

# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

*City of*  
**NELSON**

## What is Active Transportation?

**Active transportation** (AT) refers to all human-powered forms of travel, such as walking, cycling, rolling a wheelchair and more. The purpose of the **Active Transportation Plan** (ATP) is to provide a vision to guide the development, promotion and implementation of safe, attractive and convenient active transportation choices in Nelson.

## Why Active Transportation?

- AT benefits all ages and improves social connections
- AT improves air quality and reduces green house gas emissions (GHGs)
- AT infrastructure is low cost and can enhance our community's economy
- AT improves the health, vibrancy and livability of our community



Walking, cycling and rolling reduces your individual GHG emissions.

## Let's get active!

This document is a review of the original 2010 Active Transportation Plan (ATP) with the goal to offer an active transportation network that provides interconnectivity between neighbourhoods, the downtown and key amenities.

## How will an ATP make a difference?

- By creating a priority strategy focused on short-term realistic actions;
- By leveraging grant funding and partnership opportunities to increase and renew AT infrastructure;
- By ensuring that all infrastructure projects, including maintenance of existing infrastructure, will include an active transportation lens; and
- By measuring and tracking the progress and success of active transportation.

 **30.6%** of people in Nelson either **walk** or **bike** to work compared to **20%** in Vancouver.



Help contribute to active transportation by keeping your sidewalk clean of debris, landscaping and snow.

Visit our webpage for information sources:  
[nelson.ca/activetransportation](http://nelson.ca/activetransportation)

# Active Transportation Plan Review

## Implementation Plan – 2020 to 2025

### How the table works:

**ACTIONS** - Identified “leads” are responsible for determining the scope of work required to complete specific action items. The table is meant to be general because each action item will require a detailed analysis. Depending on the nature of the project, staff may rely on expert consultants as well as engaging the community prior to completing a project. Other action items that are not listed in the table may arise and will be reviewed based on their merits and how they contribute to the overall effort of increasing Active Transportation in our community. Ultimately, this is a living document. As we evolve through the implementation of the Plan, things will likely change. The [Active Transportation Staff Working Group](#) will be responsible for moving action items to real projects.

**TIMEFRAME** - The review of the AT Plan is meant to provide Council with a strategy for the next 5 years. After that timeframe, the AT Plan will require another review. For this reason, most actions items are identified as “short” which are meant to be initiated or completed “within 5 years”. Some items have been identified as “immediate” as they are required to officially launch the implementation of the AT Plan. Other actions are identified as “ongoing” which means that they will be implemented on an ongoing basis as part of the day to day business.

Most of all, this plan is to be opportunistic. This means that priorities may be shifted based on opportunities that may arise such as funding, major infrastructure investments and community needs.

**METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION** -This column identifies how each action will be implemented: as a capital project, through ongoing operations and maintenance, or as a policy or programming initiative.

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES** - The implementation of this plan will be strongly reliant on grant/funding opportunities. Key sources of funding or grants are identified in this category. However, there may be changes to funding programs and therefore this section will likely change.

**RESPONSIBILITY** - This column suggests the primary and secondary responsibility for each action. Many actions are the primary responsibility of the City of Nelson (including Development Services and Public Works), while other actions may be led by external agencies, such as community groups, or the private sector.

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**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – 2020 TO 2025**

