

Burnaby 2050 Policy Directions

Transportation

Overview

Our community needs effective transportation to get to work, access services, move goods and materials and grow our economy. Burnaby is expected to add more than 100,000 people and 50,000 jobs by 2050, so we need to rethink how we manage transportation to accommodate growing demand.

The City's transportation policies shape the way community members move around the city. As the city grows, our transportation network needs to grow as well, while staying efficient and sustainable. Good transportation policies can also help people walk and roll, bike, and take public transit more often, reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and helping people be healthier and more active.

The policies in this area support the goals of the [Burnaby Transportation Plan](#) and will be implemented alongside the actions in that plan.

Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges:

- Roads need to accommodate many different kinds of transportation, including vehicles, public transit, people walking and rolling, cycling and more.
- The high volume of traffic on roads delays the movement of goods around and through the city, increasing costs for industry and businesses.
- Delivery services, ride-sharing services, public transit and emergency vehicles are competing for limited curb space.

Opportunities:

- Improve transportation infrastructure to encourage people to use more sustainable alternatives, such as public transit, walking and rolling, biking, car-share or other forms of transportation.
- Create compact communities that include shopping, services, housing and jobs close together, so people don't have to travel as far for their daily needs.
- Encourage transition to zero-emission technology to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Explore new and innovative ways to move goods in, around and through the city.
- Support investments in regional transit to prevent transit delays and disruptions.

Engagement Findings

- Residents reported that Burnaby has a good transportation network overall.
- People want transit issues to be fixed, including delays, overcrowding and lack of service.
- There's not enough safe walking and rolling and cycling options in the city.

- Transit stations and bus exchanges need better amenities and services.
- Residents want more North to South connections.
- “Walkable” was one of the top 10 words that residents used to describe what they want for the future of Burnaby.

Policy Directions

Land Use Integration	
Policy Directions	Why We Are Proposing These Policies
1. Focus growth and density close to public transit, including transit stations, transit routes, bus exchanges, and the Frequent Transit Network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More housing near transit will make transit, walking and rolling and biking more convenient, encouraging people to drive cars less. • Fewer households will need their own vehicles which can help them save money. • New provincial legislation enables higher density housing near frequent transit bus stops and transit hubs. • Linking different forms of transportation and offering amenities around transit stations will make it easier to do more errands in a single trip and encourage more people to use transit. • Having amenities near transit will also make people feel safer since there will be more people around and visible from transit stations.
2. Create accessible, safe and user-friendly transportation hubs that link different forms of transportation and offer amenities nearby.	

Public Realm and Placemaking	
Policy Directions	Why We Are Proposing These Policies
3. Create design guidelines that prioritize walking and rolling, biking and public transit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines that prioritize people who walk and roll, cycle and use public transit will help users feel safer and more comfortable. • More attractive, inviting environments will also encourage people to socialize and connect with their community, increasing health and well-being. • Roads and pathways that recognize our diverse history and culture will help people learn about and celebrate Burnaby’s heritage and advance reconciliation. • Interactive outdoor elements contribute to neighbourhood character and give people safe, fun places to socialize and enjoy their neighbourhood.
4. Work with host Nations, Indigenous people living in Burnaby, community members from diverse cultures and cultural organizations to identify and recognize roads that are historically and culturally important.	
5. Explore and implement ways to activate streets with patios, public art and more.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging more people to socialize and enjoy their community can increase shopping at local businesses.
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Goods Movement and Curbside Management	
Policy Directions	Why We Are Proposing These Policies
6. Explore different ways to move and deliver goods to improve efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions will help Burnaby address climate change. Smaller vehicles will reduce demand for parking spaces, which can instead be used to create more accessible sidewalks and parking lots. There's increasing demand for spaces to stop at curbs, including deliveries, passenger pick-up and drop-off, electric vehicle (or other zero emission vehicle) charging and more. There needs to be a way to manage these uses fairly, while making sure that sidewalks are accessible and safe.
7. Encourage policies that provide fair access to the curb for different uses, such as deliveries, bus stops, passenger pick up and drop-off, parking and emergency vehicles.	

Transportation Demand Management	
Policy Directions	Why We Are Proposing These Policies
8. Create a city-wide strategy that makes it easier to move around the city without driving and encourages people to walk and roll, bike or use public transit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are many strategies the City can use to encourage people to walk and roll, bike or take public transit. For example, building better cycling facilities, providing car share options and raising parking fees. These strategies help reduce traffic and make it easier and faster to move around the city.

Regional Collaboration	
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9. Coordinate policies, programs and infrastructure investments that encourage people to walk and roll and bike" with neighbouring municipalities, host Nations, TransLink, Fraser Health Authority and the Burnaby School District.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many different organizations in Burnaby are working to increase walking and rolling and biking. Working together will help reduce duplication, save money and reach a bigger audience.

Monitoring and Implementation	
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10. Implement and monitor the progress of the Burnaby Transportation Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Burnaby Transportation Plan was created in 2021. The City needs to ensure it is implemented to make transportation in Burnaby safer, more convenient and more environmentally friendly.

Glossary

Amenities: services or facilities that improve a person’s experience at, or travelling through, publicly accessible spaces. This could include public and private facilities such as health clinics, libraries and convenience stores, and services such as parcel lockers, washrooms and bicycle racks.

Walking and rolling: walking and rolling is the mode of transportation for a pedestrian. It includes people traveling by foot and people using mobility devices such as wheelchairs or walkers and people using strollers.

Related Plans and Strategies

[*Connecting Burnaby: Burnaby’s Transportation Plan*](#)