

Active Transportation River Heights – Fort Garry



Bike to the Future

(represented on City's Active Transportation Advisory Committee)

Voluntary, inclusive group of concerned citizens working to make cycling in Winnipeg a safe, enjoyable, accessible and convenient transportation choice year-round.

Co-chairs: Kevin Miller, Jackie Avent

- Formed in 2006
- Working with the City to Develop AT Network
- Delivering Safety & Education Courses
- Lobbying Provincial and Federal Governments as well



Winnipeg Trails Association

(represented on City's Active Transportation Advisory Committee)

Focused on accelerating trail development & connectivity in Winnipeg.

WTA Chair: Paul Jordan, COO The Forks

2002 – Formed coalition of volunteer trail builders and trail users organizations:

~ 25 organizations – to name a few

- Harte Trail
- Bishop Grandin Greenway Inc.
- Northeast Pioneers Greenway
- Transcona Trails
- FortWhyte Alive
- Prairie Pathfinders
- Group'Action Saint-Norbert
- Bike to the Future



Active Transportation

Definition: ‘a sustainable form of transportation and is defined as any human-powered mode of transportation, ie: cycling, walking, inline skating, skateboarding, ice-skating, cross country skating, etc.’

QUALITY Active Transportation Infrastructure must be:

1. Cohesive
2. Direct
3. Safe
4. Comfortable

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Active Transportation Overview

2004 & earlier: ~ \$ 200,000 - \$ 300,000 year on multi use pathways

2004: City undertakes AT study

2005: City approves AT study

2006: City Council approves AT study as a resource

2007: City hires AT coordinator (Kevin Nixon)
Forms Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)
Capital Budget of \$2.0 M for AT (excluding sidewalks)

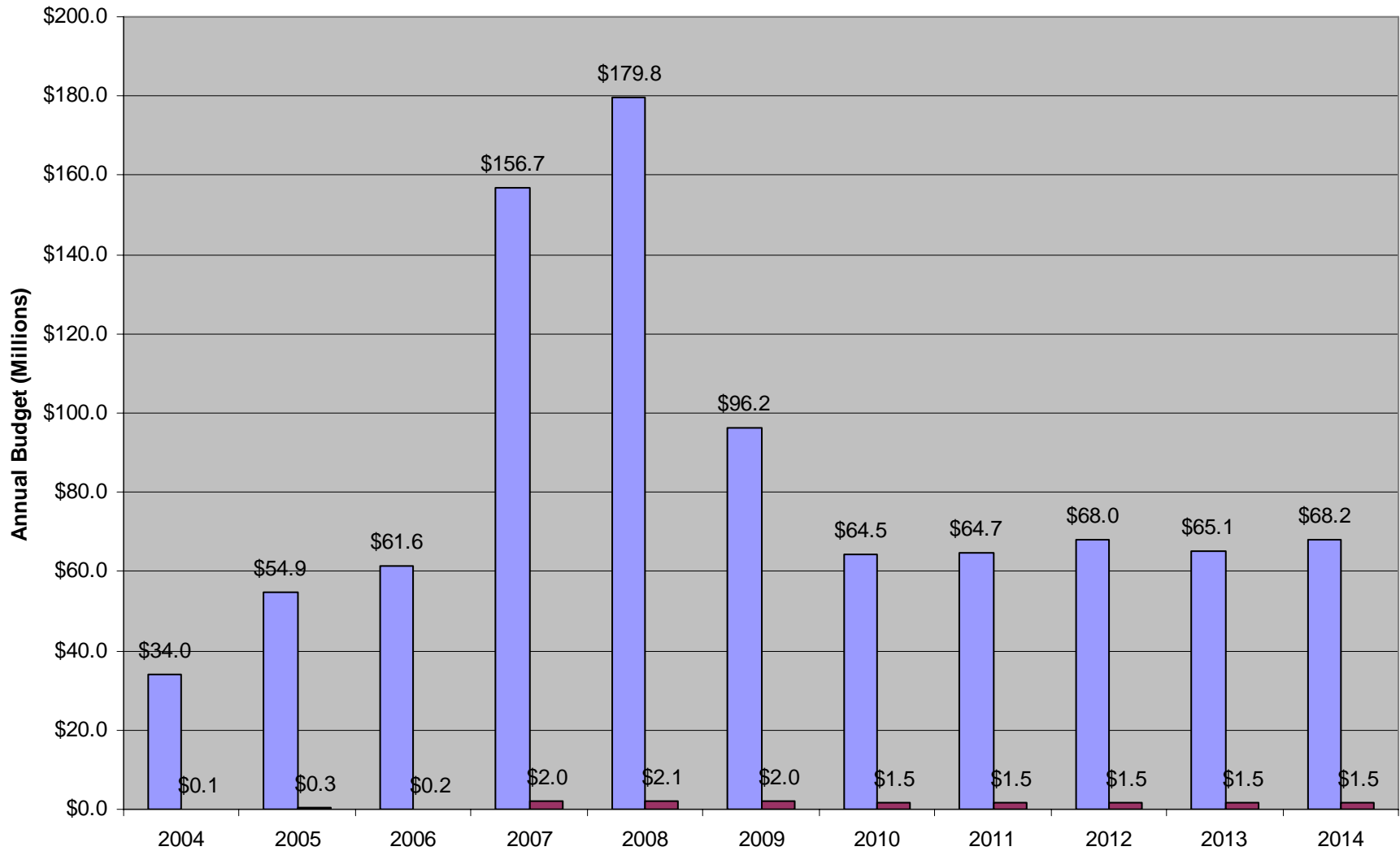
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AT to Road Infrastructure