ACTIONS	TIMEFRAME	METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION			GRANT OPPORTUNITIES	RESPONSIBILITY*		STATUS
		CAPITAL	OPERATIONS + MAINTENANCE	POLICY + PROGRAMMING	Potential Funding Partners	LEAD	SECONDARY	
<b>EXPAND AND ENHANCE THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK</b>								
Identify the primary Active Transportation pedestrian routes	Immediate (2019)			✓	n/a	DS	PW	
Identify the primary Active Transportation cycling routes	Immediate (2019)			✓	n/a	DS	PW	
Review + Implement Sidewalk and Street Clearing Policy to ensure it aligns with the AT network	Immediate (2019)		✓	✓	n/a	PW	DS	
Launch infrastructure improvement and maintenance program prioritising the primary AT networks	Short	✓	✓		Active Transportation Infrastructure Funding (BC Gov)	DS	• PW • Finance	
Complete key missing segments of the overall Active Transportation Network	Ongoing (refer to map)	✓			• Active Transportation Infrastructure Funding (BC Gov) • Green Municipal Fund (FCM)	DS	• PW • Finance	
Explore options for new AT facilities with road improvements and other major infrastructure projects	Ongoing	✓		✓	• Active Transportation Infrastructure Funding (BC Gov) • Green Municipal Fund (FCM)	PW	DS	
Work with the schools to develop an Active and Safe Routes to School program	Short			✓	• Active Transportation Infrastructure Funding (BC Gov) • Hub for Active School Travel (HASTe) – (online resource)	• DS • SD8 • Selkirk College	• PW • NPD	
Consider adding public art within the AT network	Ongoing			✓	Columbia Basin Trust	• Nelson District Art Council / CDC	DS	
Initiate discussion with CP Rail for additional Crossings	Short			✓	Active Transportation Infrastructure Funding (BC Gov)	DS	PW	
<b>IMPROVE WAYFINDING, SIGNAGE AND TRIP PLANNING</b>								
Develop a signage master plan and technology for active transportation	Short			✓	Active Transportation Infrastructure Funding (BC Gov)	DS	PW	
<b>IMPROVE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS</b>								
Education campaign sidewalk cleaning responsibilities	Ongoing			✓	n/a	Coms	PW	
Partner with local cycling group to develop education and skills training programs for safe cycling in the community	Short			✓	Columbia Basin Trust	West Kootenay Cycling Coalition	• NPD • Coms	

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Develop an annual AT to work day	Short			✓	n/a	Coms	DS	
<b>IMPROVE SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING</b>								
Review Traffic Bylaw to ensure consistency with Active Transportation	Immediate			✓	n/a	NPD	• PW • DS	
Consider reducing speed limits along the AT network	Short			✓	n/a	PW	NPD	
Traffic Calming Infrastructure	Ongoing	✓			Active Transportation Infrastructure Funding (BC Gov)	DS	• PW • NPD	
<b>PROVIDE MORE BICYCLE PARKING AND OTHER END-OF-TRIP FACILITIES</b>								
Increase short and long term bicycle parking in the downtown	Short	✓			Active Transportation Infrastructure Funding (BC Gov)	DS	• PW • CC	
Add bicycle parking in park and ride lots	Short	✓			Active Transportation Infrastructure Funding (BC Gov)	DS	PW	
Consider adding bicycle parking at key transit stops	Short	✓			Active Transportation Infrastructure Funding (BC Gov)	DS	Transit	
Develop a partnership with the business community to design and provide short-term bicycle parking	Short			✓	Columbia Basin Trust	DS	CC	
<b>MONITORING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION TRIPS, INVESTMENTS AND INITIATIVES</b>								
Create webpage with interactive map to allow residents to provide feedback on Active Transportation	Immediate (2019)			✓	n/a	Coms	DS	
Formalise an Active Transportation Staff Working Group	Immediate (2019)			✓	n/a	DS	• PW • Finance • NPD	
Explore the opportunity to redirect / increase portion of parking revenue towards Active Transportation	Short	✓	✓	✓	n/a	Finance	DS	
Yearly report to Council on AT plan progress	Ongoing			✓	n/a	AT Working Group	-	
Gather AT User Data and Gaps analysis	Short		✓		Green Municipal Fund (FCM)	DS	PW	
Active Transportation Plan Review	2025			✓	n/a	AT Working Group	Community Members	

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**Primary Network**

- Pedestrian
- Cycling
- Trails
- Missing Links
- ↔ Rail Crossings
- Highways
- Rail lines
- Schools
- Parks

Map Scale: 1:20,000



Map Projection: UTM Zone 11  
 Map Datum: NAD83

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