

# Report to Council



**Date:** February 25, 2019

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**To:** City Manager

**From:** Rafael Villarreal, Integrated Transportation Department Manager

**Subject:** Facts in Focus – Transportation, Technology and our Changing Future

Report Prepared by Matt Worona, Active Transportation Coordinator

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Integrated Transportation Department Manager dated February 25th, 2019, with respect to Facts in Focus – Transportation, Technology and our Changing Future.

## **Purpose:**

To present Council with the third Facts in Focus topic paper regarding the rapid pace of technology change as it relates to transportation and the way it may change how people get around Kelowna over the next twenty years.

## **Background:**

Building on the OCP Facts in Focus series, the Transportation Facts in Focus include topic-based background papers on Our Kelowna as We Move, the City's new Transportation Master Plan.

The Transportation Master Plan process follows on the heels of the Imagine Kelowna strategic community vision. Furthermore, in response to common themes heard during public engagement for the vision and goals, staff have identified three topics for background papers to help promote an understanding of the key issues and opportunities in transportation. On July 30, 2018, staff launched the first transportation Facts in Focus paper through a Council presentation on the potential for mass transit in Kelowna.

The second Facts in Focus paper, "The Congestion Paradox", discussed the vision statement for the Transportation Master Plan, the challenges of widening roads, and the costs of our transportation system.

This third Facts in Focus paper - "Transportation, Technology and our Changing Future" - is an overview

of trends in transportation that may change how people get around in Kelowna in the future and discusses key opportunities and challenges that these technologies may bring. The paper references the city's Disruptive Mobility Strategy, which is an on-going study that will help to identify proactive steps the City can take to best position Kelowna to optimize the benefits of technology change. In addition to a traditional report, this paper will be published on the City website in "story map" form.

Story Map Link: <https://www.kelowna.ca/our-community/planning-projects/long-range-planning/transportation-master-plan>

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**Existing Policy:**

Imagine Kelowna Principle 2 – Smarter: A community willing to learn, adapt and grow so we can thrive amid rapid change.

Imagine Kelowna Principle 3 – Connected: A community where residents are connected to their neighbours, their city and wider world.

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

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

Submitted by:

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Approved by: R. Villarreal, Department Manager, Integrated Transportation

**Approved for inclusion:**



A. Newcombe, Divisional Director, Infrastructure

Attachment 1 - Facts in Focus – Transportation, Technology, and our Changing Future

Attachment 2 - Transportation, Technology, and our Changing Future Slides

cc: Deputy City Manager  
Divisional Director, Community Planning & Strategic Investments  
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