

# Manitoba Active Transportation Advisory Group

presentation to

## Physical Activity Coalition of Manitoba

March 21, 2012

# Background



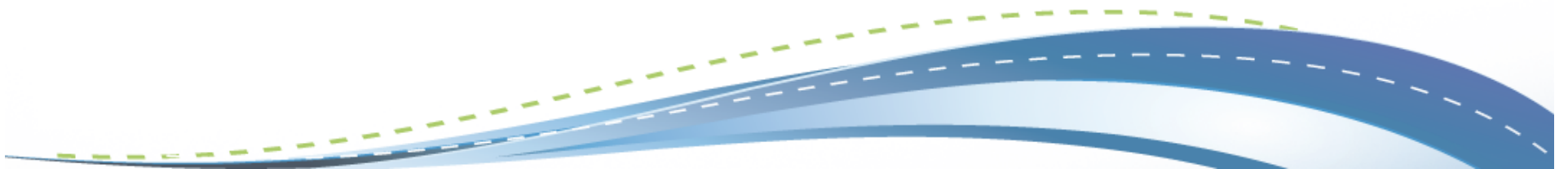
- **May 7, 2009** - Honourable Jim Rondeau Minister of Science, Technology, Energy & Mines, announces intent to form Provincial Active Transportation Group
- References effectiveness of the City of Winnipeg's Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- **September 2009** - Province officially forms group with 11 members

# Provincial Direction

"Having a strong active transportation policy improves our environment, complements our transportation systems, provides better recreation opportunities and enhances our personal and public health," said Rondeau.

- Rondeau noted the group will look at provincial bicycle policy, development of multi-user recreational trails and ways to incorporate both recreational and commuter trails into an overall network.
- It will also make recommendations on improved signage, bicycle safety, cycling tourism and assess the economic benefits of active transportation infrastructure.

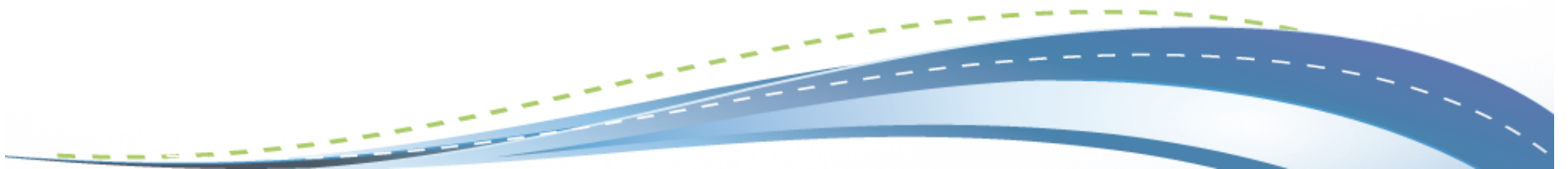
Provincial News Release, May 7 2009



# Our Vision

## **A strong provincial active transportation policy that:**

- Treats active transportation as an essential service with societal benefits, not simply a form of recreation or a luxury
- Acknowledges the fundamental right of citizens to safely move from place to place under one's own power
- Measures, promotes and incorporates the economic benefits of active transportation into a broad range of policy decisions
- Fund, builds and designs active transportation capacity in balance with other transportation modes, knowing citizens choose active transportation often when the choice is safe and practical

