

The Regional Municipality of Durham

Active Transportation Progress Report 2023-2024

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Community Growth and Economic Development Committee

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Active Transportation Vision

The Region of Durham, in partnership with its area municipalities, supports the planning, design, implementation and promotion of a **connected, safe, and accessible region-wide Primary Cycling Network**.

The network accommodates **people of all ages and abilities** while considering the unique trip types and preferences of those who live, work and play within the Region.





Active Transportation Snapshot

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13

of km of new cycling routes added to the Region's Primary Cycling Network (PCN) from 2023



9%

Percentage of AM peak period trips made by Durham residents using active modes of transportation



690,358

of impressions made through Regional social media posts about active transportation and vision zero initiatives and infrastructure in 2024

Active Transportation – Snapshot



14

of km of new cycling routes added to the Region's Primary Cycling Network (PCN) from 2024



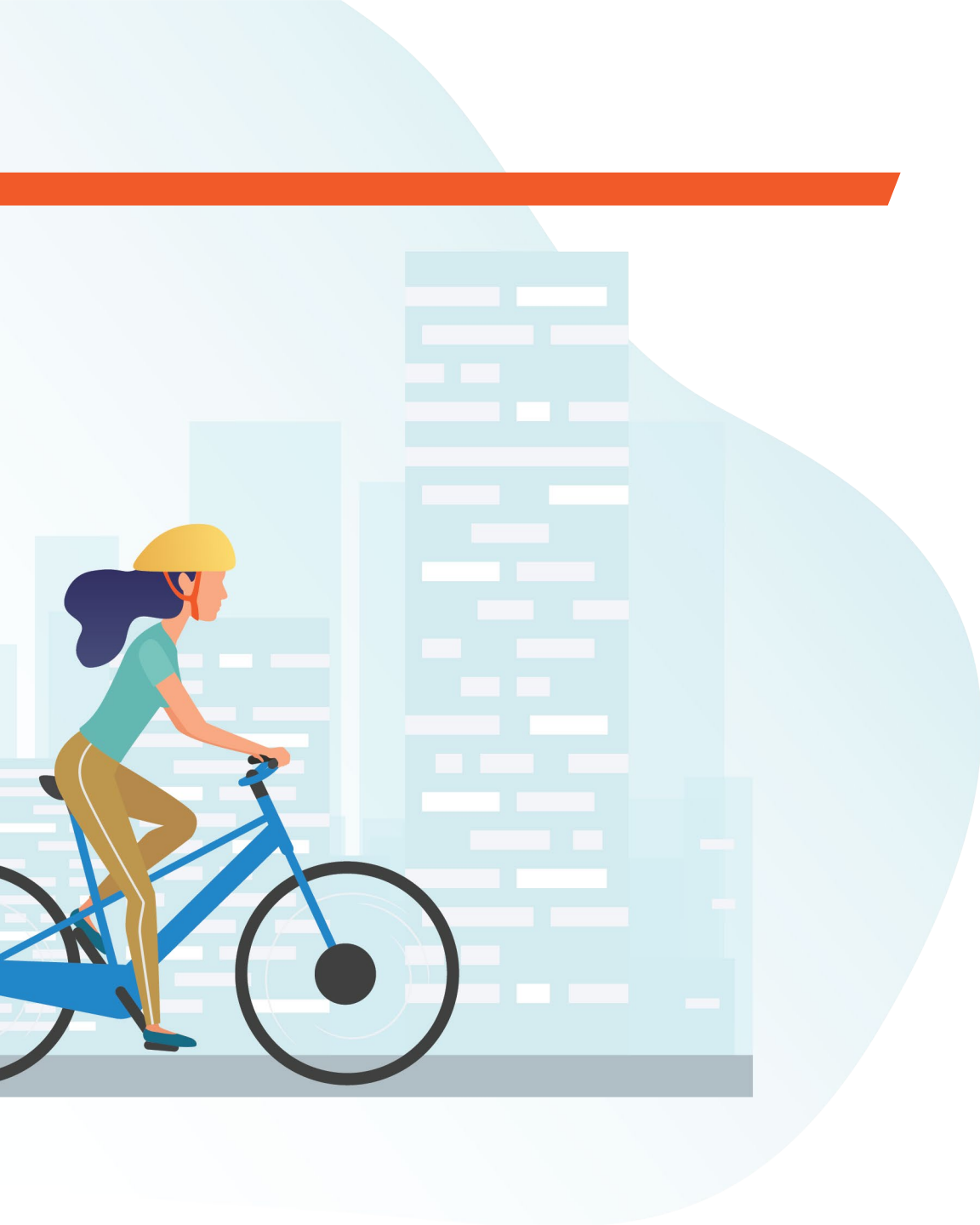
\$900,000

of dollars allocated by the Region in 2024 to advance shovel-readiness of cycling network infill projects to help fill in gaps in the network



