prioritize brighter pavement markings in areas which already have existing bike paths.
Jonathan Ho COUNCIL	Yes	
Alexa Loo COUNCIL	Yes	We need to build better, safer bike lanes in Richmond. Our bike lanes are slowly starting to connect with each other and we have more work to do. I have ensured that our pilot dockless bikeshare program is available to kids as young as 12 - it was only going to be available for people over 19.
Bill McNulty COUNCIL	Yes	
Linda McPhail COUNCIL	Yes	Cycling improvement projects are planned and designed annually based on the Richmond On-Street Cycling Network Plan adopted by Council. With input from the Richmond Active Transportation Committee, cycling projects are presented to Council each year for approval and submission to provincial and regional cost-sharing programs. With new development applications we look for amenities like bike charging infrastructure and secure bike storage, enhanced pedestrian and bicycle routes and multi-use pathways.
John Roston COUNCIL	Yes	
Patrick Saunders COUNCIL	No	
Judie Schneider COUNCIL	Yes	
Niti Sharma COUNCIL	Yes	As the cities become more dense, we need more bicycling infrastructure. I support bicycling as a way to reduce the carbon impact of transportation. But I would like to hear from all sides before voting on any specific proposal.
Michael Wolfe COUNCIL	Yes	I go out of my way to cycle to work/home using the few routes that provide the added safety of being separate from passing vehicles.
Henry Yao COUNCIL	Yes	

*Candidate responses listed in alphabetical order within each election race, beginning with Mayor.*

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**QUESTION 2** Will you vote in favour of infrastructure investments that #UnGapTheMap in the municipal and regional cycling network, allowing people of all ages and abilities to travel safely by bicycle?

Learn more about #UnGapTheMap at [www.bikehub.ca/ungapthemap](http://www.bikehub.ca/ungapthemap)



Malcolm Brodie MAYOR	Yes	
Chak Au COUNCIL	Yes	
Andy Chiang COUNCIL	Yes	We all need to do our part in order for bike routes to work. That includes motor vehicles respecting bikers on the road, and bikers respecting their bike lanes, and potential expanded bike lane network (and not ride on sidewalks or the middle of vehicle lanes).
Derek Dang COUNCIL	Yes	In Richmond, we are adding to the cycling network annually.
Carol Day COUNCIL	Yes	If it is not safe there is no point in having it!
Kelly Greene COUNCIL	Yes	
Jonathan Ho COUNCIL	Yes	
Alexa Loo COUNCIL	Yes	My children bike and I want them to be safe and enjoy it. I want all families to be able to travel and recreate by bike.
Bill McNulty COUNCIL	Yes	
Linda McPhail COUNCIL	Yes	
John Roston COUNCIL	Yes	
Patrick Saunders COUNCIL	No	If an effort was put together by Metro Vancouver, I would support that, but not city by city.
Judie Schneider COUNCIL	Yes	
Niti Sharma COUNCIL	Yes	Yes, I would support #UnGapTheMap.
Michael Wolfe COUNCIL	Yes	I sponsor the school green team where I teach and we run numerous bike to school campaigns each year. I also take my grade 8s on a multi-day cycling fieldtrip to Galiano Island to gain enjoyable experiences and skills to utilize for the remainder of their high school years and beyond.
Henry Yao COUNCIL	Yes	



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## QUESTION 3 *Do you think the budget for cycling infrastructure should increase, stay the same, or decrease and why?*