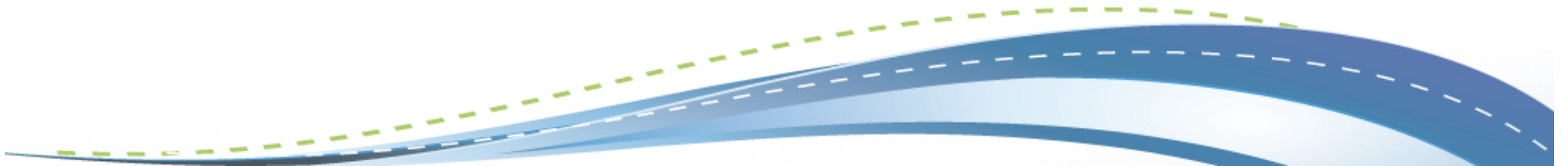




# Manitoba Government Received Report

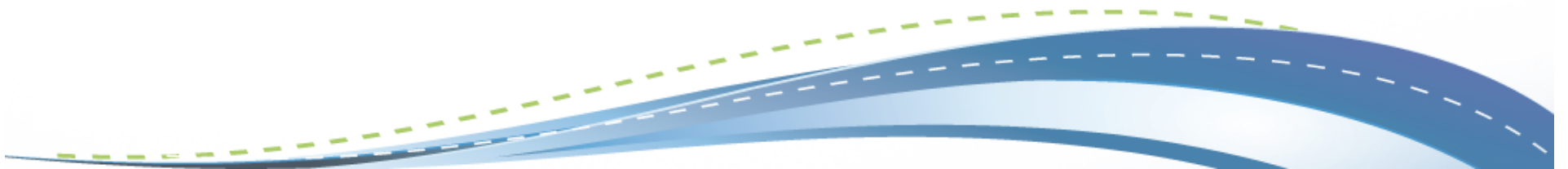
## June 30, 2011

Minister Ron Lemieux , Minister Erin Selby, ATAG representatives and  
Active Transportation Leaders

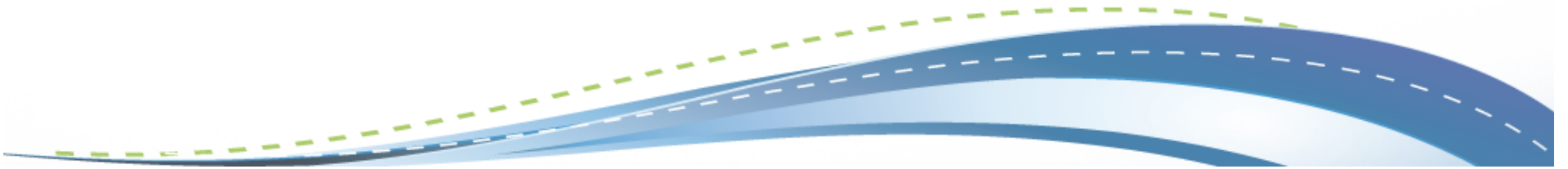


# Establish a Provincial Director of Active Transportation

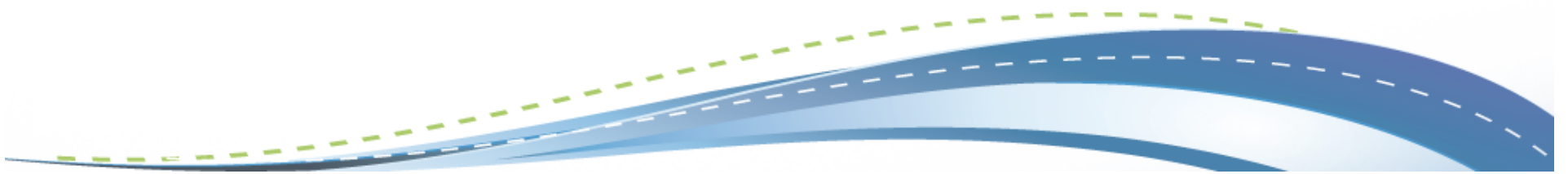
- Key contact
- Shares information across province – both internally & externally
- Reduces duplication
- Capitalizes on emerging opportunities