Katz & Council Leadership?



Significance of Active Transportation in River Heights – Fort Garry ward

1. By way of physical location River Heights- Fort Garry is situated as a KEY North / South & East / West link in south Winnipeg
2. Over the next 2-5 years GREATEST investment in Winnipeg's Active Transportation infrastructure will occur in River Heights – Fort Garry ward
3. 2001 Census: River Heights Fort Garry ward has a higher % of people cycling to work (2%) than City average (1.5%)

RIVER HEIGHTS TRAVESTY:

- Of all the wards - River Heights – Fort Garry has seen the greatest Active Transportation travesty – the division and sale of sections of the CN rail line & bridge – Corydon / Academy



Destination Proximity

River Heights / Fort Garry Ward

- Experience in Northern Europe has shown, if you give people safe cycling infrastructure, most ~5KM trips are likely to be replaced by the bicycle, simply because traveling by bicycle is less costly, less harmful, more healthy and way more fun!
- Majority of River Heights residents live within 6 KM of Downtown, and within 2 KM of Polo Park
- With **simple, targeted investments** in bicycle infrastructure, ward residents could be just a 10-30min. bike ride away from the city's most important shopping, employment and entertainment centres

Existing AT Infrastructure

- Wellington Crescent multi use path
- Thundering Bison Trail beside Sterling Lyon Parkway
- New McGillivray trail – Kenaston to Pembina by 2009
- Waverly multi use path from McGillivray to Taylor
- Taylor Avenue south side multi use path

Jubilee Avenue Overpass

CHALLENGE: major choke point for cyclists / pedestrians

2009: engineering design

2010: re-build



Widening of Kenaston Blvd.

CHALLENGE: to incorporate quality AT infrastructure key North/South links over Assiniboine river
Kapyong Barracks- undetermined

2009: 20 mo. Study underway



IKEA & Roadway Expansion

CHALLENGE: to incorporate quality AT infrastructure access / egress on existing Thundering Bison Trail beside Sterling Lyon Parkway

2009: transportation study



Lindsay Bike Path

CHALLENGE: currently non- existent
North / South connection
in River Heights

- City owned property along Lindsay identified in Active Transportation Action Plan - projected for development in 2012 (lack of funding means its now probably not prioritized)



Burlington Northern Rail Bridge

CHALLENGE: ONLY link across Assiniboine River & with below standard width for cyclists and pedestrians to cross

2010 – 2012: Projected for development in City's Active Transportation Action Plan



Bishop Grandin Greenway Extension

CHALLENGE: to develop quality AT infrastructure & to determine on which side of Kenaston Blvd.

