

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan Adopted by Council**

*The City's first comprehensive multi-modal transportation plan is now complete.*

#### **Summary**

At its May 26th meeting the Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan was adopted by City Council. This strategic plan will help Nanaimo shift towards a more sustainable transportation system over the next 25 years while supporting a growing and vibrant community. The Plan's direction will guide transportation policies, priorities and investments across the transportation network, including:

- Coordinate land use and transportation planning to create better neighbourhoods for walking and cycling that can be effectively serviced by transit.
- Making walking and cycling comfortable ways to move throughout more parts of the City for people of all ages and abilities.
- Increasing the quality, convenience and accessibility of transit.
- Creating streets that are comfortable for everyone while seeking to reduce our dependency on cars.
- Improving strategic connections for people, goods and services that support our economy between Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, Metro Vancouver and the rest of British Columbia.

Through these strategies the Plan seeks to double the percentage of trips we make by walking, cycling and transit and reduce our dependence on the car.

*Strategic Link:* Transportation and Mobility forms one of six strategic priorities within the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan, the Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan will help deliver the sustainable transportation goals of the Strategic Plan.

#### **Key Points**

- The Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan will be the City's first comprehensive multi-modal transportation plan, guiding transportation decisions over the next 25 years.
- The Plan will expand our transportation choices, increasing our use of sustainable transportation modes and reducing our dependence on automobiles.
- The Plan will help achieve key transportation goals from the Strategic and Official Community Plans; translating ideas into actions.

#### **Quotes**

"The Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan will create a sustainable, accessible and inclusive transportation system that invites residents of all ages and abilities to walk, cycle and use transit."

Councillor George Anderson  
Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee  
City of Nanaimo

"The Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan is a major step forward in creating a sustainable transportation system that supports our vibrant and growing community."

John Ruttan  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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