20

of pedestrian crossovers (PXOs) installed in 2024



Growing the Network

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Between 2023 and 2024, the Region has added over 28 km of cycling facilities across Durham, supporting safe, comfortable travel for people of all ages and abilities, as shown in Figure 1.

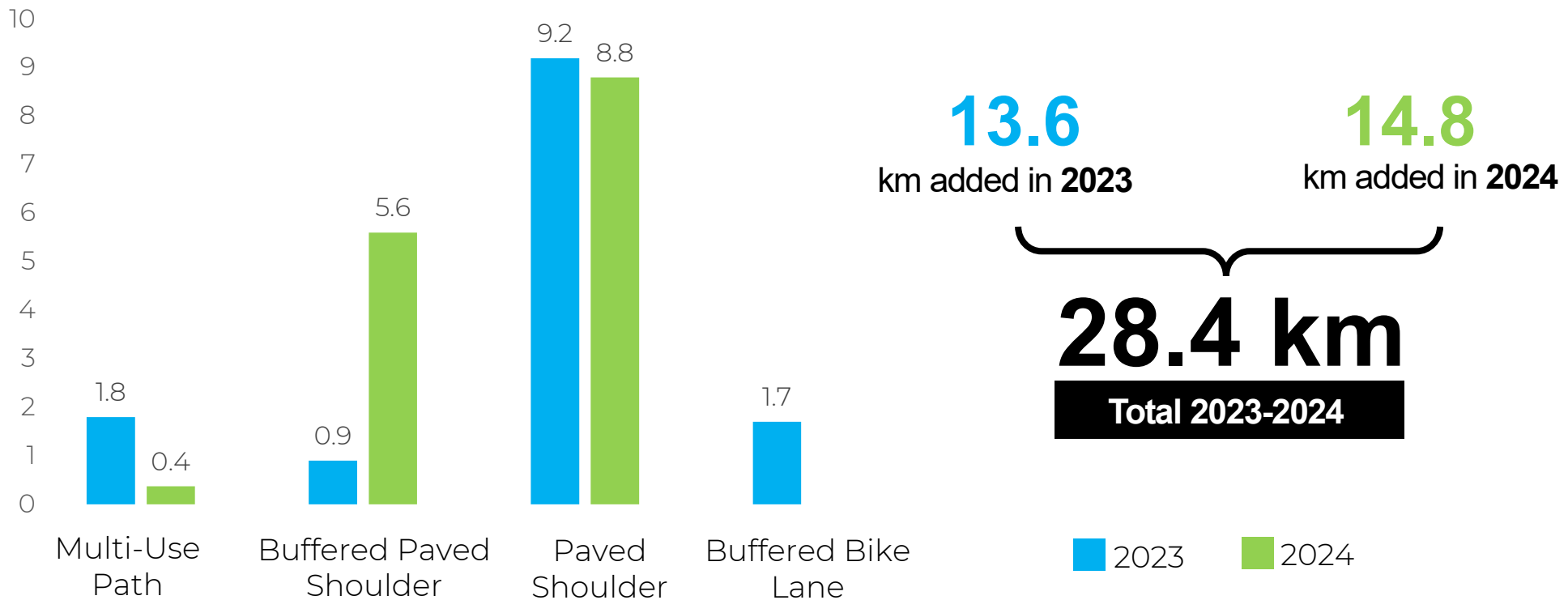


Figure 1: Kilometres (km) of new PCN routes by facility type implemented on Regional roads in 2023 and 2024

Growing the Network

The RCP proposes 162 km of new cycling facilities over the next 10 years, including Multi-Use Paths (MUPs) and on-road infrastructure across all eight area municipalities. Figure 2 highlights the kilometres of cycling facilities planned and built on Regional Roads.

Continued progress depends on regular network reviews and identifying new opportunities and resources to accelerate implementation.

