Communities on the Move

Smart, Fair and Healthy Transportation Options For All BC Communities

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- A common platform to promote active, healthier transportation and communities

- Input from partners in health, environment, social, local gov't & transportation sectors

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Vision Statement

We envision that in 10 years, across BC – in communities small and large, it will be easy, safe and enjoyable to get around, whether by walking, biking, public transit, driving, ride-sharing or in a wheelchair.

We want to see the provincial government making progressive investments that support active, connected and healthy communities with a wide range of mobility needs.

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VALUES

- Mobility & Safety for All
- Healthy Communities
- Clean Air & Environment
- Consideration of Community Needs
- Savings & Economic Opportunity

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Increased support and long-term funding for transit

- Funding for BC Transit Strategic Plan 2030 and 'Transit Future Plans'
- Support TransLink Mayor's Council 10-Year Vision
- Transit services for rural, remote and small towns

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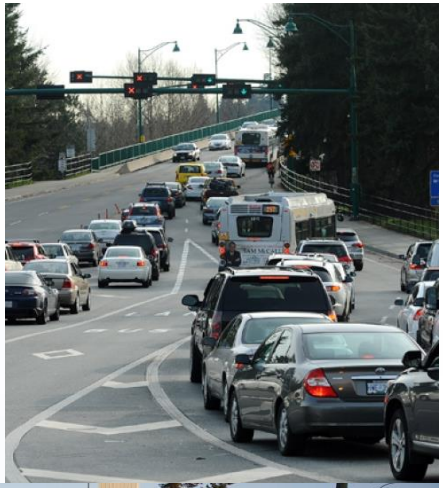
Regional Considerations

- Rural Transportation Strategy
- Winter design standards
- Urban congestion
- Support Mayors Council to pursue variety of funding tools
- Continue UPASS program



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Commitment to Equity

- Improve handyDART service
- Improved Transit for Persons-with-Disability
- Ensure funding is allocated equitably

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Commitment to Safety

- Support the BC Road Safety Strategy > goal of safe streets and zero fatalities
- Enforce speed limits
- Prioritize safety measures for vulnerable road users

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A Provincial Active Transportation Strategy

- Allocate $100M/year over the next 10 years to cycling and walking infrastructure
- Active School Travel Planning and standardized cycling education

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Active and Safe School Zones

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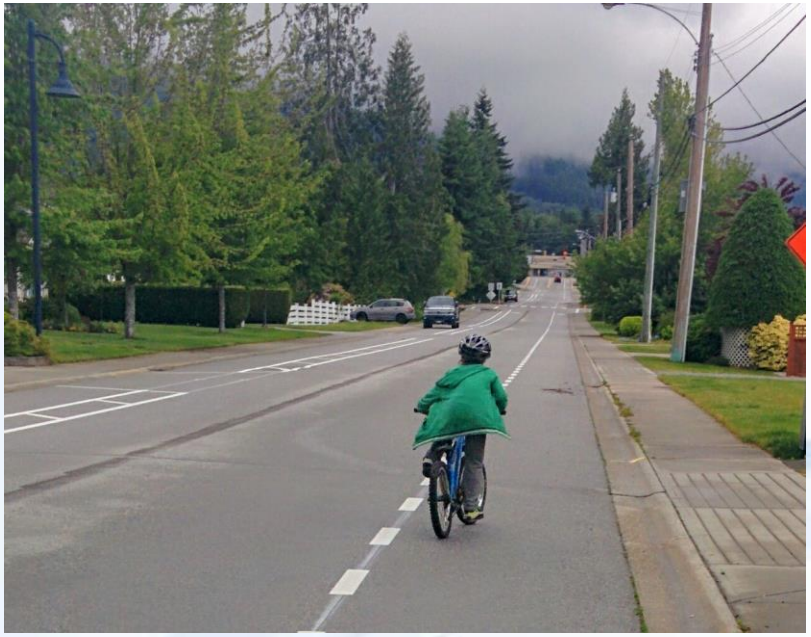
Context Matters: rural, urban, suburban



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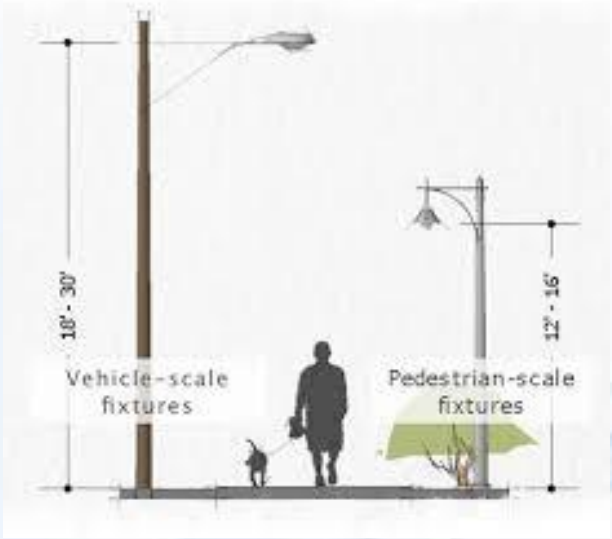
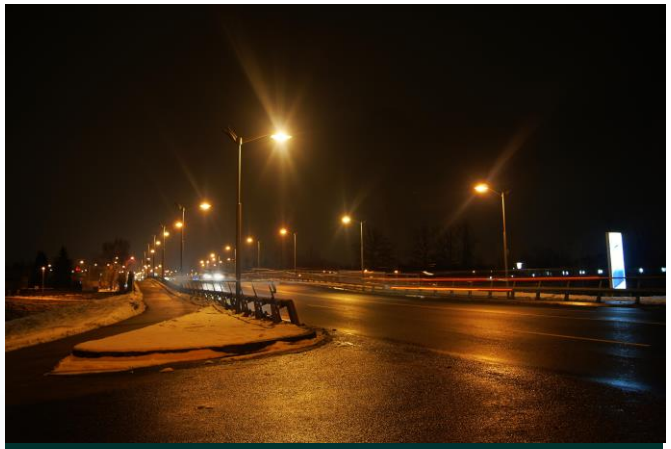
Active and Safe Highway Connections





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Policy Levers

- Social media campaign
- Meetings with decision makers
- Coordinated ask in budget submissions

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Support is Strong and Broad

- 138 Endorsers – including over 30 local governments, Health NGOs (Heart & Stroke Foundation, Health Officers' Council) Seniors' & Students orgs, Disability advocates, Environmental NGOs and Business.
- 2018 UBCM Resolution on Active Transportation
- 76% of British Columbians support infrastructure investments for walking and biking (Sentis, 2017)

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