

Background

- Central Okanagan is one of fastest growing regions in the province, growing by 8.3% between 2011 and 2016. By 2040 the regional population is forecast to exceed 275,000, an increase of 84,000 people from 2016, placing increasing pressure on the provincial and local government transportation systems for additional people movement capacity.
- Highway 97 has the highest average daily traffic volumes on a provincial highway corridor outside of the lower mainland.

Project Overview

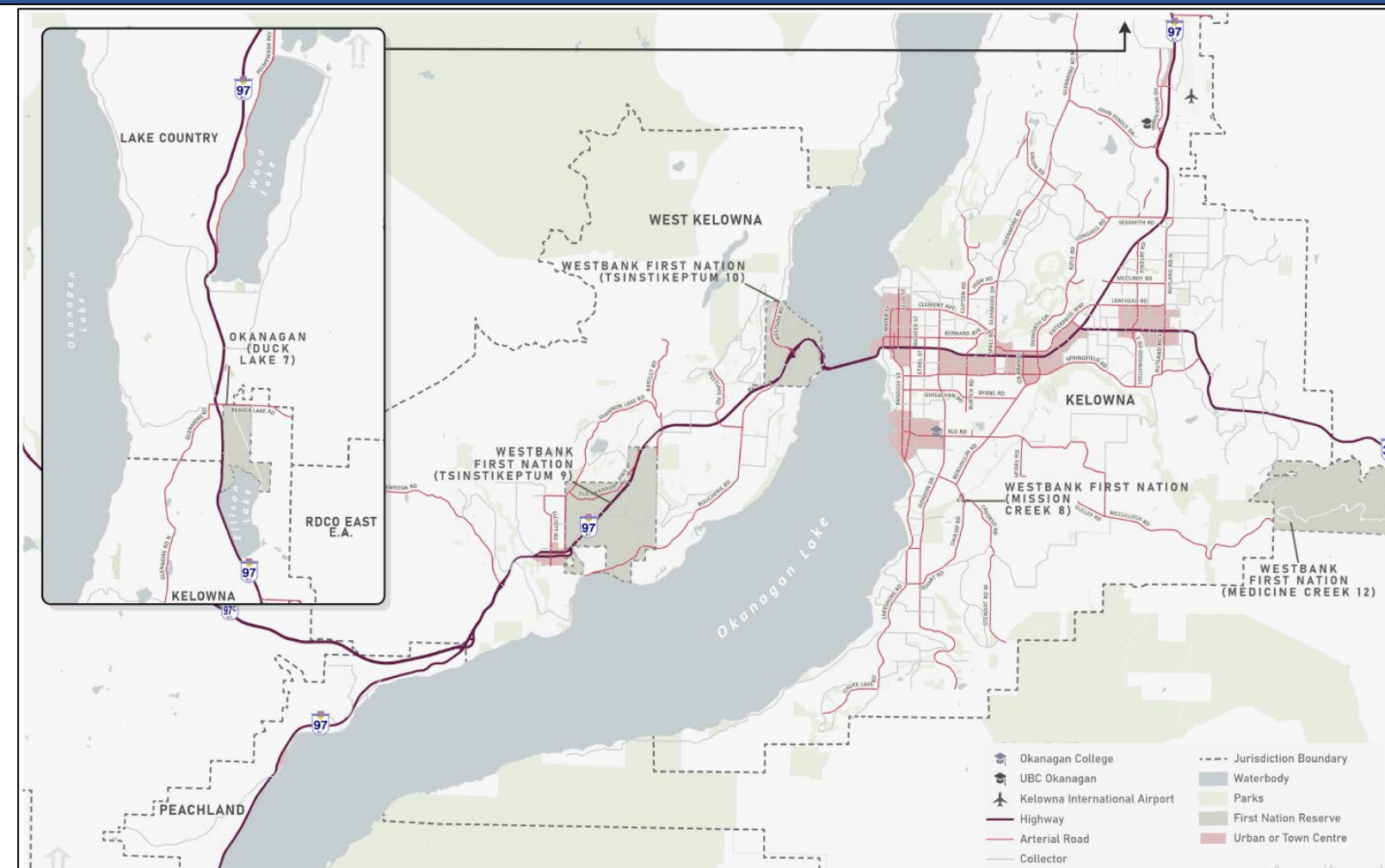
- MoTI is leading the development of an integrated, multi-modal strategy that optimizes the movement of people and goods throughout the Central Okanagan. The strategy will prioritize short, medium, and long-term strategies and improvements that will support the region through to 2040 and that will sustain safe, affordable, efficient, and accessible transportation options that will advance the Ministry's Service Plan.

Key Highlights

- Opportunity for the province to align priorities with community and regional aspirations, such as growth management, livability and integrated, multi-modal networks.
- Opportunities to work with local governments to identify transportation investments that help enable and shape growth in the communities and explore co-benefits of integrating land use and transportation planning.

Provincial Levers

- Infrastructure investments could be leveraged to achieve shared benefits such as community affordability, livability and resiliency, reducing GHGs and supporting economic growth and innovation.



PTBC GOALS	PTBC OBJECTIVES	POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES
Complete Connected Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locate development close to sustainable travel options, jobs and services Support affordability and choice by creating a mix of housing types that align with housing needs Support the priorities of BC's diverse communities to achieve shared benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring a reliable and attractive high frequency transit service along the Highway 97 corridor; Reducing the need to travel by integrating transportation and land use planning and supporting denser mixed-use developments in core area Collaborate with local governments to identify places to connect land use and transportation
Safe and Integrated Transportation Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a safe, seamless and reliable system across modes and jurisdictions Enable alternative mode choices for people and goods to reduce total vehicle travel activity within networks Invest in public transportation and active transportation infrastructure that creates choices for all users 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the safety and reliability of key connections between rural and urban areas. Increase people moving capacity along Highway 97 through transit priority and high occupancy vehicle measures.
Economic Competitiveness and Prosperity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect people to jobs and services Facilitate moving goods to markets with infrastructure and services Plan land use to maximize economic development potential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance access to employment in regional urban centers through a range of transportation options.
Resilience and Climate Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support transportation initiatives that result in lower GHG emissions Develop infrastructure solutions that emphasize future resiliency of transportation systems Support resilient communities and infrastructure that can better adapt to climate change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify solutions that support sustainable mode shifts and enable the development of safe and convenient local walking, cycling, and transit networks.