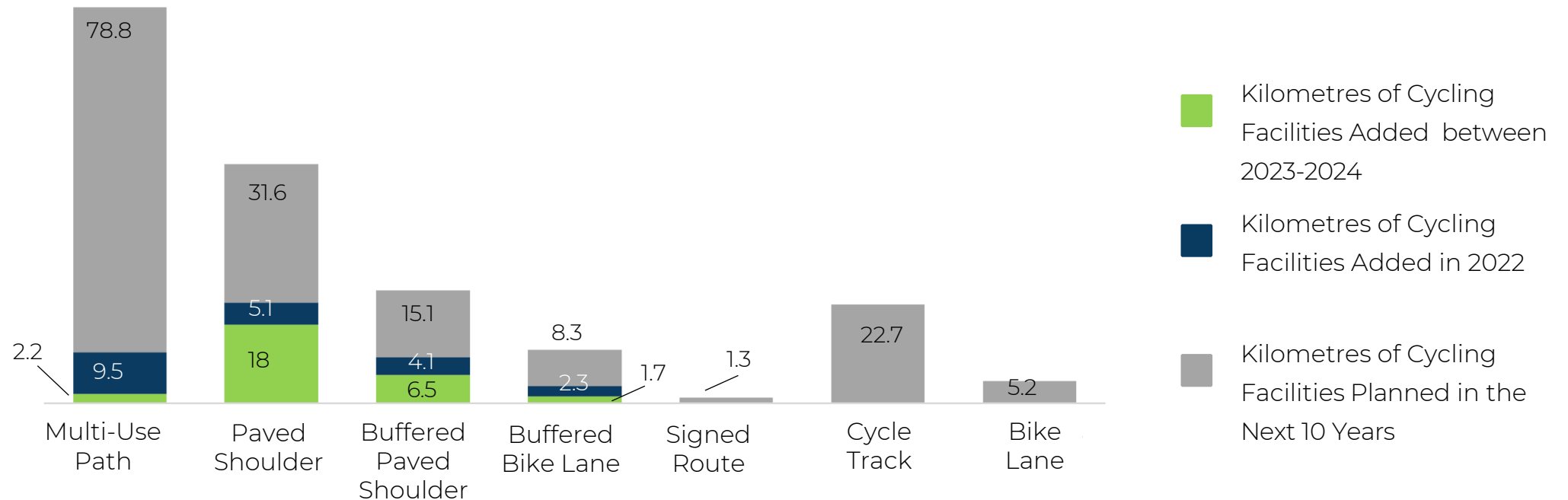


Figure 2: Kilometres (km) of short-term cycling facilities planned and built on Regional Roads between 2022 to 2024



Increasing Cycling Mode Share

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Cycling counts are conducted over a one-week period during the summer at 295 stations on Regional roads. Conducting these counts helps us better understand the volume of network users and determine locations for connectivity improvements (Figure 3).

As set out in the Durham Transportation Master Plan, the Region has a target of 9% of Durham residents walking and cycling and 20% using public transit by 2031. Based on 2022 Transportation Tomorrow Survey (TTS) data, the Region is on track for achieving its active mode share target.

