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12 Avenue Cycle Track Now Complete

With other construction projects now complete, the 12 Avenue cycle track now runs to Olympic Way S.E. as per the original design. On-street parking stalls will also be added along the cycle track.

Here are [some step by step instructions](#) to make the transition from the cycle track to head south towards the Stampede Grounds or east to the Elbow River:

1. Exit cycle track onto sidewalk
2. Enter the green bike turn box when safe to do so
3. Reposition your bike in the direction you plan to go
4. On the next green, proceed through the intersection



If you are planning to head north:

- Option 1: Exit cycle track onto west sidewalk, head north (it is legal to ride on the sidewalk between 12 Avenue and 9 Avenue S.E. but be sure to yield to pedestrians), take care crossing 11 Avenue and connect to the existing shared sidewalk through the underpass to 9 Avenue.
- Option 2: West of Olympic Way S.E. signal, shoulder check, and merge out of the cycle track and into the travel lane. Follow the traffic signals and make a vehicular left turn when permitted to do so.
- Option 3: Dismount your bike and cross at Olympic Way as a pedestrian in the crosswalk. After crossing, continue to ride north when safe to do so.

Did you know?

During Stampede, the 12 Avenue cycle track had its busiest day on Friday, July 8, with the east end breaking its record. The 5 Street cycle track broke the all-time cycle track record on Thursday, July 21, during Folk Fest, topping 2,800 trips that day.



Bike Turn Boxes

There are a number of [bike turn boxes](#) along the cycle track network to help people transition on and off the cycle tracks. To use the turn box when cycling, signal, enter the turn box and reposition your bike in the direction you want to travel. Once the light changes and it is safe to do so, continue cycling.

When driving, please remember to stop behind the white stop line.

Take a look at this [video](#) for info on how to use a bike turn box.

One Million Bike Trips

Since the network opened last June, The City has been counting every bicycle trips [at 10 different count](#) locations along the network. To date at three middle count locations, one along each route of the network, we are at over 930,000 bicycle trips since June 2, 2015.

In anticipation of one million trips along the network, we are coordinating an on-street event in August to provide awareness around the one million trips and continue to educate and connect with Calgarians that are walking, driving and cycling along the cycle track network. We will post details on our [Facebook](#) page once they are finalized.

2016 Civic Census Shows a Doubling of People Cycling to Work Since 2011

The City of Calgary Civic Census collected information from one working adult in the household about their mode of transportation to work in 2011, 2014 and 2016. Here are some highlights of the results:

- The percentage of Calgarians that reported travelling to work by bicycle doubled from 0.87% in [2011](#) to 1.75% in [2016](#).
- Since 2011, 58 km of new bikeways (including the [cycle track network pilot](#)) have been constructed or improved around the city. Many communities adjacent to new or improved bikeways saw an increase in cycling as a way to commute.
- In 2011, there were three communities which reported more than 5% of respondents commuting by bike. In 2016 there are 24.

To see which communities have the highest ridership, check out the interactive maps as reported in [The Calgary Herald](#).