

The Ontario Bike Summit is the premier cycling conference in Ontario hosted by:



**Ontario Bike
Summit 2025**
Share the Road Cycling Coalition

SUMMIT SUMMARY

Who Attended the Windsor Conference!

Municipal Staff from across the Province.

Elected Officials including Municipal Councillors, Mayors and MPP.

Community Active Transportation Volunteers.

Not for Profit Safe Cycling Advocacy Groups.

Consulting Companies with Expertise in AT Development.

Academic Guest Speakers.

City of Detroit Officials

Gordie Howe International Bridge Staff



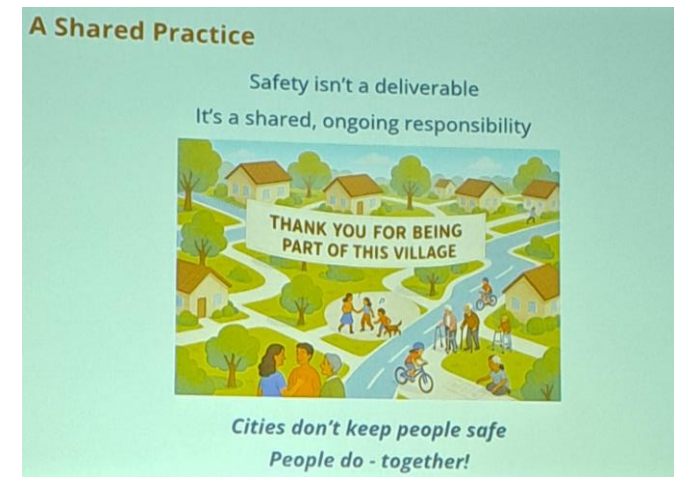
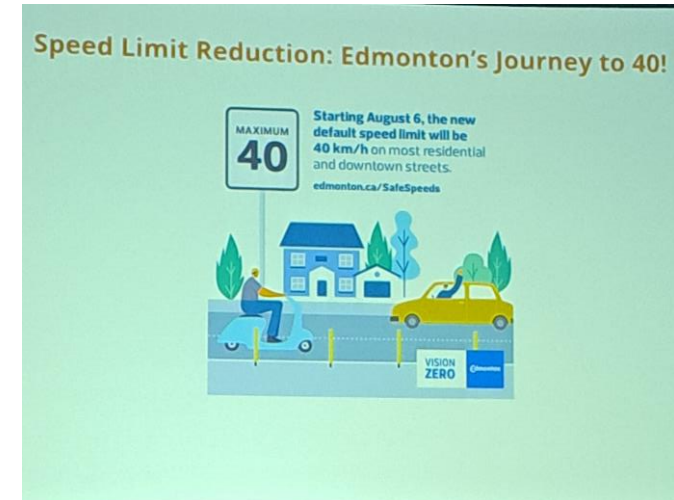
Key Note Speaker

Shewkar Ibrahim

Director, Traffic Operations, City of Edmonton

- Safety is not a silo.
- Public Health inclusion.
- Five Key Pillars:
 - Political Support
 - Policy Directives
 - Culture of Adoption
 - Partnership within community
 - Evidence based
- 40KM speed limit Aug 2025
- Time inconvenience calculator

Maximum 4 minutes



Bike Friendly Communities Workshop

- The Bicycle Friendly Communities (BFC) Award Program helps communities evaluate how bicycle friendly their community is, celebrate progress, and work toward achieving higher-level awards over time.
- Currently there are 60 Bike Friendly Communities across Ontario:
 - Bronze 30
 - Silver 13
 - Gold 3
 - Platinum 0
- Complete Streets / Vision Zero references
- Durham Region has an application pending.
 - Fall 2025 update on application.



- **How advocates can support municipalities with AT.**

- Waterloo Bike Mayor.
- Velo Canada - infrastructure matters.
- Peterborough community event 2024

- **Relationships between cyclists and drivers.**

- Coalition to reduce vehicle size
- Bike share and collision rate data.
- Optimizing Bike Share programs.
- Bridging communities with improved cycling infrastructure.

- **Cycling Data**

- University of Waterloo GIS Data measurement.
 - Available to share with municipalities.
- Transforming Transit- GHD Consulting.
- CAA members survey
 - 50% of members own a bike
 - June release- collision data involving cyclists.
 - #1 CAA feedback, increased safety for all road users

Break Out Sessions



Municipal Leaders Panel Discussions

- - What does a “bike friendly” community look like?
 - “We are on a journey to support AT.”
 - What are you doing well to support AT?
 - “A road is a public right of way for all users.”
 - Plans over the next five years?
 - “Continued advocacy for cycling improvements.”
 - Biggest challenges?
 - “Changing the car culture thinking.”
 - “The loudest voices do not represent the general population.”



Queens Park – All Party Round Table

- **MPP Mike Schreiner**
 - **Increased polarization**
 - Continued engagement will be beneficial.
 - **Bike lanes help small business- proven fact, and reinvigorate downtowns.**
 - **Cars cause grid lock, not bikes**
 - Bill 212 reference and AMO push back



One Bridge- Two Cities

Gordie Howe International Bridge

- **Largest cable stay bridge in North America.**
 - **Connects Windsor with Detroit via Highway #401 extension.**
 - **2.5 km length.**
 - **Includes a 3.6 metre MUP**
 - **Toll free for cyclists and pedestrians**
 - **Complete Streets access approach.**
- **Opening Fall 2025**



Last Words

- The importance of building and supporting an active transportation culture across the entire local stakeholder community was a common theme throughout the seminar.
 - Community consultation at all levels critical in supporting AT initiatives.
- New partnership between “Share the Road” and the “Ontario Cycle Association”.
- Best quote, municipal round table
 - “No one likes change, be courageous in your decision making in support of AT improvements”
- Thank you to the Region of Durham for supporting the conference.