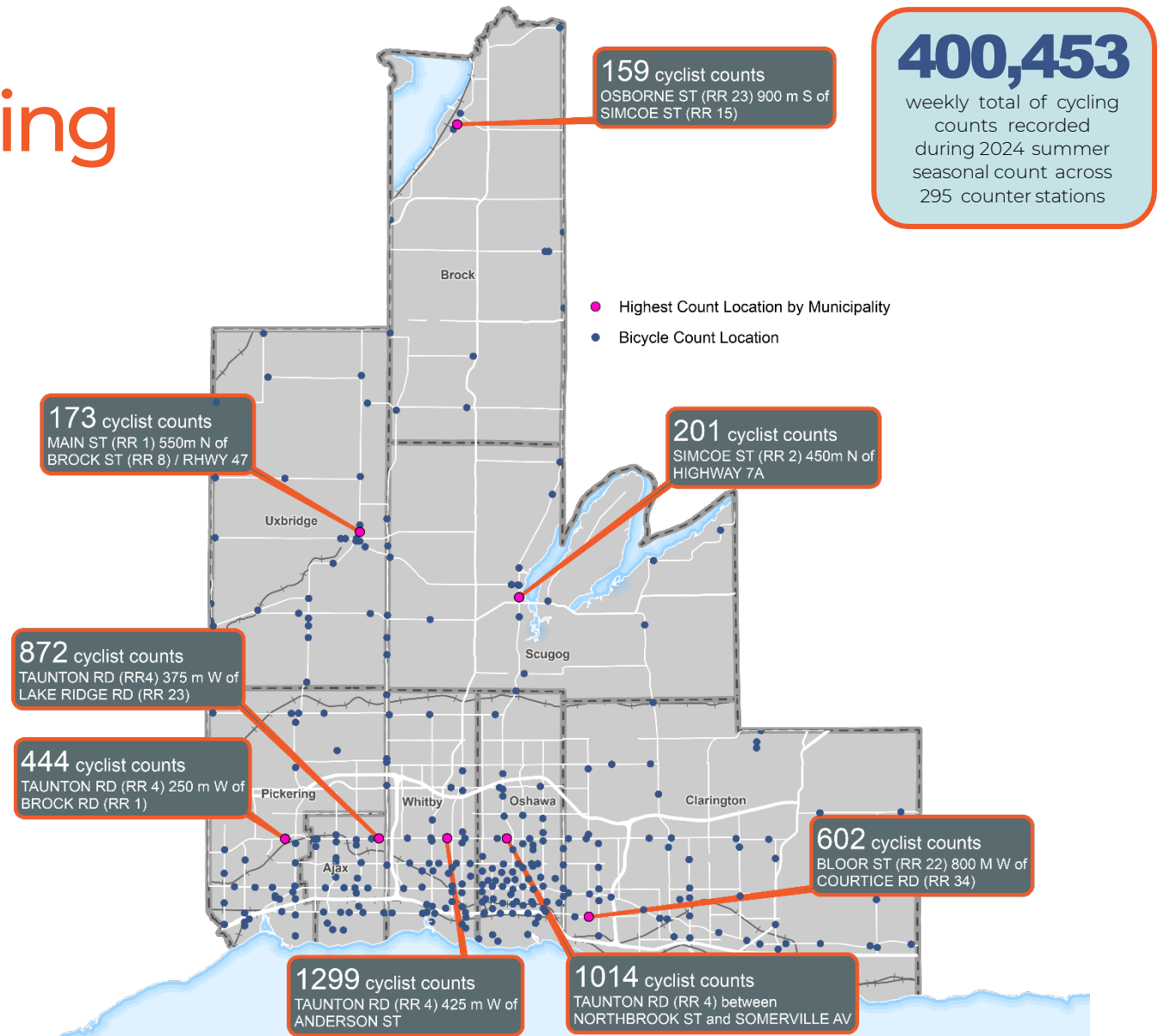


Figure 3: Summary of average daily cyclist counts collected at Regional bike count locations during a one-week period during summer 2024



Enhancing Education and Awareness

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The Region developed a clear set of messages to effectively promote and educate cyclists about cycling in Durham Region to use throughout various cycling-supportive campaigns and programs. Reach and engagement with programs and cycling educational materials has increased annually since the RCP was implemented.



Rural Cycling Loops Launch Event
Promotional Event
September 6, 2024



Bike Month
Educational Campaign
June 6, 2024



Trail Pop-Up
Promotional and Educational Event
September 28, 2024

Key Features:

- 13 routes
- Routes range from 8km to 60km

- Connects cyclists via on-road rural cycling loops to tourism experiences to encourage cycling tourism within Durham
- Promotes scenic recreational routes for cyclists of all skill levels

