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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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### **THE BIKEWAY AND PEDESTRIAN DEVELOPMENT ACT**

*(Assented to , 1992)*

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the  
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

*1 The Department of Transportation and Utilities Act is amended  
by this Act.*

*2 Section 1(a.1) is amended by*

*(a) striking out the word "and" at the end of subsection (i);*

*(b) renumbering subsection (i) as subsection (iii); and,*

*(c) adding the following subsection:*

*(ii) includes any bicycle pathway and pedestrian walkway  
or any portion of a public highway or road designed for  
bicycle or pedestrian use.*

*3 The following is added after section 14:*

**14.1(1)** There is hereby established a Bikeway and Pedestrian  
Development Branch in the Department.

**(2)** The purpose of the Bikeway and Pedestrian Development  
Branch are:

**(a)** to oversee the development of bicycle paths,

## **Explanatory Notes**

- 1** This Bill will amend Chapter 7 of the *Revised Statutes of Alberta*.
- 2** Section 1 (a.1) presently reads:
  - (a.1)** "highway" or "road"
    - (i)** means land used or surveyed for use as a public highway or road, and
    - (ii)** includes a bridge forming part of a public highway or road and any structure incidental to the public highway or road or bridge;

pedestrian walkways and bicycle lanes on highways in Alberta;

(b) to promote safety among cyclists, pedestrians and other users of Alberta highways and roads;

(c) to facilitate the safe operation of cycling events such as bicycle racing and bicycle touring;

(d) to promote bicycle and pedestrian commuting and bicycle travel as a safe and health alternative to motor vehicle traffic;

(e) to ensure that recreational pathways designed for both pedestrians and cyclists are shared responsibility by overseeing the development of new safety guidelines as to pedestrian/bicycle traffic.

(f) these guidelines may include such aspects as speed limits, the proper way to pass a pedestrian, helmet use, and limits on the number of cyclists on a given path at any one time to facilitate the making of recreational pathways safe for all users.

(3) The Bikeway and Pedestrian Development Branch and the programs operated by it shall be funded by an included amount of not less than 5 percent of the budget allocation for construction improvement and operation of roads and bridges in the main estimates of the provincial budget.

4. This Act comes into force on Proclamation.