

AGENDA

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, Municipal Hall

355 West Queens Road

North Vancouver, BC

Watch at <https://dnvorg.zoom.us/j/65345321120>

Council Members:

Mayor Mike Little

Councillor Jordan Back

Councillor Mathew Bond

Councillor Megan Curren

Councillor Betty Forbes

Councillor Jim Hanson

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1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1.1. September 21, 2021 Public Meeting Agenda

Recommendation:

THAT the agenda for the September 21, 2021 Public Meeting for the District of North Vancouver is adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

2. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF

2.1. Draft Metro 2050: Updates to the Regional Growth Strategy – Public Information Meeting **p. 7-29**
File No. 13.6440.10/001.000

Report: Community Planner, September 1, 2021
Attachment 1: Draft Metro 2050 – Executive Summary
Attachment 2: Draft Metro 2050 PowerPoint Presentation
Attachment 3: Transport 2050 PowerPoint Presentation

Presentation: Mr. Jonathan Cote, Chair, Metro Vancouver Regional Planning Committee; Mr. Jerry Dobrovolsky, Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer, Metro Vancouver; and Sean Galloway, Director of Regional Planning and Electoral Area Services.

Presentation: Ms. Caitlin Cooper, Project Manager – Regional Transportation Strategy

3. ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation:

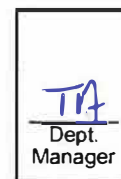
THAT the September 21, 2021 Public Meeting for the District of North Vancouver is adjourned.

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REPORTS

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AGENDA INFORMATION	
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The District of North Vancouver REPORT TO COUNCIL

September 1, 2021
File: 13.6440.10/001.000

AUTHOR: Joshua Cairns, Community Planner

SUBJECT: Draft Metro 2050: Updates to the Regional Growth Strategy – Public Information Meeting

REASON FOR REPORT:

To provide Council with background information in advance of a District of North Vancouver Public Meeting regarding the draft of the updated regional growth strategy, *Metro 2050*.

SUMMARY:

A draft of the updated regional growth strategy, *Metro 2050*, was released in June 2021. The draft *Metro 2050* is the result of comprehensive policy reviews, stakeholder engagement, and collaboration with member jurisdictions including the District of North Vancouver over the past two years. The draft *Metro 2050* is open for comment until November 26, 2021 and can be accessed at metrovanancouver.org/metro2050. Metro Vancouver will present the draft *Metro 2050* to Council and the community at a Public Meeting on September 21, 2021. TransLink will also be at this meeting to present information on *Transport 2050*, the new regional transportation strategy.

BACKGROUND:

Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (“*Metro 2040*”) is the current regional growth strategy for the Metro Vancouver region. It provides a collective vision for how growth will be managed to support the creation of complete, connected, and resilient communities; while protecting important lands and supporting the provision of urban infrastructure. *Metro 2040* was unanimously adopted in 2011 by 21 municipalities, TransLink, and adjacent regional districts.

In 2019, Metro Vancouver began the process of updating *Metro 2040*. The purpose of the update is to extend the regional growth strategy to the year 2050, to consider significant drivers of change, to improve policies, and to integrate with TransLink’s forthcoming regional transportation strategy, *Transport 2050*.

Between April 2019 and June 2021, Metro Vancouver engaged with member jurisdictions including the District of North Vancouver, TransLink, provincial ministries, First Nations, other regional organizations and agencies, adjacent regional districts, subject matter experts, and

the general public. This process identified issues, gaps, and opportunities that informed the development of proposed updates to the regional growth strategy.

Proposed updates were subsequently reviewed by the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC), a committee established by Metro Vancouver in accordance with the *Local Government Act*. The role of the IAC was to include affected local governments in the development and implementation of *Metro 2050* and facilitate the coordination of Provincial and local government actions, policies and programs.

