

Active Transportation Network

PLANNING PROCESS

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The RDEK is developing an Active Transportation Plan for the rural portions of the Columbia Valley that will provide strategic direction for an active transportation network to connect rural communities to municipalities. The RDEK Board has recognized the importance of providing alternative methods of transportation that is accessible to everyone and as a result the development of an Active Transportation Plan for the Columbia Valley has been identified as a strategic priority.

WHAT IS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION?

Active transportation refers to any form of human-powered transportation, including walking, cycling, or rolling using a skateboard, in-line skates, wheelchair or other wheel-based forms of human-powered transportation.

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WHY IS ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPORTANT?

Investments in active transportation can result in a more balanced transportation system that is accessible, cost-effective, and more equitable. There are also significant quality of life, health, safety, and economic benefits associated with investing in active transportation.



ANTICIPATED PLANNING PROCESS TIMELINE



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GOAL

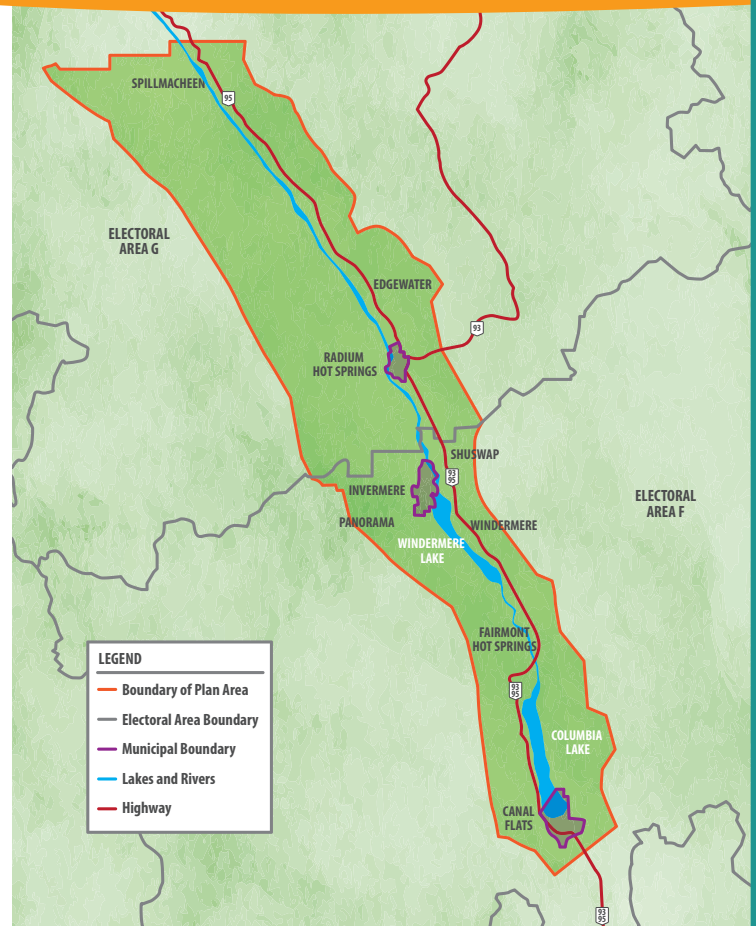
The goal of this planning process is to identify potential connections and development of a key trail corridor or 'spine' to traverse the Columbia Valley for a cohesive active transportation network. Opportunities will be identified for smaller communities to enhance their own points of access to the regional trail system and connecting rural communities to surrounding municipalities and community facilities will be a priority. Trail development standards and funding options will be explored.

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Public consultation is critical as residents have the most knowledge on how current trails are functioning and what areas need the most improvement. A Technical Review Committee will be established with community members, First Nations, and governing bodies. Public engagement will be ongoing throughout the planning process, in addition, the process will take into consideration affected agency interests and what is feasible for the RDEK to provide. A draft plan will be created through consideration of existing infrastructure, and input from the public. The plan will then be finalized after further public and stakeholder review and engagement.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- Complete the survey at engage.rdek.bc.ca/ActiveTransportationCV (paper copies available upon request)
- Contact Krista Gilbert at **250-489-0314** or kgilbert@rdek.bc.ca
- Subscribe to the RDEK email distribution group or social media to hear about future opportunities
- "Roundtable" meetings are available to neighborhood groups or community associations upon request



WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Your input is very important and will help shape the future of your community. **Please take the time to complete the survey by Oct 16, 2023** at engage.rdek.bc.ca/ActiveTransportationCV. A physical copy of the survey can be mailed to you upon request.

Community engagement and participation is the foundation of a successful planning project.

PUBLIC SURVEY

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