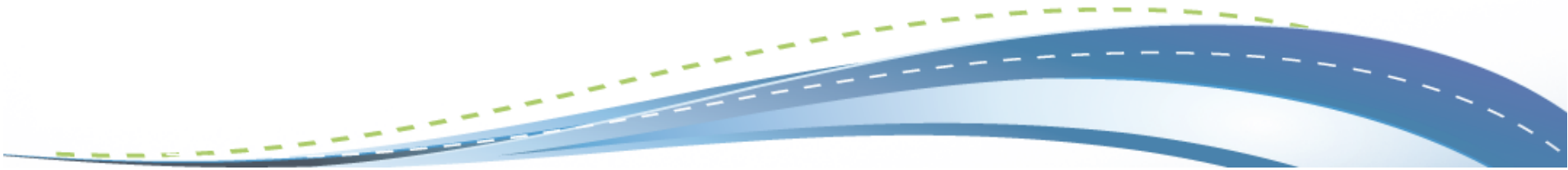




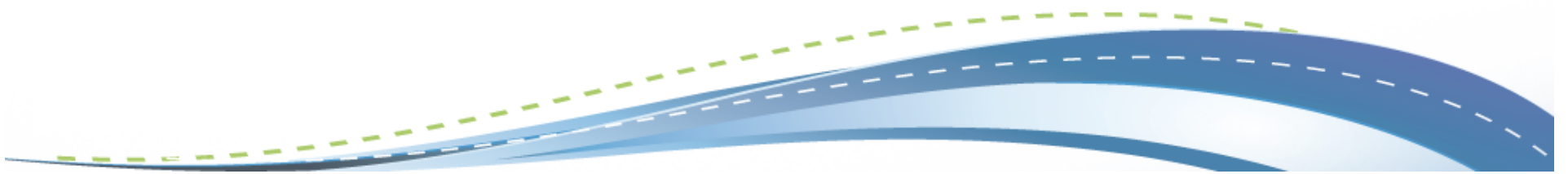














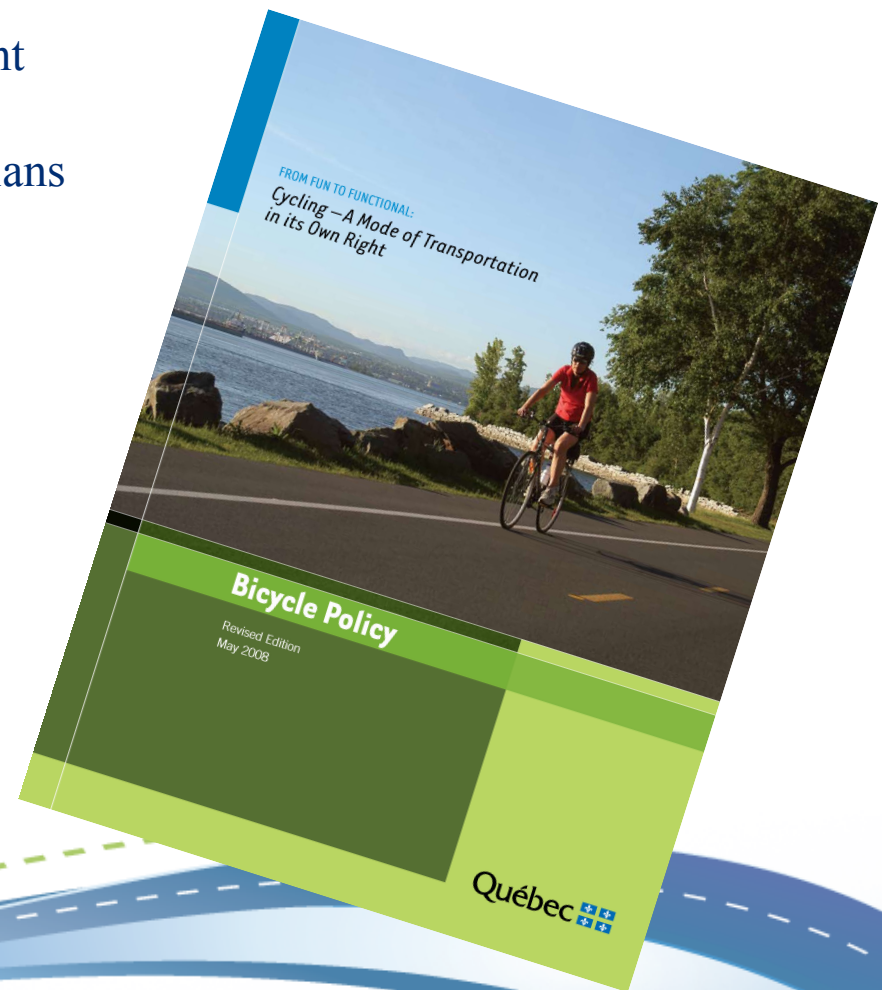
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## Why have an AT policy?

