

### Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO) City of Kelowna Update

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# Objective of today's presentation & report

To provide information and context to Council in preparation for the STPCO review

### Context





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Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO)

What is the STPCO?

partnership formed by the local and regional governments of the Central Okanagan.

What is the purpose of the Partnership?

coordinate the regional delivery of sustainable transportation programs and projects in support of common regional policy, plans and interests (economic, social and environmental)

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# A Regional Partnership?

#### Canadian Examples:



In the US: Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in urban areas

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### How the STPCO came to be?



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# **STPCO** Principles

- 1) Respect local autonomy
- 2) Strive for regional fairness and equity
- 3) Adopt a common set of Regional Transportation Values and Policies
- 4) Maintain trust and positive relations
- 5) Employ a consensus-based decision model
- 6) Adopt Sustainable Funding and Planning principles
- 7) Employ an adaptive and flexible governance structure
- 8) Single point for regional transportation and senior government interactions
- 9) Dedicated leadership at all levels
- <sup>10)</sup> Ensure the structure is adequately resourced and maintained
- 11) Initial governance model should be simple with further changes as appropriate

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### Context = Complex

There are many actors in transportation





Many agencies and governments



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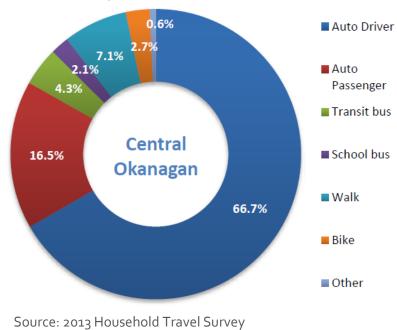
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### Current transportation patterns are unsustainable

Central Okanagan is one of the most autodependent regions in Canada



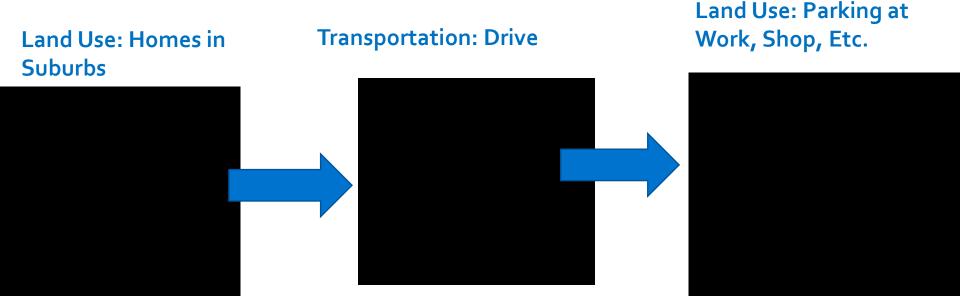
Car oriented culture/developments (Land use conducive to vehicle use)



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### In the past/old school



#### In the past: Regional Transportation = Highways

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The evolution of transportation
Service rather than supply
Mobility options rather than just modes
Transportation is place making & an economic engine
Land use and how we grow
Regions rather than Cities

New players: Technology & "free will"

### **Disruptive technolog**



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## Three areas of work (examples)

#### Regional Programs

- SmartTRIPs programs
  - Smarttrips.ca
  - BTWW
  - Bike Rodeos
  - School Travel Planning
- Wayfinding/Signage Standards
- Community Campaigns

#### **Regional Planning**

•Grant

applications

- Regional
- Strategic Transportation Planning
- •Data analytics •Household Travel Survey
  - •Land Use projections
- Westside Regional Trail Plan

#### **Regional Transit**

- Transit admin Management
- Fare Review & Implementation
- Advertisement contracts
- Transit Planning & analytics

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# The Journey Ahead

How to be strategic about regional transportation?

### Shifting the question<sup>1</sup>:

From

what infrastructure do we need to accommodate the increasing levels of traffic?

#### То

What are the best investments to achieve the vision for the Region?

 $^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$  adapted from Innovative MPO, A guidebook for metropolitan transportation planning, pg. 14

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### Regional Strategic Transportation Plan

 First ever Regional Transportation Plan for the Central Okanagan (beyond highways)



Regional Active Transportation Plan 2012

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RSTP - Phase 1: Principles & Values 2014

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### RSTP Phase 2 Road Map

#### **Regional Strategic Transportation Plan**

- Create a vision for a sustainable transportation system
- Develop strategies for adapting to and supporting new technology
- Build the tools to measure and prioritize programs and projects

#### **Subcomponents**

- Governance review
- Regional Transportation Network and hubs
  - Includes an update to the Regional Active Transportation Plan
- Intelligent Transportation Strategy
- Shared Mobility & TDM Strategies
- Disruptive technology and new mobility strategy
- Funding and Implementation Plan

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### STPCO Governance Review

- Review of the STPCO's mandate, governance, impact and fit in delivering on its intended mandate
- Review of its operation
- Change as needed

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# Key Challenge

Balance heterogeneous partners

The SPTCO is an approach to unify the regional transportation voices and interests of partners with different principles, values and political circumstances with populations that range from 6,000 to 130,000

Learning process for all the partners

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# Moving forward

### STPCO governance review underway

- Host LGA Board Workshop, June 14, 2017
- Recommendations
- Council direction
- Regional Strategic Transportation Plan
  - Regional shared mobility & demand management strategy
  - Regional Transportation Network and regional hubs
    - Planning and technical sub-committee
  - MoTI's COPS coordination

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