Between January and May 2021, members of the IAC reviewed draft policy changes proposed for *Metro 2050* and provided comments for consideration. District staff from various departments contributed to this process. Comments received through the IAC were used to inform the development of the draft *Metro 2050*, and District staff's comments were generally addressed. The draft was released and referred by the Metro Vancouver Regional District Board of Directors to member jurisdictions in June 2021 and remains open for comment until November 26, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

Metro 2050 forecasts indicate that over the next thirty years, the region will grow by an additional one million residents for a total population of 3.8 million by the year 2050. This growth is estimated to require an additional 500,000 housing units and result in nearly 500,000 jobs being created across the region.

In response to this forecasted growth, *Metro 2050* contains strategies and actions to guide the work of Metro Vancouver and to inform and support member jurisdictions and TransLink over the next thirty years. The strategies and actions are in support of five regional goals, which reflect the structure of the draft *Metro 2050*:

- Goal 1: Create a Compact Urban Area
- Goal 2: Support a Sustainable Economy
- Goal 3: Protect the Environment and Respond to Climate Change and Natural Hazards
- Goal 4: Provide Diverse and Affordable Housing Choices
- Goal 5: Support Sustainable Transportation Choices

Although much of the content in *Metro 2050* remains valid and therefore unchanged from *Metro 2040*, several updates are proposed. Some of the most significant updates include:

- Introduction of 'Major Transit Growth Corridors' as areas along TransLink's Major Transit Network where member jurisdictions may identify new Frequent Transit Development Areas to accommodate concentrated growth;
- New housing policies to encourage transit-oriented affordable housing, increase stock, and protect existing non-market rental units;
- Collective actions toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for climate change impacts;
- Greater emphasis on improving relationships with First Nations, including maps and new policies supporting better coordination, collaboration, data, and information sharing, as well as supportive planning research with in-region First Nations;

- Integration of social equity as an objective of the strategy; and,
- New regional targets, including the protection of 50% of land for nature, 40% tree canopy cover within urban areas, and 15% of new housing in Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas to be affordable rental housing.

District staff will outline potential implications of the proposed updates and prepare draft comments for Council's consideration this fall, prior to the November 26, 2021 deadline for comments.

Members of the public can view the draft *Metro 2050* and related materials on Metro Vancouver's website (metrovanancouver.org/metro2050) and are invited to provide input by completing a feedback form or emailing the *Metro 2050* project team directly. Information about *Transport 2050* is available online at transport2050.ca. Transportation staff will be available at the Public Meeting to answer questions.

Next Steps

The formal acceptance and adoption period for *Metro 2050* is anticipated to begin in early 2022, with expected timelines and process as follows:

- January 2022:
 - Regional growth strategy bylaw considered for first and second reading by the Regional Planning Committee and Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board
- February 2022:
 - Regional public hearing and third reading
- March to May 2022:
 - Member jurisdiction Councils, and the Boards of the Fraser Valley and Squamish-Lillooet Regional Districts and TransLink, consider acceptance of *Metro 2050* by resolution
- June 2022:
 - *Metro 2050* bylaw presented to the MVRD Board for consideration of adoption.

The District's current Regional Context Statement (2014) will remain in effect following the adoption of *Metro 2050* until a new Regional Context Statement is submitted and accepted by the MVRD Board. Following the adoption of *Metro 2050*, the District will have two years to prepare and submit a new Regional Context Statement that demonstrates how the Official Community Plan is generally consistent, or will work towards consistency, with *Metro 2050*.

Conclusion:

Metro Vancouver's regional growth strategy is the collective vision for accommodating future growth in the region with considerations that include diverse and affordable housing, transit and mobility, resilient employment, protected ecological and agricultural lands, the impacts of a changing climate, and more. In 2019, Metro Vancouver began updating *Metro 2040*, the current regional growth strategy. A draft of the proposed new regional growth strategy, *Metro 2050*, was released in June 2021 and is open for comment until November 26, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joshua Cairns
Community Planner

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DRAFT Metro 2050 The Regional Growth Strategy

What is a Regional Growth Strategy?

