

Transportation Master Plan draft rolls out

(Penticton, BC – December 7, 2020) – The City is ready to confirm the findings and test the draft recommendations for the Transportation Master Plan. Initiated this past summer, the plan identifies where there are safety concerns and congestion on the City's roads, as well as where there are opportunities to improve connections for walking, biking, and transit. The job of the plan is to move the City closer to its vision of a complete transportation approach identified in the 2019 Official Community Plan.

"Based on the vision for a complete transportation approach in conjunction with the data and feedback collected, we have put together a draft plan to guide our future transportation projects," said City Engineer Ian Chapman. "Before it is finalized, we want to check in with the community and confirm the plan is headed in the right direction."

Over the next few weeks, the City is reviewing the plan with groups who have specialized knowledge of the City's transportation systems and its users, such as emergency service and transit providers, education and health institutions, recreation and environment groups and business and economic development organizations. Interested members of the community are also invited to share their views. The City is livestreaming a presentation of the Transportation Master Plan through its Facebook account (@cityofpenticton) on Dec. 10 at noon. The video will be available at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca following the livestream. Citizens can also participate in an online workshop on December 15 at either 9 am or 12 pm. Email getconnected@penticton.ca to register for the workshop. Presentation materials and feedback forms will also be available online at shapeyourcitypenticton.ca and in print at the City's information kiosks at the library and City Hall beginning December 10. Feedback will be collected until Dec. 17.

In addition to providing a prioritized list of infrastructure projects to guide the development of budgets and the work of the City for the next few decades, the plan also provides the information needed to develop the City's Development Cost Charges bylaw.

"One of Council's priorities is to modernize the bylaw that determines the share of infrastructure costs with new developments," says Mayor Vassilaki. "With the completion of this plan, we can start the important work of updating the Development Cost Charges bylaw that is planned for next year."

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