

Report to Council



Date: May 14, 2018
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To: City Manager
From: Mariah VanZerr, Strategic Transportation Planning Manager
Subject: Regional Transportation Plan – Visioning Workshop

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information the report from the Strategic Transportation Planning Manager, dated May 14, 2018, with respect to a Visioning Workshop for the Regional Transportation Plan (Connecting Our Region).

Purpose:

To provide Council with information on the Regional Transportation Plan, including an overview of the plan scope and timeline and a draft summary of the first public consultation results. Additionally, to conduct a Visioning Workshop with Council to collect feedback on key priorities before the vision and goals for the plan are finalized.

Background:

The Regional Transportation Plan will help shape the future of the Central Okanagan region by identifying the transportation investments that will be needed over the next 20 years.

Transportation across the region provides a vital connection to jobs, markets, health care, education, recreation, shopping, emergency services and family and friends. Currently, 24% of all trips in the Central Okanagan cross municipal boundaries, as people travel from one community to another to access services and employment. About 9% of trips taken from Kelowna residents and 42% of trips taken by Lake Country, West Kelowna, Westbank First Nation and Peachland residents cross municipal boundaries.

By 2040, population in the Central Okanagan is expected to increase by 38% (almost 77,000 new residents). By working collaboratively as a region, we can work to ensure the regional transportation system supports a strong economy and quality of life.

The regional planning process will build on work started in 2014. At that time, the STPCO surveyed residents and elected officials to identify their collective vision and goals for regional transportation.

From April 14 to May 7, 2018, residents were invited to have their say about the vision and goals for the Regional Transportation Plan, and to identify the regional destinations that are important to them.

This Council workshop will provide an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan scope and timeline, as well as a summary of the recent public consultation results. Additionally, the workshop will include a visioning session to collect feedback from Council on key priorities before the vision and goals for the Regional Transportation Plan are finalized.

The project is led by the Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO), a collaboration of City of Kelowna, City of West Kelowna, District of Lake Country, District of Peachland, Westbank First Nation, and Regional District of the Central Okanagan.

Internal Circulation:

Transportation Planner
Communications Consultant
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Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements
Existing Policy
Financial/Budgetary Considerations
Personnel Implications
External Agency/Public Comments
Communications Comments
Alternate Recommendation

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Approved for inclusion:



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Attachment 1 - Draft Summary Report
Attachment 2 - Kelowna Visioning Workshop

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