A regional growth strategy is a long-range, strategic land use plan aimed at advancing the region's livability and sustainability by managing anticipated growth. Regional growth strategies align projected long-term growth with transportation and infrastructure planning while protecting agricultural, green spaces, and industrial lands. These strategies are authorized under the *BC Local Government Act*.

About Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy

Metro Vancouver is updating *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040)*, the regional growth strategy. The update is called *Metro 2050*. Since its adoption in 2011, *Metro 2040* has been a strong and effective tool representing the regional federation's collective vision for livability and managing growth anticipated to come to our region over the long term.

Metro Vancouver's regional growth strategy was co-created with member local governments and other regional agencies, and is periodically reviewed and updated. Many of the goals, actions, and tools that are working well in *Metro 2040* will remain unchanged in *Metro 2050*.

The current update extends the strategy to the year 2050, integrates with *Transport 2050*, the update to the regional transportation strategy, and responds to critical issues such as climate change, social equity, resilience, and housing affordability.

How we got to the draft *Metro 2050*

Between April 2019 and June 2021, Metro Vancouver engaged closely with member jurisdictions, TransLink, the provincial ministries, First Nations, other regional organizations and agencies, adjacent regional districts, subject matter experts, and the general public. Collaboratively through this process, a number of emerging issues, gaps, and opportunities were identified, and the content of *Metro 2050* was drafted to reflect that engagement.

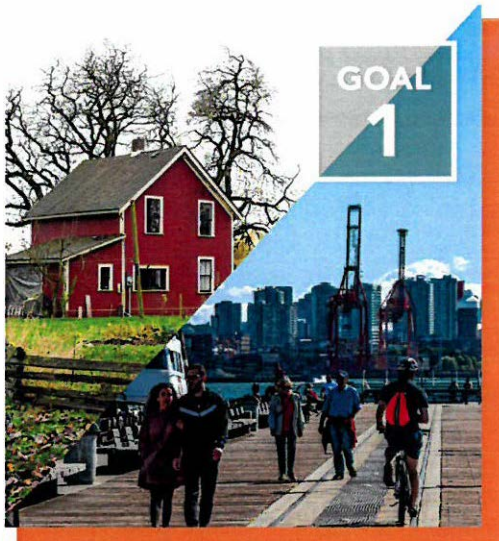
Metro 2050 Vision

Metro Vancouver is a region of diverse and complete communities connected by sustainable transportation choices where residents take pride in vibrant neighbourhoods that offer a range of opportunities to live, work, play, and learn, and where natural, agricultural, and employment lands are protected and enhanced.

Shaping long-term growth and development in the region is essential to meeting this vision in a way that protects the natural environment, fosters community well-being, fuels economic prosperity, provides local food security, improves social equity, provides diverse and affordable housing choices, ensures the efficient provision of utilities and transit, reduces greenhouse gasses, and contributes to resiliency to climate change impacts and natural hazards.

Metro 2050's Five Goals

Metro 2050 contains five regional goals which are supported by corresponding strategies and policy actions for Metro Vancouver, member jurisdictions, and TransLink to carry out.



Goal 1: Create a Compact Urban Area

Metro 2050 reinforces the established framework of concentrating growth into compact, walkable, complete communities, where development is transit-oriented, and people can access a range of housing choices that are close to jobs, amenities, and services.

STRATEGIES

- Contain urban development within the Urban Containment Boundary
- Focus growth in Urban Centres and along Transit Corridors
- Develop resilient, healthy, connected and complete communities
- Protect Rural areas



Goal 2: Support a Sustainable Economy

Metro 2050 protects important job lands and supports the land base, location choices, and transportation integration required to nurture a healthy business climate for both the traditional and emerging economies. Agricultural lands are protected to support local food security.

