



# Connecting Our Region

Our first region-wide transportation plan



## Regional Transportation Plan Visioning Workshop

City of Kelowna  
May 14, 2018



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## Introduction and Overview

# Project Team

- STPCO Staff/City of Kelowna
- STPCO Planning & Technical Committee
  - Representatives from each partner jurisdiction and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Consultant Team

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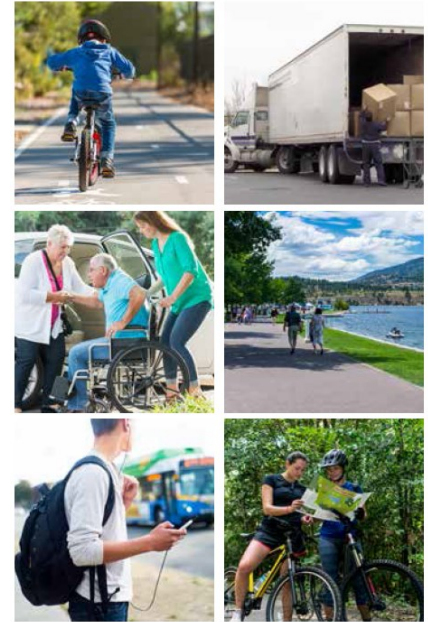


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# What is the Regional Transportation Plan?

- Long-range, system-level transportation plan for the Central Okanagan Region
- Grant & STPCO funded
- First one for the Central Okanagan!



## Key Question:

“What are the **strategic, prioritized investments** (policies, programs, and capital projects) that will be needed over the next **20 years** to achieve the region’s vision and goals for transportation?”



## **Plan Timing - Why is this Important?**

- **Transportation is inherently a Regional Issue**
  - Vital connection to jobs, markets, health care, education, recreation, shopping, emergency services and family and friends.
  - 24% of all trips in the Central Okanagan cross municipal boundaries; 42% of trips taken by Lake Country, West Kelowna, Westbank First Nation and Peachland residents cross municipal boundaries
  
- **Growing Region**
  - By 2040, population in the Central Okanagan is expected to increase by 38% - almost 77,000 new residents.



## Working Collaboratively as a Region

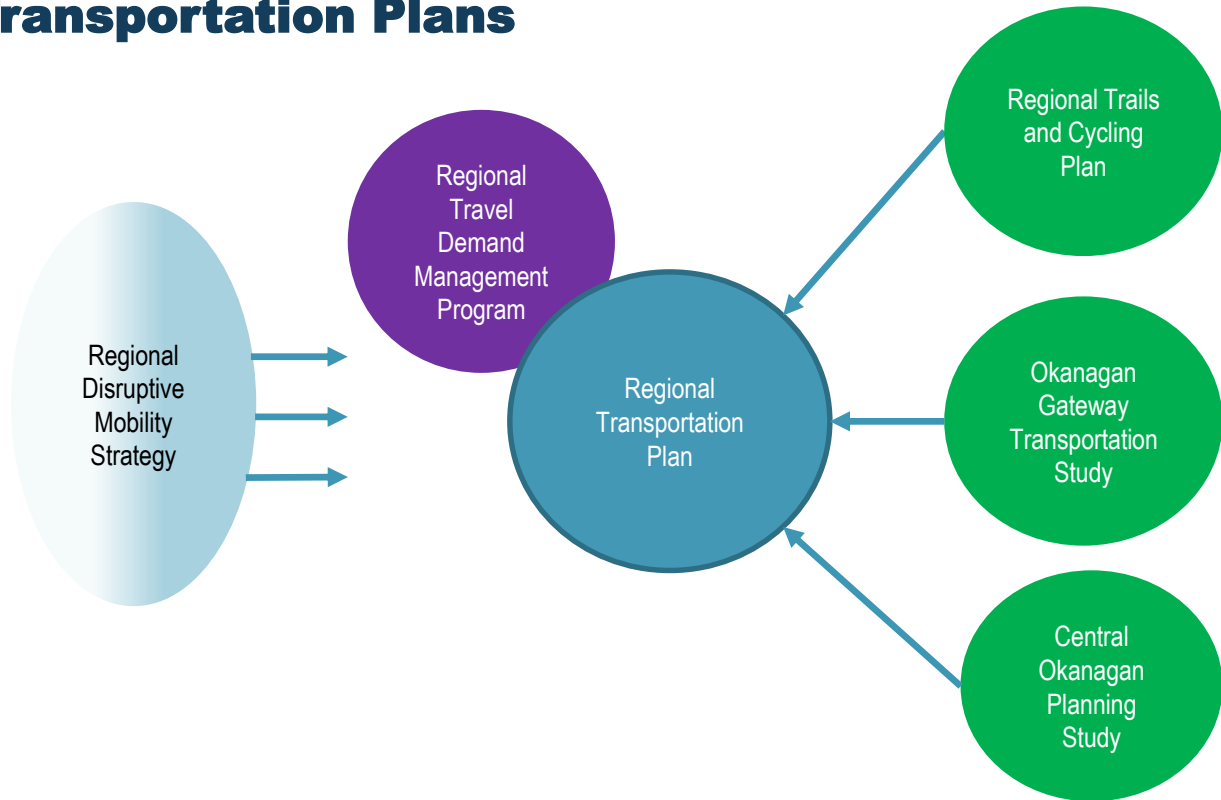
- Issues affecting all our communities are impacted by transportation:
  - Economic competitiveness
  - Air quality
  - Goods movement
  - Emergency response
  - Public health
  - Quality of life