- Provides clear direction and intent
- Holds planners/engineers/politicians accountable
- No magic bullet

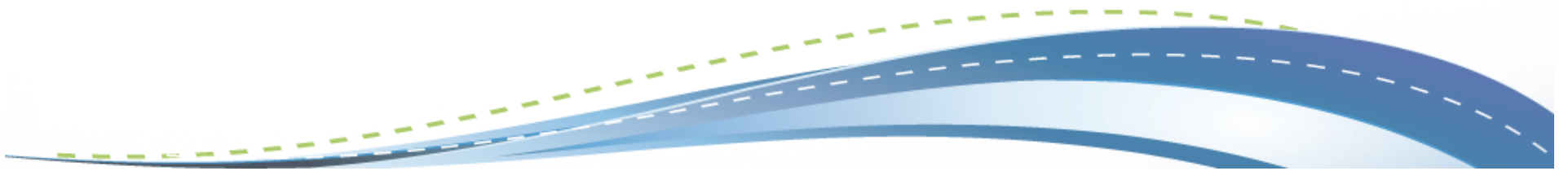




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## Key Elements of an AT Policy

- Sets a Vision
- Inclusive & Equitable
- Creates a Network
- Covers the 5 E's
- Sets Design Guidelines
- Defines Exceptions
- Sets Goals



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## City of Winnipeg Policy

That a policy be adopted to incorporate Active Transportation facilities into any reconstruction or rehabilitation required on any infrastructure identified as an Active Transportation facility in the Proposed Active Transportation Network (Appendix A).





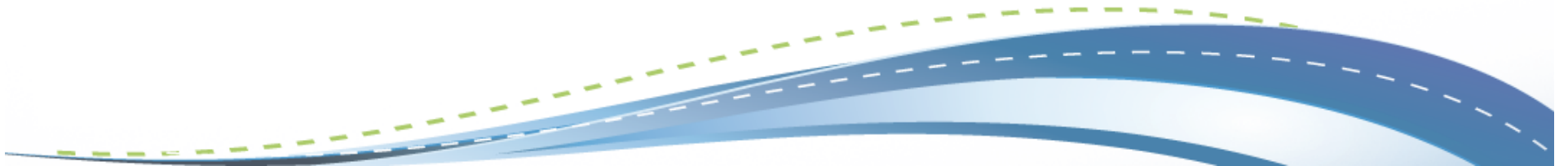
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## Kelowna, BC

Transportation Infrastructure Priority. Transportation infrastructure will be funded, designed, constructed and maintained to meet the needs of users and according to the following priority:

- i. Active Transportation (Walking and Cycling)
- ii. Transit
- iii. Movement of Goods & Services
- iv. High Occupancy Vehicles (HOVs)
- v. Single Occupant Vehicles (SOVs)

Priority will be assigned to active transportation and transit infrastructure that serves and connects Urban Centres, major employers, health care and educational facilities.



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## Charlottesville, VA

“All street projects, including design, planning, reconstruction, rehabilitation, maintenance, or operations by the City of Charlottesville shall be designed and executed in a balanced, responsible and equitable way to accommodate and encourage travel by bicyclists, public transportation vehicles and their passengers, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.”