<b>Malcolm Brodie</b> MAYOR	<b>Increase</b>	
<b>Chak Au</b> COUNCIL	<b>Increase</b>	From 2014-2018, Richmond only added 10.1 KM of bike routes (excluding dyke trails). That is too little and the pace is too slow. We should also establish neighbourhood bike routes on low volume, low speed local streets.
<b>Andy Chiang</b> COUNCIL	<b>Stay the same</b>	We need to prioritize upgrades and understand how these changes can affect motor vehicle traffic. Despite the large and growing number of bikers in our community, motor vehicles are still more common place and we need to ensure proper flow of vehicle traffic. Proper traffic flow with improved bike lanes and pedestrian walkways/sidewalks will lead to safer transportation for all.
<b>Derek Dang</b> COUNCIL	<b>Stay the same</b>	As I said before, there is annual additions and improvement to our Cycling network. We also have to keep our City well managed financially and keep the tax draw on our residents as low as possible.
<b>Carol Day</b> COUNCIL	<b>Increase</b>	If we work each year to make improvements, over time we will have a world class cycling network.
<b>Kelly Greene</b> COUNCIL	<b>Stay the same</b>	Our budget for active modes of transportation could be better deployed, and consultation with people who actually use these methods of transportation would improve our outcomes.
<b>Jonathan Ho</b> COUNCIL	<b>Increase</b>	As the City of Richmond is sitting on huge reserve, I believe it's a worthwhile investment for cycling infrastructure.
<b>Alexa Loo</b> COUNCIL	<b>Increase</b>	If we build good biking infrastructure and people feel safe, then they will get off the sidewalks, bike more, and everyone will be safer and healthier.
<b>Bill McNulty</b> COUNCIL	<b>Increase</b>	
<b>Linda McPhail</b> COUNCIL	<b>Stay the same</b>	The City of Richmond recognizes the need to encourage bicycle travel for both transportation and recreation and works to promote bicycle use as a viable, attractive, non-polluting form of transportation and assure safe and convenient access to all areas of the city. Encouraging cycling as a healthy and convenient transportation choice is an integral part of the City's community and transportation planning. The City's goal is to grow cycling as a travel choice for 10 per cent of all trips in Richmond by 2041.
<b>John Roston</b> COUNCIL	<b>Increase</b>	We have to make cycling both more convenient and safer if we expect to fully derive the health and environmental benefits of cycling. Since Richmond is flat, it is ideal for cycling.
<b>Patrick Saunders</b> COUNCIL	<b>Decrease</b>	
<b>Judie Schneider</b> COUNCIL	<b>Increase</b>	I have been a commuter cyclist for 24 years in Vancouver, Chilliwack, Victoria and Richmond. I experience firsthand the need for continuation of routes, separation of bikes from traffic/bus lanes and sidewalks. For the last 7 years, I have travelled with my son on the back of my bike and it has been terrifying at times. I gave up owning my own car for the environment years ago and because I love to cycle, walk and support our public transit system - if we don't use it, we will lose it. Transit and cycling work well in conjunction with each other, but only if the systems are in place and are meeting demand. I love to take my bike on the Canada Line, but it is often full in the bike spaces. Upgrades need to be done on bike routes and on public transit in order to keep up with and support the increased needs of cyclists.
<b>Niti Sharma</b> COUNCIL	<b>Increase</b>	We need to invest more funds to develop the cycling infrastructure.



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Michael Wolfe  
COUNCIL

**Increase** We need leadership on council to prioritize the needs for cycling infrastructure.

Henry Yao  
COUNCIL

**Increase**



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### QUESTION 4 *Do you support providing transportation cycling education to all elementary school students so that kids can learn to be safe and responsible road users early on?*



<b>Malcolm Brodie</b> MAYOR	Yes	Too many adult riders today have not had education and ride unsafely. Education for the kids would show in a lifetime of good habits.
<b>Chak Au</b> COUNCIL	Yes	It should be provided not only to elementary students, but also new immigrants and seniors.
<b>Andy Chiang</b> COUNCIL	Yes	I remember learning hand turn signals at a very young age and those signals have now become ingrained in my head. This is a great way to educate the youth and to bring greater attention to safety at a young age.
<b>Derek Dang</b> COUNCIL	Yes	Education promoting safe practices on the road is important for cyclists as well as motorists.
<b>Carol Day</b> COUNCIL	Yes	We need kids to be more active but we also need them to be safe- education is the key.
<b>Kelly Greene</b> COUNCIL	Yes	
<b>Jonathan Ho</b> COUNCIL	Yes	
<b>Alexa Loo</b> COUNCIL	Yes	I am trying to get a program going with our PACs and our dockless bikeshare program to teach kids and their parents about safe cycling in Richmond. The younger we teach cycling safety skills to kids, the safer they will be on the roads and more likely they will be to bike.
<b>Bill McNulty</b> COUNCIL	Yes	
<b>Linda McPhail</b> COUNCIL	Yes	The City of Richmond provides funding to HUB Cycling to operate cycling education programs. Every year about 300 elementary students participate in a 5 day bike education program held in co-operation with the Richmond School District. The feedback from the students is that they really enjoy the program. In 2017, following the course students reported a 58 % increase in cycling and a higher amount of days per week that they cycled to school.
<b>John Roston</b> COUNCIL	Yes	
<b>Patrick Saunders</b> COUNCIL	No	
<b>Judie Schneider</b> COUNCIL	Yes	We had this service at our school when I was a child in Chilliwack and I loved it. I learned the hand signals and rules of the road in that program and have been using them ever since. I hope that this can be provided to all students.
<b>Niti Sharma</b> COUNCIL	Yes	Yes, good habits should start early.
<b>Michael Wolfe</b> COUNCIL	Yes	As a public school teacher in Richmond, I have been working with a team of District staff to create such a program that exposes all students to cycling courses, to learn how to ride in the city and routine maintenance for a bicycle.
<b>Henry Yao</b> COUNCIL	Yes	