The project is led by the Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO)

- City of Kelowna
- City of West Kelowna,
- District of Lake Country,
- District of Peachland,
- Westbank First Nation, and
- Regional District of the Central Okanagan.

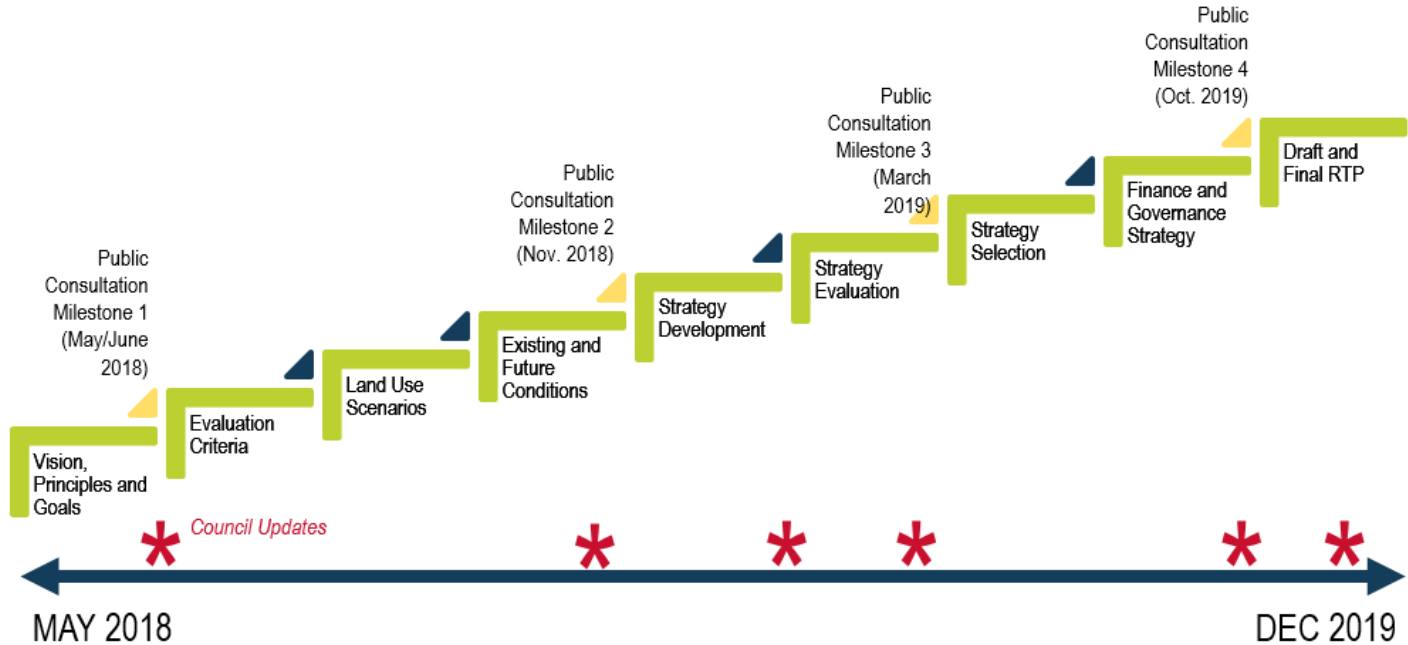
By **working together**, we can ensure all communities have a **voice** in the planning process and help **shape the future** of the Central Okanagan

