



4.0 TRANSPORTATION

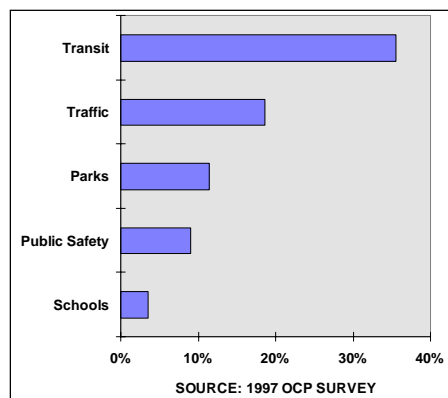
Road Network Transit Pedestrians Cycling Automobiles

To be effective, transportation in the City of Richmond must respond to changes in the community's priorities. There is increasing concern over traffic congestion, noise and air pollution, safety, accessibility for all groups, and the amount of paved area and the lack of green. Future transportation solutions will need to be sustainable, environmentally, economically, and socially. As a result, transportation objectives must be coordinated with other plan objectives.

Transportation is affected by:

- *Growth and development patterns;*
- *Environmental concerns ;*
- *Desires for lifestyle improvements;*
- *Desires for increased safety;*
- *Demographic changes.*

Top Five Improvements Requested by Residents



Guiding Principles

Richmond's transportation objectives and policies are based on the following guiding principles:

- To support the concept of a vibrant City Centre complemented by neighbourhoods with a strong sense of community through a dramatically improved transit system using neighbourhood service centres as major transfer points, and safe, direct, and attractive walking and cycling connections to local destinations;
- To ensure that jobs and business travel needs are met through efficient and convenient connections for people and goods movement;
- To support the productive use of agricultural land through improved farm access and by discouraging the development of new major roads which negatively impact on farming;
- To support the Livable Region Strategy and reduce automobile dependency for regional travel by reducing the travel demand and by shifting the primary travel mode from single-occupant automobile to transit (including light rapid transit), walking, rolling, cycling, carpool and other transportation modes such as non-fixed crossing facilities (sea buses and barges);
- To ensure that new developments provide adequate transportation services to meet the travel demand generated.