LAND USE, PUBLIC REALM
AND TRANSPORTATION

The way we get around in the City and Region is closely linked to land use plans and the quality of our streets and public realm. Many transportation challenges can be addressed through good land use planning. Much of Burnaby’s land use structure, for example, has been focused on building complete communities where people can access their daily needs locally. The public realm refers to all publicly accessible space such as streets, bike networks and sidewalks. The aim is to make these places pleasant and functional to support civic life. Burnaby has placed greater emphasis on creating a high quality public realm, one that creates an enjoyable, safe, and convenient environment for walking, cycling and transit.

Draft Big Move:
Create and implement public realm and street standards for all areas of the City.

Draft Policies
Policies focus on achieving the Vision, Themes, Goals, Targets and Big Moves for the Plan.

1. Prioritize active transportation and public transit
2. Increase the integration of land use and transportation planning, recognising that land use is critically important to the City’s mobility goals and targets.
3. Significantly increase wellbeing and the enjoyment of moving in the City by providing a high-quality public realm (streets, sidewalks, and public places)
4. Make it easy to combine trips and navigate the City
5. Incorporate green design and infrastructure in the public realm
6. Enable and support creative uses of the street to promote a more vibrant public realm
7. Support and incorporate Transportation Demand Management measures
8. Continue to investigate emerging technologies that support the City’s mobility goals and targets

Public Art
“RainCatcher” at Edmonds Community Centre. RainCatcher is both beautiful and functional. Metal foliage collects and funnels rain to water the native plants at the base of the sculpture.

Walking and Cycling Maps
The City publishes Walking and Cycling maps.
**Draft Network**

**What are we doing?**

- creating a strategy for improving the public realm in all areas of the city
- the network map highlights areas where we expect higher demand for active transportation and transit requiring a higher standard of public realm facilities.

**How will we do it?**

- by developing new standards for high quality public realm throughout the city.

**What results do we expect?**

- more space and amenities for people, making them more enjoyable and comfortable to use
- more people will be encouraged to use active transportation and transit
- the integration of land use and transportation together with high-quality public realm will contribute to a balanced transportation system that is accessible, safe, healthy, green, prosperous, and connected.

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**Did you know?**

**Streets can be designed to be more efficient**

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**The Space Challenge**

Given the growing population and its increasing demand for transportation services, as well as the limited land and street supply, the City needs to strategically plan for how to move people and goods efficiently into the future. Streets may be reorganized or redesigned to accommodate different modes and volumes of movement, and in doing so, making the public realm more enjoyable.

A balanced multi-modal system provides people with more choices to get around. If more people walk, cycle and take transit, it will free up road space and the transportation system will work better for everyone, including drivers.