



Transportation

Transportation routes are the lifelines of any community, bringing economic opportunity, commerce, amenities, visitors, goods and residents into the City. Regional transportation routes bring many challenges. Pitt Meadows is bisected by two significant transportation corridors: the Lougheed Highway, which funnels traffic from communities on the north side of the Fraser River to destinations west of Pitt Meadows and the Canadian Pacific Railway, which runs parallel to and south of the Lougheed Highway.

Canadian Pacific is an important national asset. It moves goods through the Port of Vancouver, as well as to and from other places in Canada and beyond. Located in Pitt Meadows are both the CP intermodal yard and West Coast Express, commuter rail service. Pitt Meadows is home to a general aviation satellite airport, the Pitt Meadows Regional Airport (YPK) that specializes in flight training, aircraft maintenance businesses and commercial charter operations.

Pitt Meadows is surrounded by rivers which also serve as transportation routes.

Challenges

- Mitigating the impact of regional/national transportation routes on our residential, commercial and agricultural areas.
- Connecting to the regional public transit network, especially from the southern portion of the urban area to the B-Line along the Lougheed Highway.
- Obtaining funding for transportation improvements.
- Encouraging people to walk or bicycle to local destinations.
- Providing residents and workers with the opportunity to both work and live within Pitt Meadows, thereby reducing their reliance on private cars and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Supporting the development of YPK while mitigating impacts on the local community.
- Balancing the transportation needs of the City with those of the region and the British Columbia.
- Connecting existing trails to new amenity lands on Airport Way.

Opportunities

- New B-Line bus service will improve public transit linkages to regional destinations.
- New business parks will provide opportunities for local residents to work within the community.
- Continued improvement of pedestrian and cycling paths and facilities.
- Proposed development at YPK will provide opportunities to strengthen the relationship between the City and YPK.
- Encourage children on bikes and support safe routes to schools.
- Planning for seniors mobility in terms of safe and comfortable walking routes and alternatives to driving personal vehicles.
- Continued promotion of cycling education for adults and school children.

Current & Upcoming Projects

- Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum, underpass at Harris Road, overpass at Kennedy Road, additional track construction
- Lougheed Highway B-Line
- YPK Development
- Ongoing improvements to bike and pedestrian paths

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Current Trends

- Continued development and population growth for the region and especially for municipalities east of Pitt Meadows means increased regional traffic through the community, particularly along the Lougheed Highway and on Dewdney Trunk Road.
- Generally, the length of trains from and moving through Pitt Meadows has increased, creating longer waiting times for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians at the railway crossings at Harris Road and Kennedy Road.
- Continued improvement of pedestrian and cycling facilities.
- Future development to focus on complete communities which will provide more opportunities for people work and live in the community.
- Increased transit service with the B-Line will reduce travel times to the nearest sky train station, increase the number and frequency of buses serving the area and increase the ridership capacity of each bus.
- The Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum is a collaborative effort between Transport Canada, the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, TransLink and the Greater Vancouver Gateway Council to manage goods movement through the region. Three transportation infrastructure projects proposed for Pitt Meadows include: the addition of 5km of track, a Harris Road underpass and an overpass at Kennedy Road.

What does the current OCP say?

- Mitigate traffic congestion by creating a sustainable transportation system that encourages transit, cycling, and walkways.
- Maintenance of roads in residential, commercial, and industrial areas.
- Work towards future Airport growth strategies with community members and all stakeholders involved as plans indicate significant potential for growth in the coming years.
- Support for the construction of the North Lougheed Connector Road, which would connect the Lougheed Highway west of Harris Road to the Abernathy Connector thereby reducing traffic volumes that would otherwise use Old Dewdney Trunk Road
- Proposal for a road connecting Ford Road to Kennedy Road, creating an alternative route in the southeast quadrant of Pitt Meadows.