

What is active transportation?

Active transportation includes any human-powered transportation form. Walking and cycling are the most popular and well-known forms of active transportation, however the definition extends more broadly to include skateboarding, wheeling, pushing a stroller, in-line skating and using a mobility aid, as examples.

What are the goals of the active transportation plan?

1. More Walking + Cycling: Create a community and local culture that supports walking and cycling as preferred travel modes.
2. Improved Transit: Pursue improved public transit services and infrastructure that support both local and regional transit trips.
3. Safer Streets: Improve road safety and minimize conflicts for all road users, with a focus on improvements that enhance conditions for active travel modes.
4. Local Character, Celebrated! Celebrate Central Saanich's history and local character through complementary transportation facilities and enhanced access to natural and cultural amenities.

How was the active transportation plan developed?

The District of Central Saanich asked the public to help identify issues, opportunities, and community priorities such as routes to schools or recreational facilities, connections between trails and on-street facilities, traffic safety, and building upon the District's existing cycling facilities. Public comment was also sought on the draft of the plan.

Informed by this extensive public input, the Active Transportation Plan reflects available resources and the community's priorities, which include road safety, crosswalks, school zones, and addressing gaps in the network

Active Transportation Plan Engagement Website

How will these projects be financed?

While infrastructure is expensive, the Plan is designed to be financially reasonable for a small, rural community with dispersed neighbourhoods. The next step for the District is to incorporate the plan into the Long-Term Financial Plan, which is now underway, and will be presented to Council later this year. Funding may be achieved through the District's own capital planning process and in consideration of the many competing interests for financial support, as well as through future land development using Development Cost Charge and Community Amenity Contribution mechanisms and through external funding and partnerships.

Recognizing the considerable number of grant opportunities to support active transportation infrastructure, the District intends to take a "quick start" approach to establishing shovel-ready projects suitable for grant applications.