

Report to Council



Date: July 13, 2020
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Okanagan Gateway Study
Department: Integrated Transportation

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Integrated Transportation Department dated July 13, 2020, with respect to the Okanagan Gateway Study.

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update on the Okanagan Gateway Study.

Background:

The Okanagan Gateway Transportation Study (OGTS) has been developed in partnership with the Kelowna International Airport (YLW), the City of Kelowna (COK), the University of British Columbia - Okanagan (UBCO) and the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (BC MoTI).

This study recommends a suite of future transportation projects, programs and policies to strengthen the economy, quality of life and further the OGTS partners' commitment to climate action by improving connections to the Kelowna International Airport and the University of British Columbia Okanagan. The OGTS supports the vision of YLW, UBCO and surrounding area as a growing, vibrant and connected hub that benefits the whole region.

Discussion:

The table below summarizes the core functions and objectives to be addressed in the OGTS.

Core Function	Functional Objectives and Description
Access for people to and from the Okanagan Gateway	Provision of capacity for private vehicles will meet the residual demand not accommodated by transit, active modes or through trip reduction strategies.
Business, tourism and industrial access to and from the Okanagan Gateway	Strategically-placed highway access is focused on supporting economic growth in the area, with a particular emphasis on moving goods to and from the Gateway.

Moving people and goods through the Okanagan Gateway	The network will allow for efficient and generally unimpeded travel through the Gateway on the highway and rail trail.
Moving people within the Okanagan Gateway	Given the short nature of internal Gateway trips, walking, cycling and transit should be prioritized for trips between internal Gateway locations on local streets.

Recommendations from the OGTS are being integrated into concurrent transportation planning efforts for consideration, including the Regional Transportation Plan and Kelowna Transportation Master Plan.

Conclusion:

The recommendations from the OGTS have been coordinated with and incorporated into the Regional Transportation Plan with the intent to have a coordinated approach to look for funding to advance the various phases of the study.

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Considerations applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:
Existing Policy:
Financial/Budgetary Considerations:
External Agency/Public Comments:
Communications Comments:

Considerations not applicable to this report:

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Attachment 1 – Okanagan Gateway Study Presentation

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