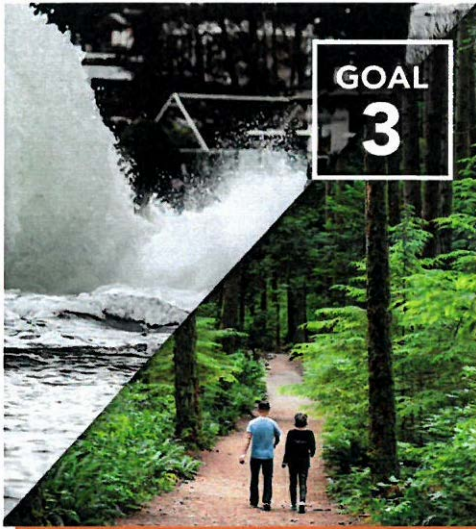
STRATEGIES

- Promote land development patterns that support a diverse economy and employment opportunities close to where people live
- Protect the supply, and efficient use of, Industrial lands
- Protect the supply of agricultural lands and strengthen agricultural viability

REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Metro 2050 is guided by the following five well-established regional planning principles:

1. Put growth in the right places (urban centres and transit corridors)
2. Protect important lands (food, ecological and job lands)
3. Develop complete communities
4. Provide mobility, housing, and employment choices
5. Support the efficient provision of infrastructure (utilities and transit)



Goal 3: Protect the Environment and Respond to Climate Change and Natural Hazards

Metro 2050 protects the unique and vital natural environment, and takes action to respond to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving regional resilience to climate change and natural hazards.

STRATEGIES

- Protect and enhance Conservation and Recreation lands
- Protect, enhance, restore and connect ecosystems
- Encourage land use, infrastructure and settlement patterns to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions
- Encourage land use, infrastructure and settlement patterns that improve resilience to climate change impacts and natural hazards

Goal 4: Provide Diverse and Affordable Housing Choices

Metro 2050 draws greater attention to the importance of housing as a key component of growth management, and establishes region-wide objectives for increasing housing supply, diversity, and affordability, particularly in transit-oriented locations.

STRATEGIES

- Expand the supply and diversity of housing
- Expand, retain, and renew rental housing supply and protect tenants
- Meet the housing needs of lower income households and those experiencing or at risk of homelessness



Goal 5: Support Sustainable Transportation Choices

Metro 2050 supports transit-oriented urban forms with a range of sustainable transportation choices including expanding opportunities for transit, walking, and cycling. It supports efficient goods movement and job growth in the region's employment areas and urban centres, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

STRATEGIES

- Coordinate land use and transportation to encourage transit, multiple-occupancy vehicles, cycling and walking
- Coordinate land use and transportation to support the efficient movement of vehicles for passengers, goods and services

Anticipated Growth

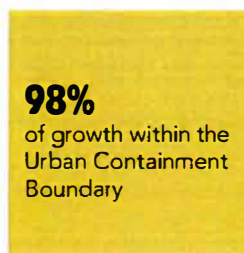
Metro 2050 forecasts indicate that over the next thirty years, Metro Vancouver will receive an additional one million residents for a total population of **3.8 million by the year 2050**. This also means 500,000 additional housing units will be needed and almost 500,000 jobs will be created during that time.

What's New/Proposed?

Much of the content in *Metro 2050* will be the same as *Metro 2040*, and the 'big moves' reflect engagement and feedback from member jurisdictions, other regional agencies, the Province, First Nations, and the public. You will see:

- Stronger alignment of planned locations for growth with transit investment through a new tool called 'Major Transit Growth Corridors'
- Housing policies to encourage transit-oriented affordable housing, increase stock and protect existing non-market rental units
- Clearer and stronger definition for industrial lands, as well as flexibility for affordable rental residential on Employment lands near rapid transit stations
- Stronger climate action, including collective actions toward GHG emission reduction targets and preparing for climate change impacts
- Aspirational regional targets for the federation to collectively work toward for affordable rental housing near transit, protecting land for nature and increasing urban tree canopy cover
- Improved integration of social equity outcomes
- Greater emphasis on building relationships with First Nations, incorporating future development and planning needs

Metro 2050 Regional Targets



Growth to Urban Centres



Growth to Frequent Transit Development Areas



Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by **45% below 2010** levels by the year 2030 and achieve a **carbon neutral region** by the year 2050

NEW



Protect **50%** of land for nature



Achieve **40%** tree canopy cover within urban areas



15% of new and redeveloped housing in Urban Centres and FTDA's will be affordable, rental housing

OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK

A draft version of *Metro 2050* was released for public comment in June 2021. Metro Vancouver welcomes comments from municipalities, organizations, First Nations, and members of the public by **November 26, 2021**.