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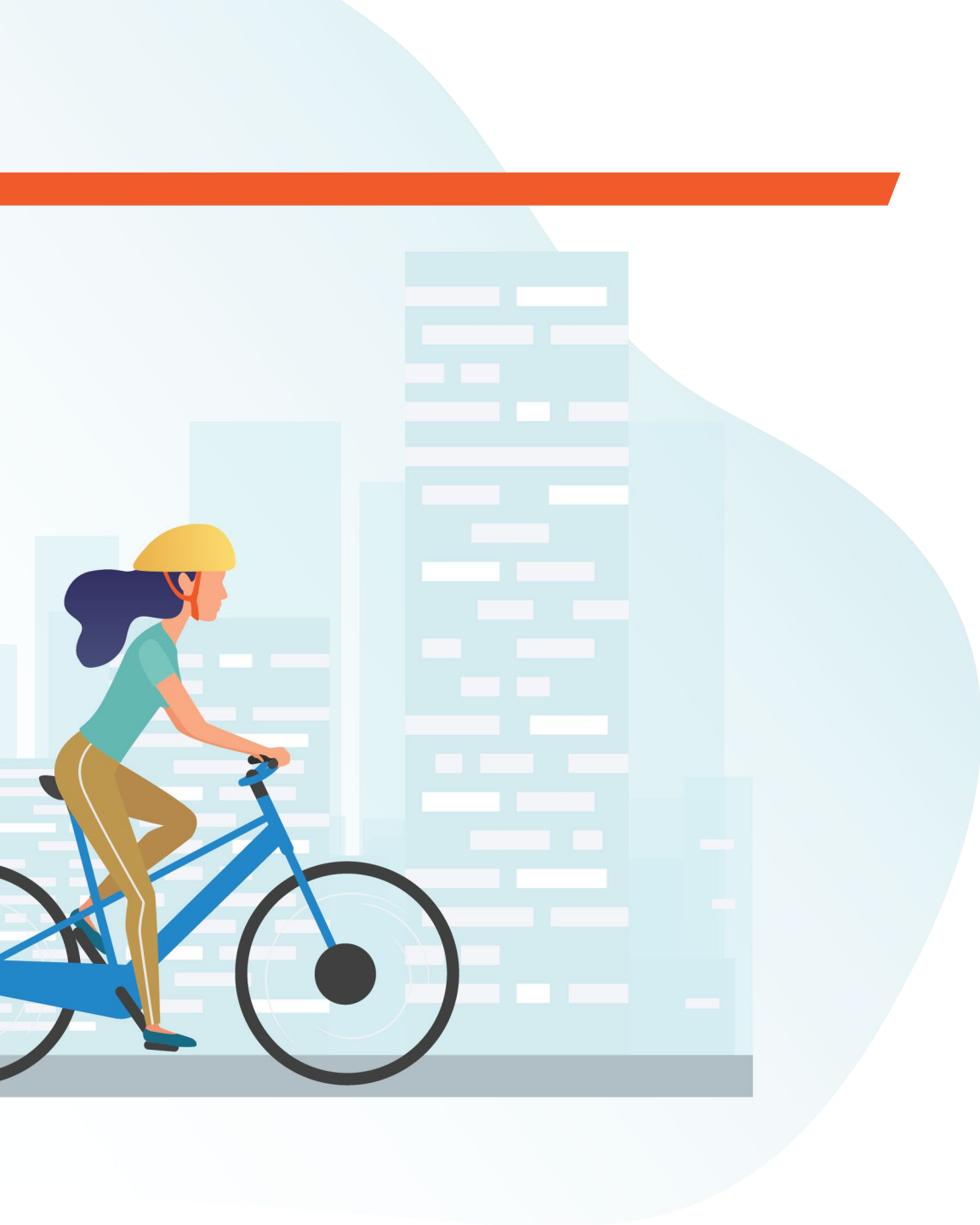
- 30 Bike Month pledges
- 120 attendees

- Hosted Bike to Work Day for the first time since 2019
- Promoted safe cycling throughout the entire month through 3 targeted campaigns

Key Features:

- 20 attendees

- Partnered with Oshawa Cycling Club on the Waterfront Trail in Whitby
- Increased awareness and education of safe cycling practices



Looking Ahead Future Projects and Next Steps for the Network

Upcoming Projects for 2025

The Region plans to continue building out the Primary Cycling Network (PCN) through a combination of capital road program and standalone infill projects, as illustrated in Figure 4. These projects expand connectivity and access across the Region.

- 12.3 km of new active transportation infrastructure is planned through capital road projects.
- 9.0 km of new active transportation infrastructure is planned through standalone infill projects.
- Projects are strategic links toward a complete and connect region-wide PCN.
- Projects address safety, help connect people to key destinations, and lay the groundwork for a more complete, connected and accessible cycling network.