# Coordination with other Regional Transportation Plans



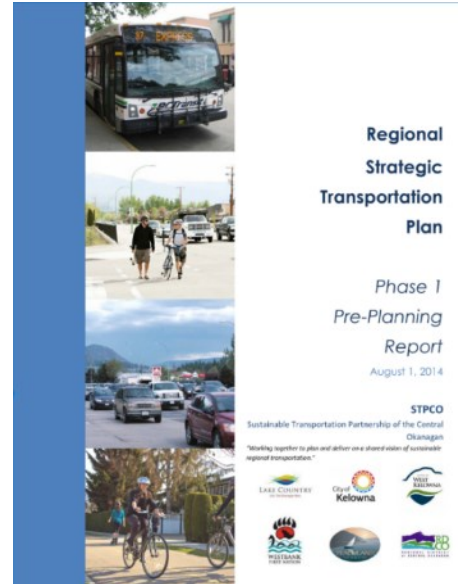


# Regional Transportation Plan - Schedule



# Phase 1 Vision and Goals

- Builds on work started in 2014 (Pre-Planning Report)
  - Established a Draft Vision and Goals for the RTP
  - Based on consultation of elected officials and regional residents through an online survey
- Regionally-supported Vision and Goals **critical** for plan's success
- Public Consultation / Visioning Workshops with Regional Councils



# RTP Public Consultation # 1 Vision and Goals

- Public Consultation (April – May)
  - Website launched (<https://www.smarttrips.ca>)
  - RTP Fact Sheet
  - Regional Pop-Up Events (4)
  - RTP Questionnaire
- Regional Councils: Visioning Workshops (May)



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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.

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**Strengthening economic competitiveness and quality of life**

Transportation across the region provides a vital connection to jobs, markets, health care, education, recreation, shopping, emergency services and family and friends.

By 2040, population in the Central Okanagan is expected to increase by nearly 40% – that's about 77,000 new residents. 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.

The issues affecting all our communities – economic competitiveness, air quality, goods movement, emergency response, public health and quality of life – are directly impacted by the transportation choices we make as a region.

**Working collaboratively to ensure all communities have a voice in the planning process**

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

Over the next 18 months, the STPCO planning team will continue to work with communities across the region to:

- Confirm the vision and goals for regional transportation
- Define the Regional Transportation Network
- Identify and evaluate transportation policies, programs and projects



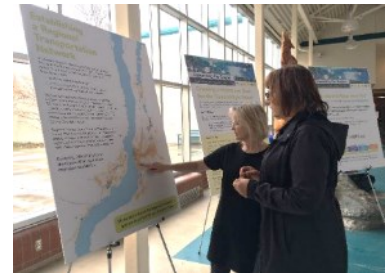
# RTP Public Consultation # 1

## Vision and Goals

### ▪ Pop-Up Events

- More than 250 people dropped by pop-up events in Peachland, Lake Country, Kelowna, and West Kelowna and Westbank First Nation.
- Five large storyboards described the draft vision and goals and identified regional destinations.

