

Invitation to Participate: TACES CRD Gendered Trail Use Initiative

Dear cyclist and cycling hesitant women and non-binary folk of the Capital Regional District (CRD). Are you interested in using a bike for transportation, but are too nervous to get started? Maybe you have access to a bike but rarely use it? Perhaps you have used a bike trail in town and felt uncomfortable or unsafe, or maybe you are a cycling guru but want to make cycling in the CRD more welcoming for everyone. If any of that resonates, we want to hear from you!

The Community Social Planning Council (CSPC) and the CRD are collaborating on a research and solution workshopping project which aims to address the cycling gender gap on regional trails in the CRD.

Regional trails that are welcoming to everyone encourage the use of active transportation. With your participation in this project, you can help make the sustainable and active transportation in the CRD more accessible for everyone.

Honorarium:

An honorarium of \$21 per hour will be awarded to project participants.

Project Description/objectives:

The TACES CRD Gendered Trail Use Initiative aims to understand and mitigate barriers to regional trail use in the CRD for women and nonbinary community members, with an emphasis on cycling. Data collected by the CRD shows that men cycle on the trails more than women. The project will explore reasons why women and nonbinary cyclist may choose not to use the trails via group walk and rides identifying safety concerns on the trails followed by focus group conversations. In spring 2023 the concerns identified by participants groups will be discussed and group brainstorming for potential solutions will take place in facilitated workshops.

Parts to the project:

The walk and rides are estimated to be 2 hours in length covering 5-10 KM each. Two groups will participate in the summer, and another 2 groups in the fall. The following spring there will be a solutions workshop hosting all four groups to share findings.

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Group walk and ride #1

When: August 23rd 10am-12pm

Meet up location: Downtown Victoria, Janion Plaza

<https://goo.gl/maps/gszf82Vud4En5nQa9>

End location: Spectrum community school

<https://goo.gl/maps/9tNHrvdj5mJGG6fTA>

Group walk and ride #2

When: August 24th 2:00pm-4:00pm

Meet up location: Wurtele Park, Esquimalt

<https://goo.gl/maps/t3Cer6fuHncDysLg6>

End location: Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary

<https://goo.gl/maps/5x1AYoDCo75NoPCW9>

Participant description:

Cis or transgendered women or non-binary peoples living on the territories of the WSÁNEĆ, Lekwungen and Songhees speaking peoples (the Greater Victoria area) interested in using or have used the CRD trails (Galloping Goose, Loch side and E&N). Available August 23rd from 10:00am till 12:00pm or August 24th 2:00pm till 4:00pm.

Project timeline:

Walk and ride session 1 & 2 (August 23rd 10 am-12pm /August 24th 2pm-4pm)

Focus Groups 1 & 2 will be scheduled in the fall according to participant availability.

Contact Information:

Email chelseap@communitycouncil.ca or talula@communitycouncil.ca for more information on the project or to sign up to participate.

TACES description:

The Transportation, Access, Climate and Environmental Security (TACES) project is a three-year climate equity and transportation project, dedicated to implementing real-world solutions to regional sustainable transportation scarcity with an equity lens. In combining social barriers with environmentally progressive goals, the TACES works to provide a higher volume of inclusive and

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