

## **Spring Bicycle Counts Show 22% Increase in 2010**

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**Bike to the Future** released the results of their spring bike count analysis today.

According to Kevin Miller, co-chair of Bike to the Future, "More and more people are starting to see the benefits of cycling in their daily lives, even before we have a good network of bike routes. Think about how much better it can be in the future -- increasing personal fitness and saving the government money on health care, decreasing the environmental impact of personal transportation, and increasing the liveability of our city."

Some of the findings of the report are:

#### **Commuter Cycling Increased 22% in 2010**

- The number of commuter cyclists increased by 22% in 2010.
- Over the past four years commuter cycling is up 27%.

#### **High Volumes of Cyclists on Major Bridges**

- Estimated daily bicycle traffic across each of the Norwood, Osborne and combined Sherbrook-Maryland bridges is 1,500 – 2,000 during ideal weather conditions.

#### **5,900 Downtown Commuters**

- Based on the counts at 18 locations average bicycle traffic in and out of downtown Winnipeg during in May or June (24 hours) is estimated at 11,800 and the number of individual bicycle commuters is estimated at 5,900.

#### **Impact of Weather on Cycling**

- For every 100 cyclists commuting in good weather, 45 commute in poor weather, 70 commute in fair weather and 119 commute in excellent weather.

#### **Cycling Increases During the Spring**

- For every 100 cyclists commuting in April, there are 159 commuting in May and 227 in June.

#### **Sidewalk Riding Highest on Bridges and Major Arteries**

- More than half of cyclists traveling on bridges and major arteries ride on the sidewalks, while 70% of cyclists traveling on secondary streets ride in the street rather than on the sidewalk.

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