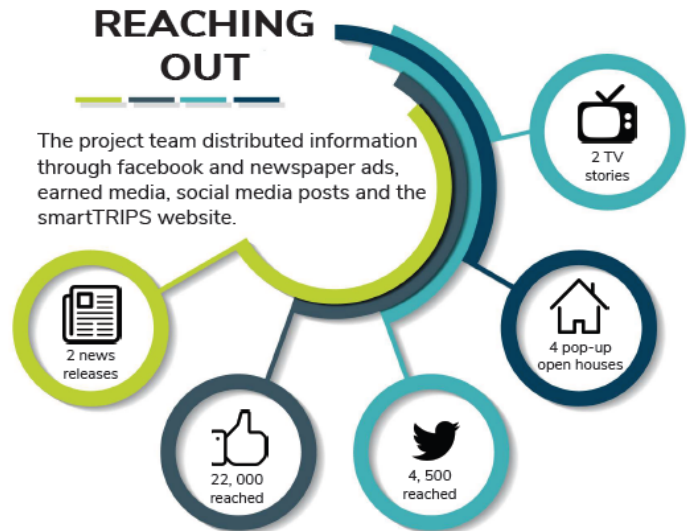
Community	Date	Location	# of Attendees
Peachland	April 14, 2018	Rubber Ducky Race	60 people
Lak Country	April 16, 2018	George Elliot Secondary School	70 people
Kelowna	April 17, 2018	Parkinson Recreation Centre	63 people
West Kelowna/WFN	April 19, 2018	Real Canadian Superstore	60 people



# RTP Public Consultation # 1

## Vision and Goals

- Questionnaire
  - April 14 – May 7
  - Online and hardcopy versions available
  - 633 respondents





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## Visioning Workshop

# Purpose of the Workshop

- Introduce the Regional Transportation Plan and Team
- Identify Kelowna's priority issues, concerns and opportunities for consideration
- Review the regional transportation vision and goals

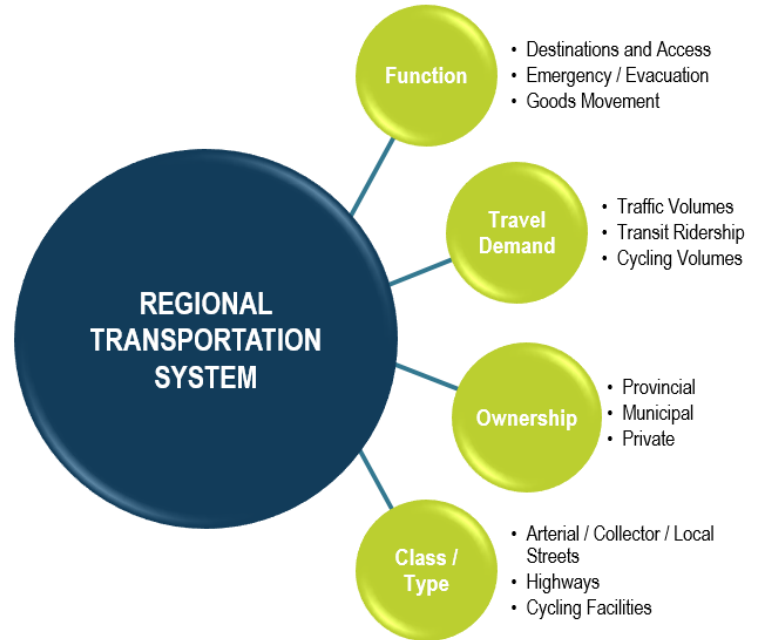






# Defining the *REGIONAL* Transportation System

- Important because it will serve as the **foundation for the RTP**
- The first step is to identify “**regionally significant**” activity areas and the **multi-modal transportation network** that connects them
  - Highways, Roads, Transit, Bike Corridors, and Trails / Pedestrian Paths
- Key Considerations
  - Access to Regional Destinations/Hubs
  - Emergency Response / Evacuation
  - Regional Goods Movement



