

Project Overview

- A strategy is being developed to meet the needs of the provincial transportation network in the Kamloops area over the next 25 years
- Through short, medium, and long-term improvements, the strategy will generate safe, reliable, resilient, integrated, affordable and sustainable transportation choices that consider the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, transit, goods movement, and passenger vehicles
- Opportunities are being considered as a part of the province's broader capital planning processes. Provincial investment planning will also align with the transportation and land use plans of the City of Kamloops and Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

Background

- The study area includes the provincial transportation network within the boundaries of the City of Kamloops and Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, including crossings and connections for cyclists, pedestrians, and transit routes on and off the highway
- The Kamloops area is an important part of the National Highway System which is relied on for goods movement and long-range travel
- These provincial highways also support local roads that provide connections for communities to access housing, jobs, and services

Key Highlights

- The strategy will achieve multiple PTBC goals, including improving the connectedness of communities throughout the region, safe and integrated transportation systems, economic competitiveness and prosperity through transportation trade corridor enhancements, and resilience and climate action.
- Opportunities exist to work with local government, First Nations, businesses and developers to identify transportation investments that help shape growth in the region

Provincial Levers

- Opportunity for the Province to achieve shared provincial priorities, including economic growth, climate change resiliency and developing complete, connected communities. The Strategy will align provincial planning with local community land use, transportation, and economic plans.



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"> • <i>Enhanced connectivity between local communities throughout the region</i> • <i>More reliable and efficient access to housing, jobs, and services for community members, resulting in greater affordability, inclusivity, livability and economic prosperity in the region</i> • <i>Active transportation infrastructure will increase connectivity between Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and the City of Kamloops</i>
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"> • <i>Improvements to transportation networks present opportunities for transit and active transportation priorities which encourage mode shift and provide safe, reliable, and affordable sustainable transportation options for all users</i> • <i>Transportation network improvements enhance commercial vehicle safety, ensuring safer connections for roadway users</i>
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"> • <i>Network enhancements improve reliability and efficiency of goods movement, reduce bottle necks and improve the supply chain</i>
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"> • <i>Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from reducing reliance on personal vehicles by increasing the safety of and comfort of sustainable transportation choices</i> • <i>Enhanced resiliency against local and global impact events through network improvements</i>