\$ 2.6 M project funded by Feds, Prov. City

2008: Red River to Pembina

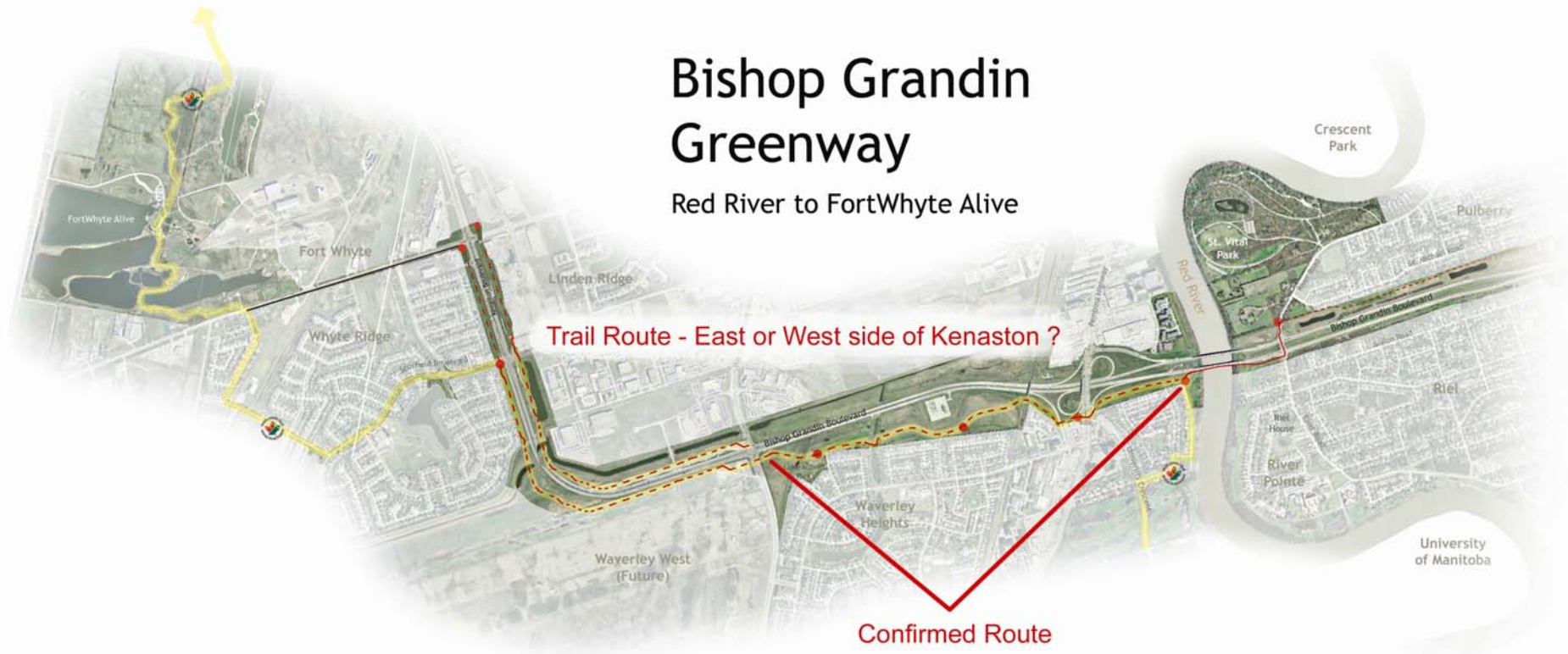
2009: Pembina to Waverly

2010: Waverly to McGillivray – Which side of Kenaston? River Heights or Charleswood



Bishop Grandin Greenway

Red River to FortWhyte Alive



- Major Access Point/
Trailhead
- Constructed Trail
- - - Implied Crossing
- - - Proposed Trail
- Future Linkage
- Trans Canada Trail Route



Pembina Hwy - Bishop Grandin Blvd Intersection

CHALLENGE: to develop quality AT infrastructure at critical hub linking River Heights / U of M Waverly West, crossing 14+ lanes of traffic on Pembina, & incorporating Rapid Transit station

2009: Design extension of Bishop Grandin Trail and study land stability related to cycl/ped bridge