Please send your comments to:

Online feedback form: metrovanancouver.org/metro2050

Email: regionalplanning@metrovanancouver.org

Mail: Metro Vancouver Regional Planning and Housing Services
4730 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 0C6

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An aerial map of the Metro Vancouver region, showing the city grid, water bodies, and surrounding green areas. The text 'metrovancover | METRO 2050' is overlaid in white, with a vertical red bar separating the two words.

Metro 2050 Draft
UPDATE TO THE REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY

Jerry Dobrovolny
Commissioner / CAO, Metro Vancouver Regional District
District of North Vancouver | September 21, 2021 | 7pm

Sean Galloway
Director, Regional Planning and Electoral Area Services

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OUTLINE

Objective: To provide an overview of the content in *Metro 2050* and help member jurisdiction prepare to provide comments by November 26, 2021

- Regional Growth Strategies
- Scope of Update
- Overview of *Metro 2050*
 - Projections
 - 5 Goals
 - What's Proposed
- Providing Comment



REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGIES

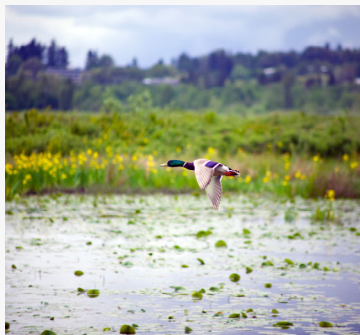
Our collective vision for how to manage and shape long-term growth



- Long-range plan
- Defined in *Local Government Act*
- Manage growth
- Strong history of regional planning
- Signed on to by all member jurisdictions

SCOPE OF THE UPDATE

- Build on success
- Align with *Transport 2050*
- Apply what we've learned
- Respond to critical challenges



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ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

2019-2020

- Engagement with municipalities, regional agencies, First Nations and TransLink
- 11 Themed Policy Reviews
- Public Dialogue Events
- Online Engagement & Webinar
- Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board

2021

- Engagement with municipalities, regional agencies, First Nations and TransLink
- M2050 Intergovernmental Advisory Committee
- Regional Planning Committee and MVRD Board
- Comment Period



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METRO 2050 DRAFT

- Builds on *Metro 2040* content
- 2 years of engagement
- Changes respond to municipal and other requests
- Strong input from Intergovernmental Advisory Committee
- Board distributed by letter in July
- Actions for Metro Vancouver, Member Jurisdictions, and TransLink

