



TRANSPORTATION PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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Goals and Objectives for Transportation in New Westminster



Four key goals provided the basis for the Transportation Plan. Several objectives were also defined for each goal — objectives are more precise statements of how individual goals are to be achieved. These goals and objectives will be used by the City to determine priorities for implementing future transportation improvements.

Goal #1 — Access

Provide access to goods, services and recreation throughout the City and the Region, for all persons regardless of age, physical ability and financial means. The livability and economic base of a community are strengthened when the number of people who have unobstructed

access to all necessary goods and services is maximized. By providing a wide range of effective transportation options for all users, a greater number of opportunities for access can be achieved.

Goal #2 — Quality of Transportation

Maximize safety, personal security, comfort, health and well-being of trip-makers within the City. Livability and the physical environment are enhanced when trip-makers are safe, comfortable and healthy. It is important that a transportation system is not measured on efficiency alone.



Objectives — Access

- Measure system performance in terms of the movement of goods and persons, not vehicles
- Increase the attraction of non-auto modes
- Provide effective regional connections
- Maximize access to transit
- Provide bicycle routes and facilities
- Maximize pedestrian access and safety
- Ensure access to commercial areas
- Effectively allocate curb space
- Manage off-street parking
- Provide direct access for trucks

Objectives — Quality of Transportation

- Maximize safety for all system users
- Enhance personal security throughout the system
- Provide weather protection for pedestrians
- Provide clear and consistent signage

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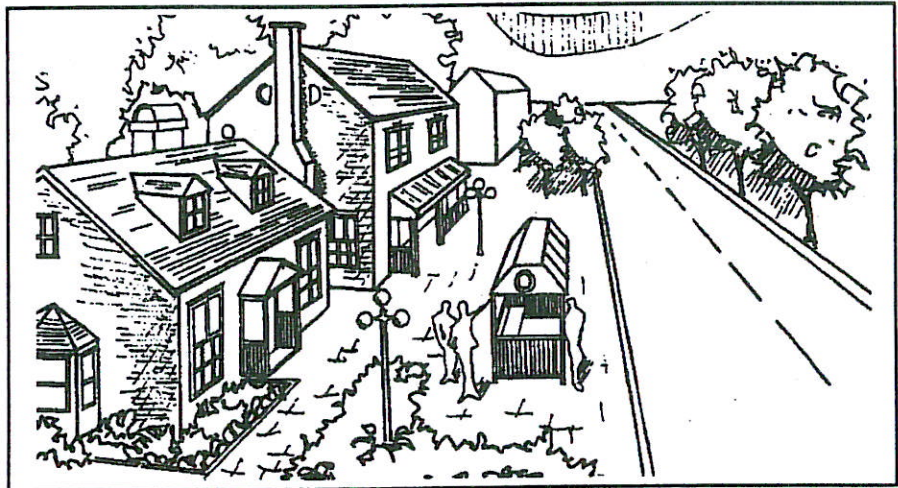
Goal #3—Livability

Enhance the livability of the City by ensuring that transportation facilities and services provide a net benefit to the community, and that adverse effects are minimized. In order to preserve the character and identity of the community, maintain livability and strengthen the local economy, transportation facilities and services should be compatible with the character of the community, should provide a benefit for citizens, and should not create excessive negative impacts. In short, the benefits obtained by the community should substantially outweigh the costs – economic, environmental and social – of providing the transportation system.

Goal #4—Costs

Minimize the financial costs of transportation facilities and services borne by City taxpayers. The economic base of the City can be maintained when the costs of constructing, operating and maintaining transportation facilities and services

are within the community's capacity to pay, and are minimized. The financial costs of transportation facilities and services can be minimized through a combination of innovative planning, financing, implementation, and management techniques.



Objectives — Livability

- Minimize all forms of transportation-related pollution
- Enhance the quality of the street environment
- Maintain a road network hierarchy
- Work toward the principle of no new added road capacity for vehicles passing through the City
- Implement traffic management on local streets
- Enhance access for emergency vehicles
- Maintain an appropriate network of truck routes
- Encourage consolidation and improved safety of railways

Objectives — Costs

- Favour travel modes that minimize resource consumption
- Maximize the potential of existing transportation investments
- Increase users' share of transportation costs, and decrease taxpayers' share of costs
- Implement transportation improvements in phases
- Incorporate flexibility into transportation plans