

TO: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAFE, GREEN, AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION REPORT CARD**

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval to establish an annual report card to track and report on the City of Burnaby's progress toward its Mode-Split, Vision Zero, and Zero Emissions targets, as outlined in the Burnaby Transportation Plan (2021).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT an annual Safe, Green, and Active Transportation Report Card be developed and implemented to monitor progress toward the three transportation targets identified in the Burnaby Transportation Plan;

THAT the Report Card be presented annually to Council to support evidence-based decision-making on transportation planning and infrastructure investments; and

THAT the first Report Card be developed and presented to Council by the end of the next fiscal year, with subsequent updates provided annually.

BACKGROUND

The City of Burnaby's Transportation Plan establishes three measurable targets to guide the City's efforts toward a safer, more sustainable, and efficient transportation system:

1. **Mode-Split Target:** 50% of all trips by public transit and active transportation by 2030, 67% by 2040, and 75% by 2050.
2. **Vision Zero Target:** 20% reduction in serious injuries and fatalities by 2030 (from 2019 levels), 75% by 2040, and elimination by 2050.
3. **Zero Emissions Target:** 45% reduction in transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, 75% by 2040, and full elimination by 2050.

The Transportation Plan states that:

"Each target is supported by measurable outcomes that are intended to:

- Enable the City to monitor, measure, and evaluate progress over time;
- Support the City's organization and prioritization of policies and actions; and
- Motivate the City and its communities to change travel behaviour."

While these targets provide clear direction, there is currently no formal mechanism to track and publicly report on progress toward them. This creates a significant policy gap that undermines transparency and accountability.

Other municipalities, including the City of Vancouver, have adopted report cards or transportation snapshots to track progress and guide investments. For example,

- **City of Vancouver:** *2023 Transportation Snapshot and Walking + Cycling in Vancouver: 2018 Report Card*

These examples demonstrate transparent reporting and provide valuable insights that guide strategic decision-making and inform infrastructure investments. A similar initiative in Burnaby would support evidence-based decision-making, highlight achievements, and help identify where further work is needed.

DISCUSSION

This motion is seeking Council approval for establishing an annual reporting framework to evaluate progress toward the City's Mode-Split, Vision Zero, and Zero Emissions transportation targets. This initiative is timely, as Burnaby continues to invest in infrastructure and policies that should align with these measurable targets.

The proposed report card is intended to consolidate transportation surveys and regional travel data already collected by the City and its regional partners, such as TransLink and ICBC. While new or more frequent data collection may be needed to support annual reporting, this may primarily involve adjustments to existing processes rather than significant new data collection programs.

Advancing this initiative now ensures the City can evaluate outcomes and adjust implementation strategies ahead of its 2030 targets. It will also reinforce Council's commitment to its adopted Transportation Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The Report Card is expected to require minimal additional resources, as it should rely primarily on existing transportation data collected by the City and its regional partners. Any costs associated with formatting, publishing, or modest expansions in data collection can be incorporated into existing departmental budgets.

Respectfully submitted,

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