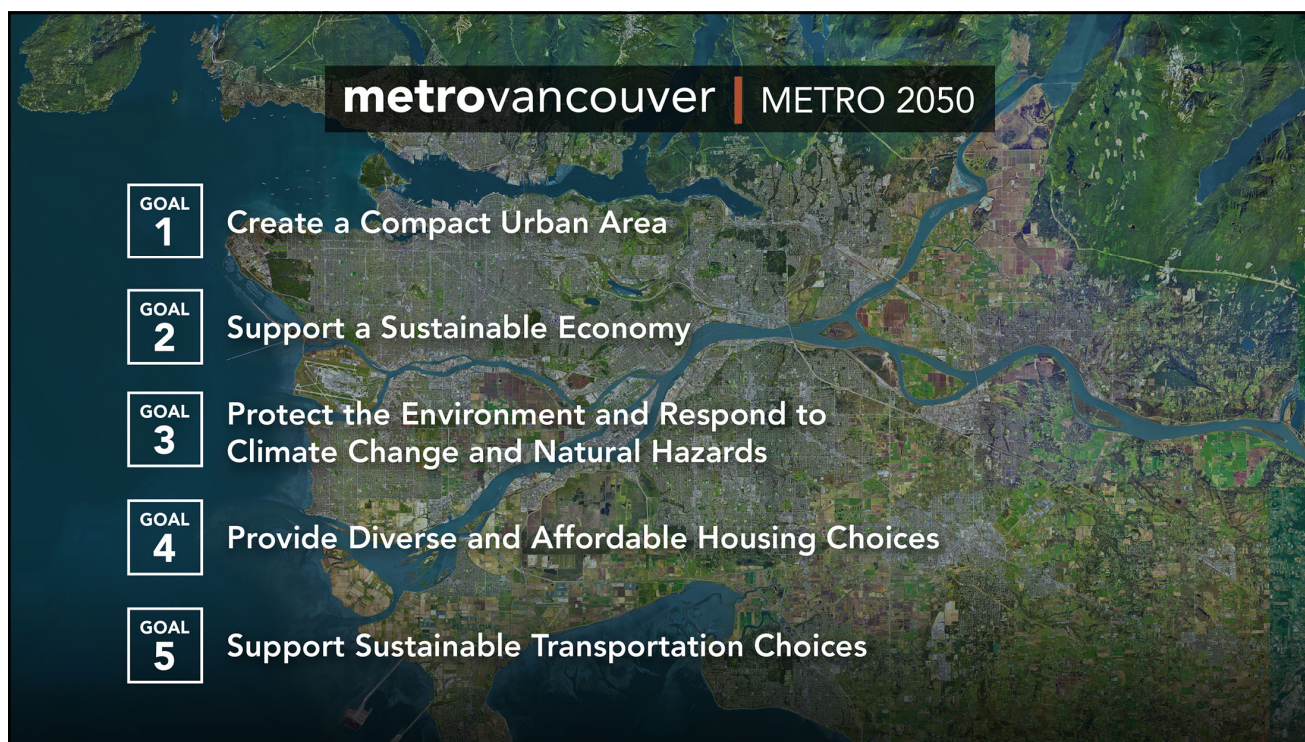


GROWTH PROJECTIONS

Forecasting our region's population in 2050

- Planning guidance; **not targets**
- ~35,000 new residents / year
- Scenario based model uses trends, immigration, migration & natural increase with + / - 15% range built in
- Ground-truthed with members

	2020	2050
Population	2.75 million	3.8 million
Homes	1.1 million	1.6 million
Jobs	1.4 million	1.9 million



WHAT'S PROPOSED?

- Clarity on Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas – new types
- Stronger alignment of planned locations for growth with transit investment through new tool - 'Major Transit Growth Corridors'
- Target that 15% of new & redeveloped housing in Urban Centres and FTDA's will be affordable, rental housing
- Policies to encourage transit-oriented affordable housing, increase stock and protect existing non-market rental units
- Stronger protection for Industrial lands; flexibility for residential near rapid transit stations

WHAT'S PROPOSED?

- Stronger climate action, including collective actions to meet greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and prepare for impacts
- Target to protect 50% of land for nature and achieve 40% tree canopy cover within the Urban Containment Boundary
- More explicit integration of equity outcomes
- Emphasis on building relationships with First Nations, incorporating development and planning needs

***Regional Targets.** Each member works within local context and contributes what they can towards regional targets.*



OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

- New opportunity in advance of bylaw process
- Requesting written comments by Council resolution
- November 26, 2021
- Online Feedback Form for residents, businesses, others
- Nov / Dec – assess feasibility to go forward as scheduled

FALL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Council / Board presentations
- Public Webinar
- Social Media Promotions
- Intergovernmental Advisory Committee
- Feedback Form
- Open Houses



NEXT STEPS

- Comment period (July - Nov)
- Re-assess process (Dec)
- First Bylaw Reading (Jan / Feb)
- Public Hearing (Feb / March)
- Signatory Adoption (Apr - Jun)
- Final Bylaw Reading (Jul)





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Transport 2050

Update to District of North Vancouver Council

Caitlin Cooper

Project Manager – Regional Transportation Strategy

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What is Transport 2050?