Bishop Grandin Greenway - Pembina Crossing

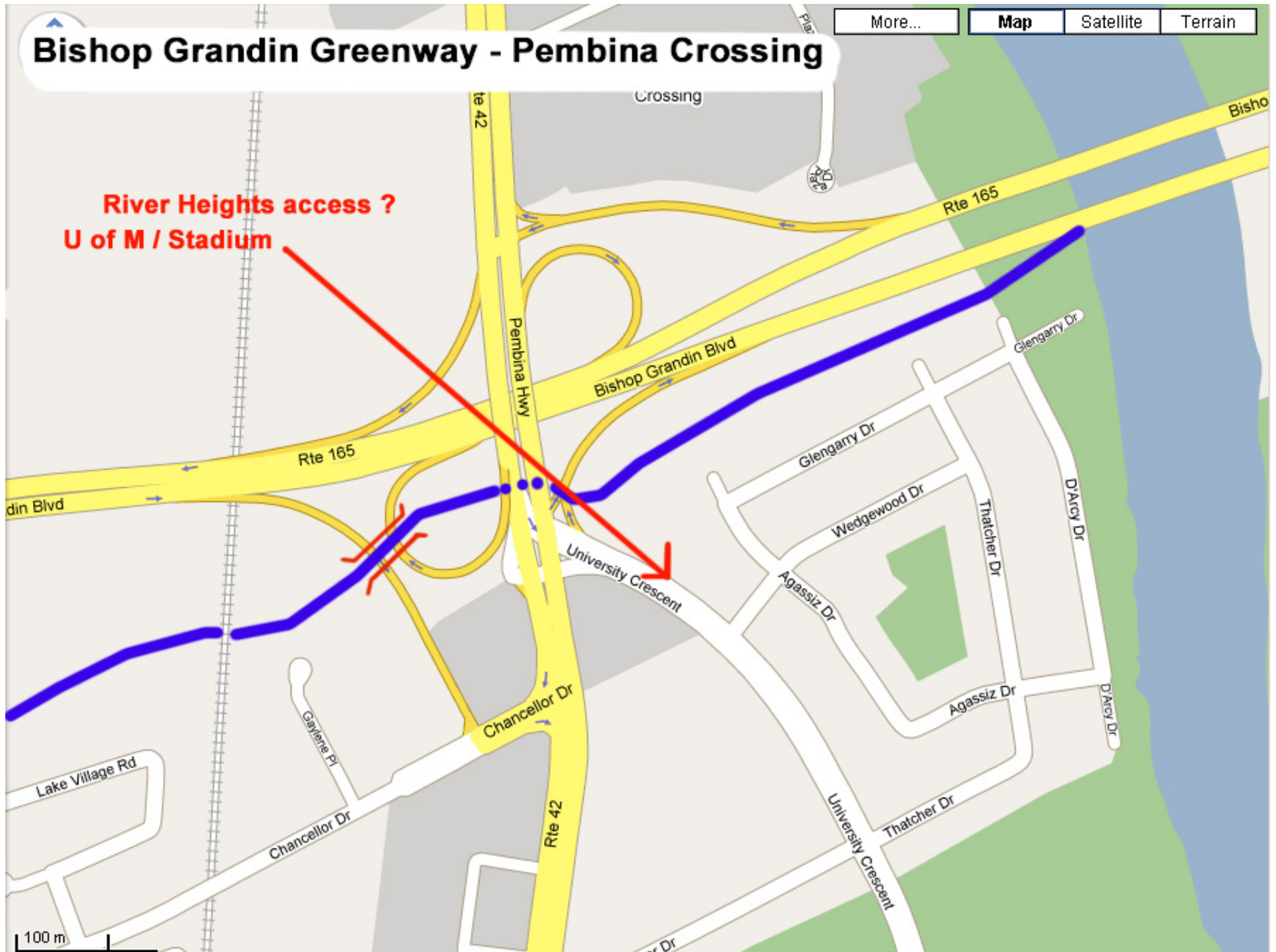
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Map

Satellite

Terrain

River Heights access ?
U of M / Stadium



DESIRE

 30% of Manitobans cycle “most of the time” to at least one destination

 65% of Manitobans would like to use bicycles more as a mode of transportation

 Source City of Winnipeg Active Transportation Study, 2004

 90% of Manitobans support governments investing more money in active transportation

 Source: Manitoba Medical Association 2007

 25% Increase in Bicycle Traffic Between 2007 and 2008

 Source: 2008 Bike to the Future Bicycle Counts

EDUCATION & ENCOURAGEMENT

- ~ 3 years increase in general awareness related to:
 - Environment, healthy living, alternative forms of transportation

In Winnipeg:

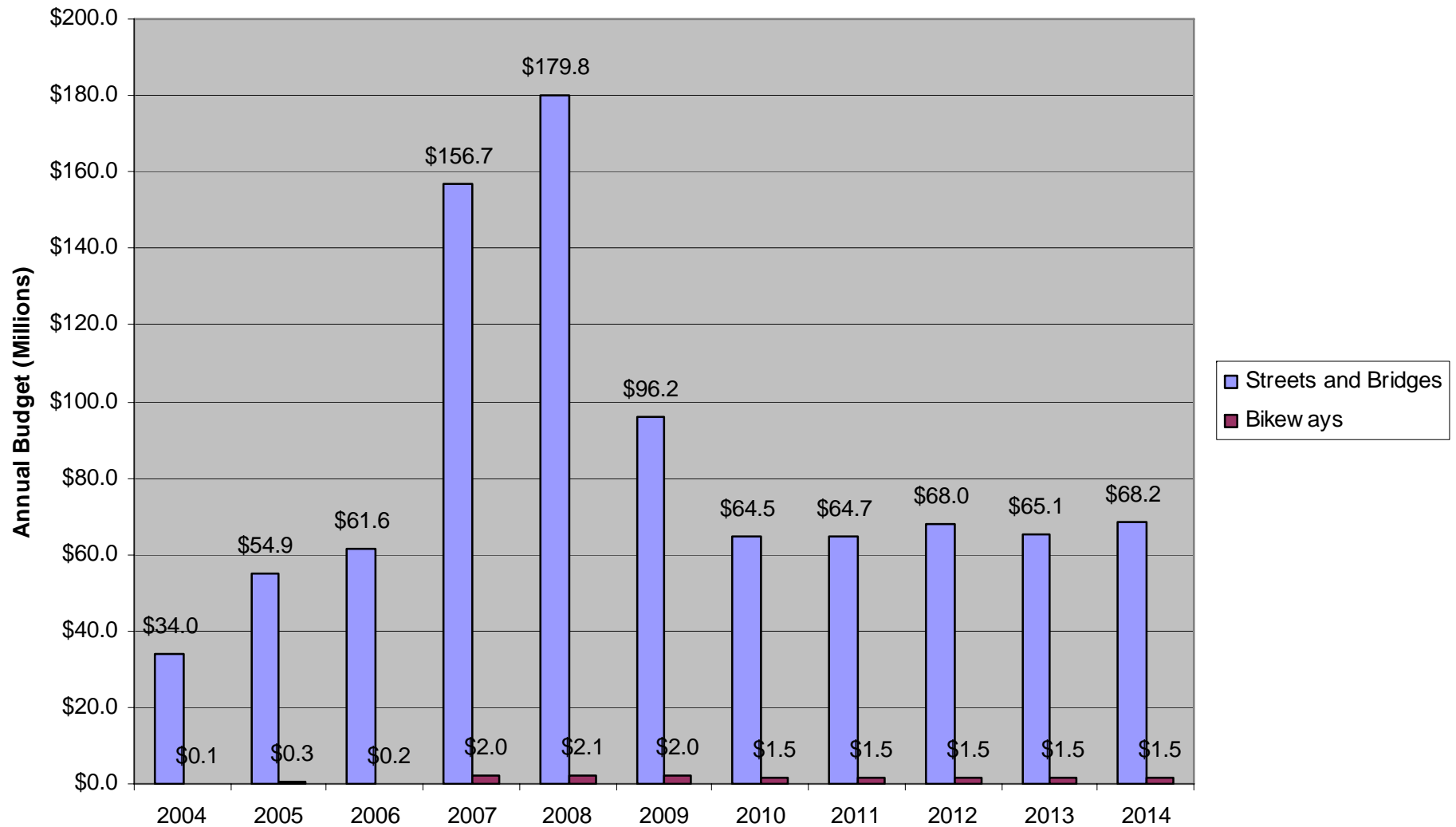
- River Trail 2007, 2008
- International Trails Day 2007, 2008
- Bike to Work Day 2008 (Highest % from River Heights area)
- Cycling Map 2009
- Ciclovía ? 2009



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Katz & Council Leadership ?

Annual Streets, Bridges and Bikeways Budgets



Your Challenge / Responsibility

River Heights / Fort Garry

- Support Quality Active Transportation Infrastructure for East / West & North / South Routes
- Improve 'choke points'
 - Burlington Northern bridge
 - Jubilee Underpass
- Engage area USERS in ongoing dialogue
- Support AT Education & Encouragement

City of Winnipeg

- Support increased funding for quality Active Transportation Infrastructure
- Engage Bike to the Future & Winnipeg Trails Association in ongoing dialogue
- Support AT Education & Encouragement

