



Prioritizing walking, cycling & transit

WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

Active transportation is defined as all human-powered forms of travel, such as walking, cycling skating and using mobility aids, and can also be combined with other transportation modes such as public transit. An efficient active transportation system is designed to accommodate safe and convenient use by people of all ages and mobility levels. The OCP includes policies and map designations to support the implementation of the active transportation system.

WHY IS THIS ACTION IMPORTANT?

Active transportation has never been more critical given increasing greenhouse gas emissions, peak oil, increasing obesity and poor health rates. Statistics Canada (2006) noted that 72.3% of Canadians drove their vehicle to work, while only 9.0% used an active mode such as walking or cycling. There are many benefits that active transportation provides to the individual user and to the environment:

- Reduced health risks and automobile emissions
- Reduced air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts
- Reduced noise, pollution, congestion and infrastructure costs
- Increased positive social interaction, property values and tourism potential

WHAT MYPG GOALS ARE WE MEETING?

- **Healthy and active**, encouraging and supporting health and wellness.
- Enabling citizens to enjoy **clean air**.
- **Reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change**.

HOW CAN THE CITY IMPLEMENT THIS ACTION?

The City recently developed a Draft Active Transportation Plan to help guide the development of a safe and convenient active transportation system. The Plan expands upon previous studies; addresses the discontinuities and impediments in the existing system; and recommends the necessary standards, policies, initiatives, and infrastructure improvements for the active transportation system.

The OCP includes many of the chief objectives and policies of the Draft Active Transportation Plan:

- The active transportation network should be planned and designed for users of all ages, and apply of network guidelines for reliable flow.
- Ten pathway standards including on and off-street trails, bicycle lanes, shared lanes, sidewalks, walkways and structures (i.e. roundabouts, intersections, etc.).

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- Ten pathway standards including on and off-street trails, bicycle lanes, shared lanes, sidewalks, walkways and structures (i.e. roundabouts, intersections, etc.).
- Removal of parking on arterial roads and the creation of a shared parking/bicycle lane on one side of collector roads, to reduce conflicts with parking in cycle lanes.
- Maps illustrate the existing and proposed cycle and pedestrian network.
- Policies identify the need to make active transportation modes a priority in City planning, design and operations work.
- Promotional and strategic marketing efforts are recommended through land use planning and transportation demand management, to help shift travelers to active transportation modes.
- Educational and enforcement efforts are encouraged for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians in order to reduce frustration and improve safety for all users.
- Maintenance of the main pathways is recommended throughout all seasons.
- Tracking of user data for the active transportation system is suggested in order to prioritize efforts.
- Outside of City budgets, funding for the development of the active transportation system is suggested through the acquisition of grants and partnerships with local business.

The Draft Active Transportation Plan can be reviewed here:
www.city.pg.bc.ca/city_services/transportation/activetra nsportation

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT ME?

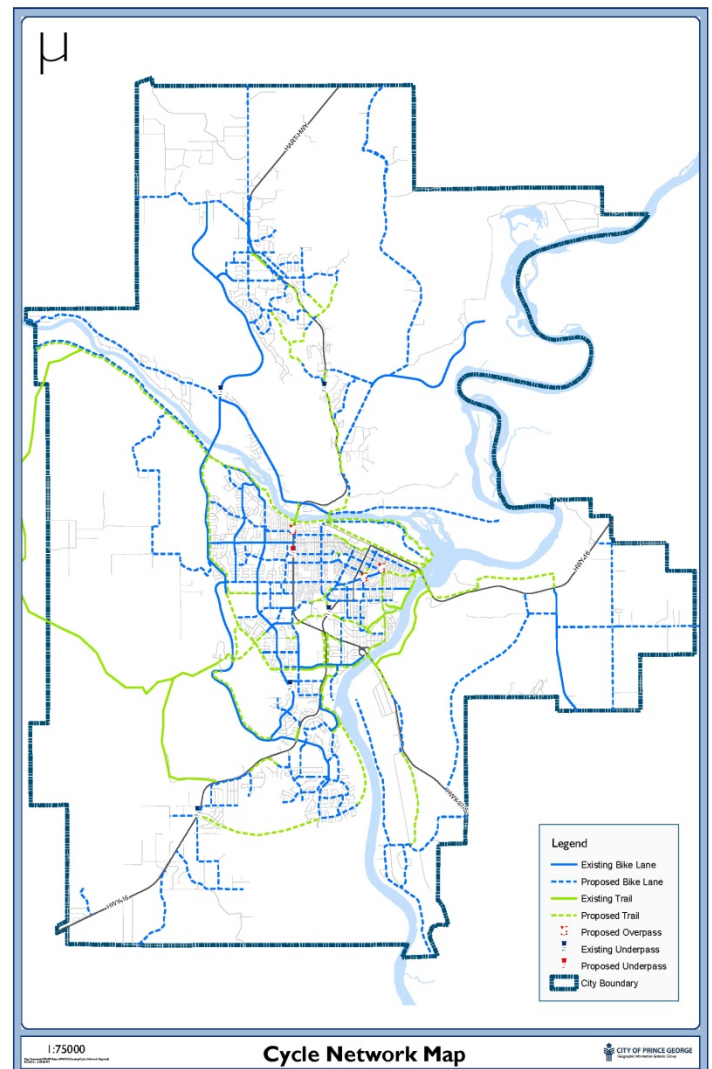
The adoption of active transportation objectives and policies in the OCP will prioritize the implementation of the City's active transportation system. This will ensure that City capital and operational works will need to be consistent with the OCP and the associated priorities for the active transportation system. A safe and convenient active transportation network will provide opportunities for you and others in the community to participate in a healthier and more sustainable transportation mode.

Share your thoughts and ideas.

Well developed policy directions will help Prince George meet its goals for a healthy future for all citizens.

- Would you add anything to this policy direction?
- Would you change or remove anything?

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