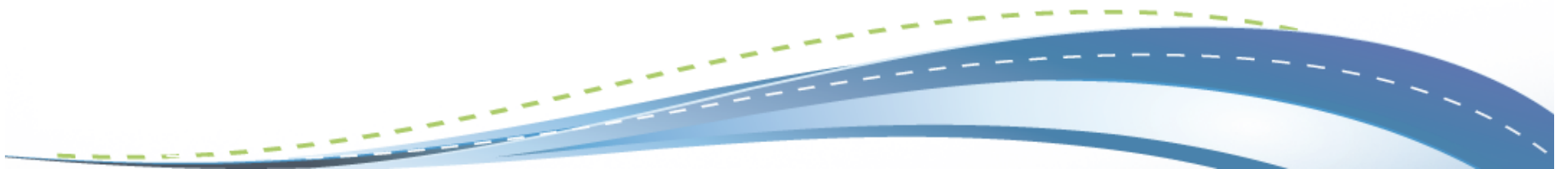


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## Rochester, MN

- “...to create a connected network of facilities accommodating each mode of travel that is consistent with and supportive of the local community, recognizing that all streets are different and that the needs of various users will need to be balanced in a flexible manner.

...The City will generally follow accepted or adopted design standards when implementing improvements intended to fulfill this Complete Streets policy but will consider innovative or non-traditional design options where a comparable level of safety for users is present.”

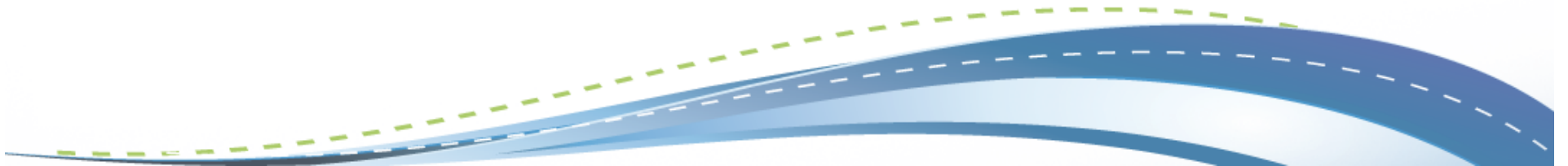


# Active Transportation Advisory Groups

- Provincial
- Municipal
- State
- Organizations



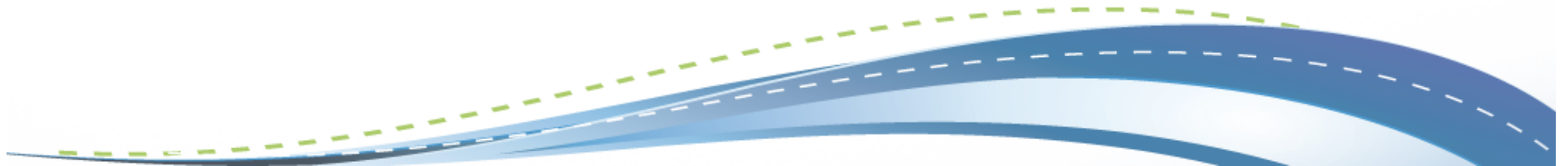
City of Winnipeg Active Transportation Advisory Committee (Dec 2011)



# Active Transportation Advisory Groups

## Purpose for Advisory Groups

- Keep the project ongoing
- Communication between groups
- Share experiences and information
- Future recommendations





# Active Transportation Advisory Groups

## Members on Advisory Groups

- Provincial government
- Local governments
- Associations
- Local ATAG
- Members at large



# Next Steps

Greater Strides provides recommendation to government

– **but EQUALLY important** –

it is for YOU TO USE as a guide / as a tool to work toward realizing the full potential active transportation holds for Manitobans.

We all have a role to play in realizing the full potential active transportation holds for Manitobans.

Department of Conservation website:

[http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/pdf/atag\\_report6.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/pdf/atag_report6.pdf)