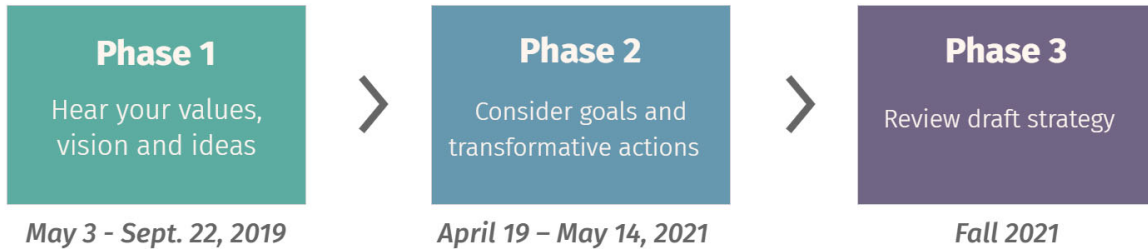
- Provides the 30-year **blueprint** for regional transportation projects, policies, and programs
- A shared strategy: in partnership with **Metro 2050**, **Climate 2050**, staff from **municipalities**, and the **Province**
- **Previous plans** have **shaped the region**, and options for getting around

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Transport 2050 Engagement



What You Told us in Phase 1: Values, Concerns, and Priorities

VALUES	CONCERNS	PRIORITIES
<p>People most value about the region and their neighbourhoods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Natural areas and parks 2. Access to shops and amenities 3. Proximity to transit 	<p>People are most concerned about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing affordability 2. Road congestion 3. Climate change 	<p>As the region changes, people want to prioritize:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transit expansion and improvement 2. Transportation options that are timely and convenient 3. A transport system that's cost-effective and efficient

Phase 2: Consider Goals and Transformative Actions

We asked to what extent people support

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Draft goals

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Transformative

actions

Priorities: receiving **high-quality feedback** and engaging with people of **diverse**

backgrounds

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Draft Goals



Convenient Choices

We all have abundant, universally accessible choices allowing us to conveniently connect to opportunities without needing to rely on a car.



Reliable Choices

We all have reliable choices that get us where we need to go on time.



Affordable Choices

We all have affordable choices so that people of all incomes can easily live and move in this region.



Safe & Comfortable Choices

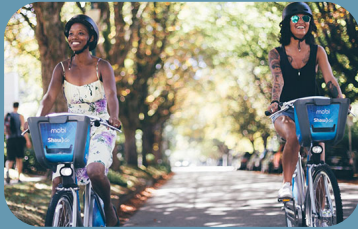
We all have safe and comfortable choices that make us healthier and happier.



Carbon-Free Choices

We all have carbon-free choices enabling us to achieve our Provincial and regional climate action targets.

Action 1: People-First Streets That Invite Walking, Biking and Rolling



- ✓ Strong support across demographics and across region
- People liked reducing region's dependence on autos, but implementation matters

Action 2: Fast and Frequent Rapid Transit That's a Competitive Choice for Most Longer Trips



- Support for both network proposals, slight preference for street-level rapid transit
- People identified trade-offs between above/below ground versus street-level rapid transit

Action 3: Automated Vehicles That Provide Convenient Access to Car Trips, Without Adding to Congestion



- In general, supported the vision for managing automated vehicles
- More mixed support for using fees to manage zero passenger trips or congestion

Transport 2050 Engagement

Phase 1

Hear your values, vision and ideas

May 3 - Sept. 22, 2019

Phase 2

Consider goals and transformative actions

April 19 - May 14, 2021

Phase 3

Review draft strategy

Fall 2021

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Engaging on the Draft Transport 2050 Strategy

- A. Quick survey** – 6-page summary document; overall impressions
- B. Detailed survey** – 100-page draft T2050; deep dive on strategies and actions

Input via online **survey**, stakeholder/public **workshops**, and Elected Official **meetings**

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