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### QUESTION 5 *Do you support increasing safety measures for all road users--including people cycling--along River Road between No. 6 Rd and Westminster Hwy?*



Malcolm Brodie MAYOR	Yes	We should have the details of the review performed throughout the summer in the near future.
Chak Au COUNCIL	Yes	It should be a priority. We must listen to residents, cyclists, and drivers to make that section of River Road safer for all road users.
Andy Chiang COUNCIL	No	
Derek Dang COUNCIL	Yes	Respect for the neighbours is important and being good citizens requires people to be good neighbours. Whenever people abuse the rights of others to enjoy their own neighbourhood, there should be some repercussions.
Carol Day COUNCIL	Yes	River road is a popular area and it is not wide enough. Increasing the width is a long term goal but in the meantime cyclists must ride single file to be safe. The roadway is also a dyke so improvements are costly and complicated. If we share the road and obey the rules everyone can enjoy River Road and be safe.
Kelly Greene COUNCIL	Yes	There have been too many tragedies on this stretch of road, and due to the physical constraints of the road, both bicycles and cars often don't follow the rules of the road. A brand new plan, starting from scratch, is needed.
Jonathan Ho COUNCIL	Yes	
Alexa Loo COUNCIL	Yes	We have increased RCMP enforcement along this stretch, improved lighting, signage, and traffic calming to make this stretch safer for everyone.
Bill McNulty COUNCIL	Yes	
Linda McPhail COUNCIL	Yes	We have done a lot of consultation with the neighbourhood, traffic safety experts and the RCMP to try and address the safety concerns of all the road users. In April of this year, a suite of road safety measures were endorsed for immediate implementation. This fall there will be a report on the findings of the Richmond RCMP summer enforcement and there may be more safety measures recommended.
John Roston COUNCIL	Yes	
Patrick Saunders COUNCIL	Yes	
Judie Schneider COUNCIL	Yes	People have been killed cycling on that road. I don't care how many drivers complain that it is a pain to share the road with cyclists along there, but that is nothing compared to the pain caused when there is an accident involving a cyclist and vehicle.
Niti Sharma COUNCIL	Yes	Absolutely, yes. We should do everything to prevent accidents and deaths like we have had in Richmond.
Michael Wolfe COUNCIL	Yes	Safety infrastructures and improved education and training for all users of River Road are needed to make this route safer.
Henry Yao COUNCIL	Yes	



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### QUESTION 6 *Do you support the creation of new and/or upgraded bicycle routes to and from key destinations such as: The Canada Line Bridge, Steveston Village to Ironwood Mall, and in both directions along No. 3 Road from Beckwith Rd to Granville Ave?*

Malcolm Brodie MAYOR	Yes	I support upgrading the cycling infrastructure every year. I supported the bicycle lane on the Canada Line bridge in the past.
Chak Au COUNCIL	Yes	The proposed redevelopment of Richmond Centre and Lansdowne Mall has opened the opportunity to improve the road system and design in the City Centre area. New bike routes can be designed and existing bike lanes can be improved for higher safety and convenience such as separation between vehicles and cyclists.
Andy Chiang COUNCIL	Yes	
Derek Dang COUNCIL	Yes	Easier and safer travel routes will hopefully encourage people onto their bikes.
Carol Day COUNCIL	Yes	I believe if we connect the cycling routes to the Canada line we will have more people using transit and that is critical to reducing traffic congestion. I can't confirm which corridors are best suited for bike lanes. I would rather leave that to the cycling committee and our professionals at City Hall.
Kelly Greene COUNCIL	Yes	
Jonathan Ho COUNCIL	Yes	
Alexa Loo COUNCIL	Yes	We are improving the bike lane on the south side of Steveston, we need to do more. I want to pave the west dyke to make a great connection from north Richmond to Steveston. No. 3 Road is dreadful and I have been vocal about improving the bike lane there. There is a new bike lane design that needs to be implemented asap.
Bill McNulty COUNCIL	Yes	
Linda McPhail COUNCIL	Yes	
John Roston COUNCIL	Yes	
Patrick Saunders COUNCIL	Yes	
Judie Schneider COUNCIL	Yes	Absolutely. I wrote a letter to the City of Richmond in 2016 requesting that more be done to connect the missing dots of our cycling network.
Niti Sharma COUNCIL	Yes	Yes, but this issue needs to be tackled in conjunction with other issues such as limited capacity for parking and carrying bikes on buses and trains.
Michael Wolfe COUNCIL	Yes	Currently we have bike lanes that just fade away to nothing. We need to address the connectivity of our bike hubs.
Henry Yao COUNCIL	Yes	