# Regional Destinations / Hubs

## “Regionally Significant”

- High concentration of employment or population
- Attracts trips from across the region

## WHAT WE HEARD

### Regional Destinations

The three most important regional destinations identified by respondents are:



**Major  
Transportation  
Facilities**

e.g. airport, BC  
Transit, Greyhound



**Hospitals and  
Major Medical  
Facilities**



**Town  
Centres**

## Regional Destinations / Hubs in Kelowna?

# The Future of Transportation in the Central Okanagan

# Regional Transportation Plan Draft Goals



**Safe:** Transports people and goods safely

**Efficient:** Minimizes energy, emissions, costs and travel times

**Sustainable:** Creates a net positive benefit to the society it serves

**Affordable:** Minimizes costs to users and taxpayers

**Adequate:** Meets the varying demands of travellers, business, and industry within defined service levels and affordable costs

**Economical:** Supports the regional and provincial economy while being expanded, maintained and operated in an economical manner

**Equitable:** Provides value to all road users, with the understanding people have the right to choose how and when they travel, while being accountable for the impact of their choices

**Accessible:** Ensures those with limited access are supported with the appropriate measures

**Socially Responsible:** Minimizes social impacts such as noise, visual and community segregation, while supporting the social needs of the region and linking activity centres efficiently and safely

**Environmentally Responsible:** Minimizes environmental impacts from the expansion, maintenance and operation of the transportation system

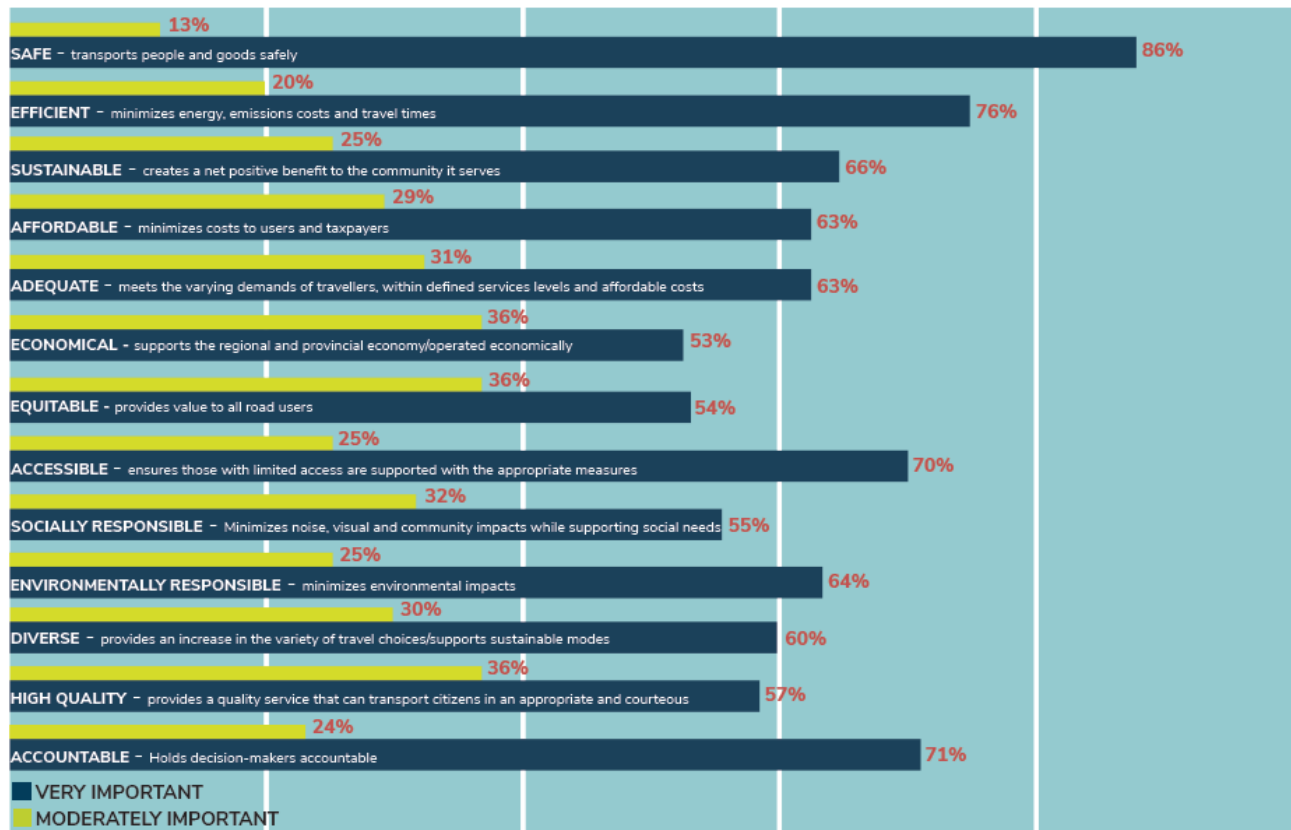
**Diverse:** Provides an increase in the variety of travel choices through an integrated multi-modal system, while increasing support to modes that provide greater sustainability benefits