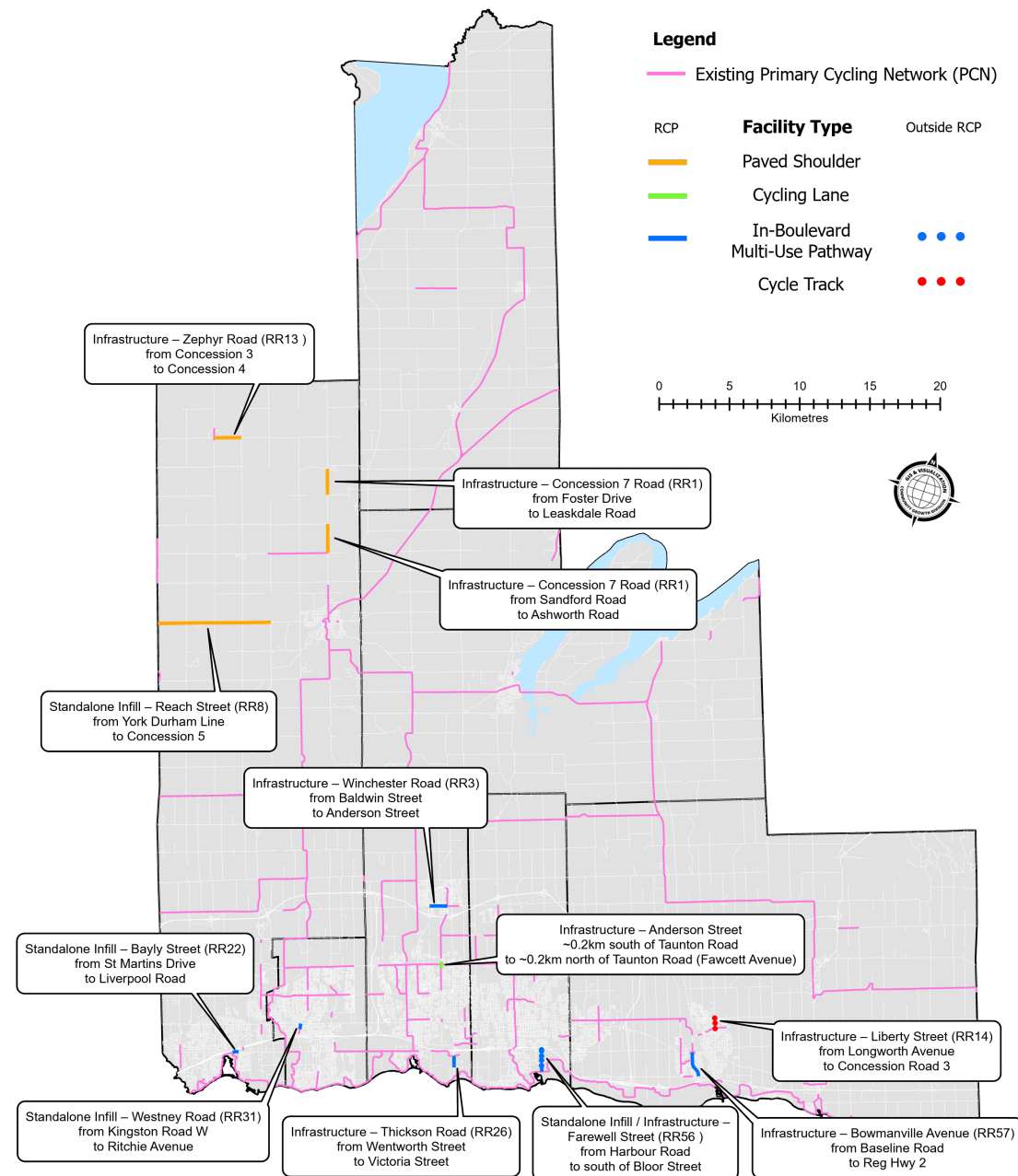


Figure 4: Summary of 2025 planned active transportation projects

Next Steps



Regional staff will continue to...



Advance Short-Term Cycling Routes

Focus on implementing routes identified through the RCP and the Region's nine-year capital budget and forecast in 2025.



Improve Monitoring & Tracking

Coordinate with area municipal staff and other partners to improve the monitoring and tracking of active transportation assets, including a new map viewer, and establishing a set of indicators to track active transportation.



Develop Bicycle Parking Guidelines

Work with a consultant to initiate the development of bicycle parking guidelines with completion in March 2026.



Report Back

Provide annual updates to Council on the progress made to advance active transportation and recommendations of the RCP.

Thank You!



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