**High Quality:** Provides a quality service that can transport citizens in an appropriate and courteous manner

**Accountable:** Manages the transportation system in a manner that holds decision makers and administrators accountable through the measurement of progress

# WHAT WE HEARD

The Draft Goals - Most respondents indicated the draft goals were very important or moderately important.

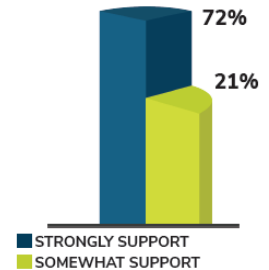


“A balanced and resilient transportation system for the Central Okanagan that moves people and goods in a safe, efficient, accessible, and affordable manner, while supporting and enhancing the region’s economy, social network, and natural ecosystem.”

## **Regional Transportation Plan Draft Vision**

# WHAT WE HEARD

**93% STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT THE DRAFT VISION**



**Survey respondents were asked - “Is there anything you would change about the vision statement?”**

The following themes emerged:

- » Make it more specific and less broad
- » Clarify what balanced and resilient mean
- » Emphasize environmentally friendly, low carbon transportation
- » Emphasize transportation choice and a multi-modal system that includes walk, bike, transit, and vehicle options
- » Consider people of all abilities and incomes, including seniors

“It is important that seniors, those with health/disability issues, and low incomes have access to reasonably priced transportation that gets them to the places they must go.” – survey respondent

**Survey respondents were asked - “Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the draft vision and goals?”**

The following themes emerged:

- » Ensure safe biking routes in urban and suburban areas
- » Improve the safety and accessibility of walking routes
- » Improve transit in all communities
- » Provide low cost options for people of all incomes and abilities
- » Consider the transportation needs of rural areas
- » Reduce congestion and increase efficiency for vehicle travel
- » Complete and connect biking, hiking and walking routes within and across communities

“You can’t live here without owning a vehicle to get around. This needs to be fixed.” – survey respondent



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## Next Steps



# Upcoming Tasks and Activities

- Presentations to other STPCO Councils (May)
- STPCO Local Government Advisory Board Meeting (June 13th)
- Develop Evaluation Framework based on the vision, values and principles
- Develop Land Use Scenarios with STPCO Planning and Technical Committee; Select Preferred Scenario (Summer 2018)
- Existing and Future Conditions (Fall 2018)
  - » Public Consultation & Council Updates

