

Columbia Valley

Active Transportation Network

PLANNING PROCESS

Survey Results 2023



Survey summary

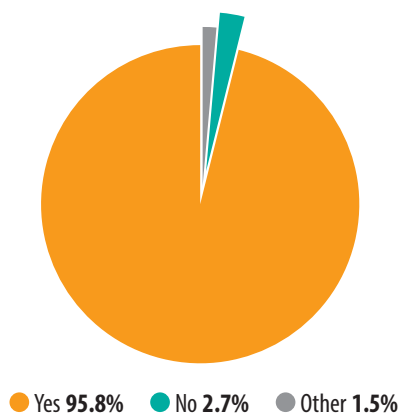
The RDEK is developing an Active Transportation Plan for the Columbia Valley area that will provide strategic direction for an active transportation network to connect the region to municipalities and other community facilities.

The RDEK Board has recognized the importance of providing alternative methods of transportation that is accessible to everyone and as a result the

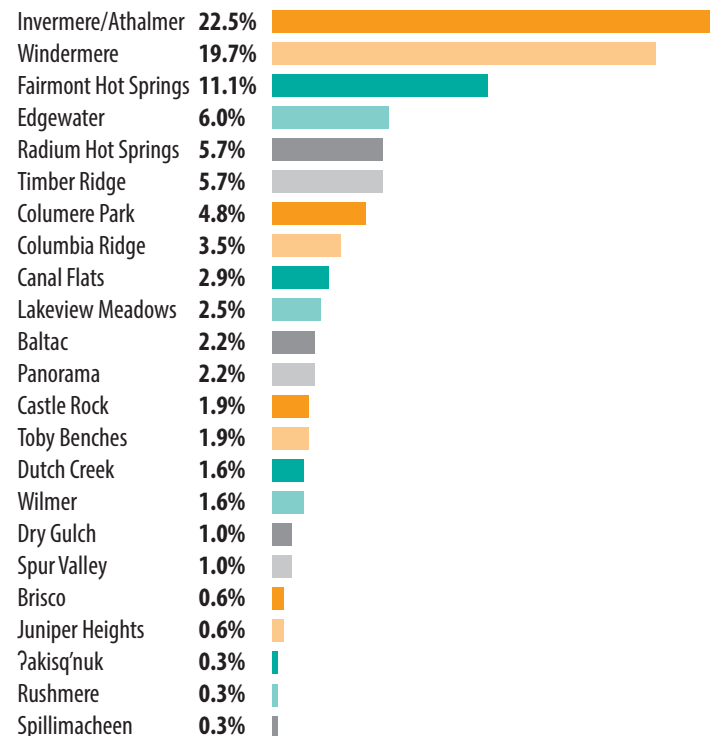
development of an Active Transportation Plan for the Columbia Valley was identified as a 2021 and 2022 strategic priority.

Public consultation is a vital part of the planning process. A public survey was conducted on engage.rdek.bc.ca/ActiveTransportationCV from September 1 to October 16, 2023. 337 individuals took the time to respond to the survey.

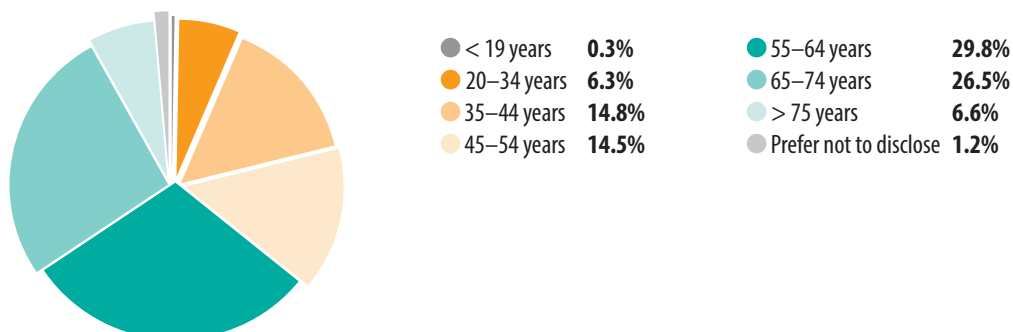
Do you have a residence or own property within the Columbia Valley area? (336 responses, 1 skipped)

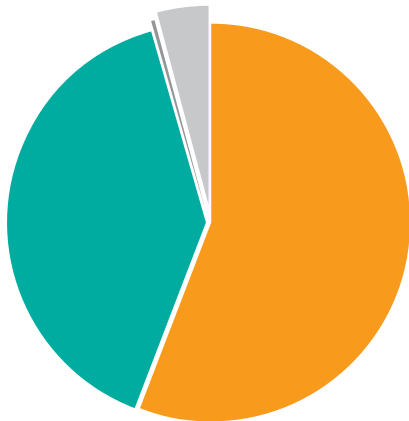


If yes, what community of the Columbia Valley do you reside in or have association with? (327 responses, 10 skipped)



Please identify your age category: (331 responses, 6 skipped)



**Please identify your gender:** (327 responses, 10 skipped)

● Female **56.1%**
● Other **0.3%**
● Male **39.6%**
● Prefer not to disclose **4.0%**

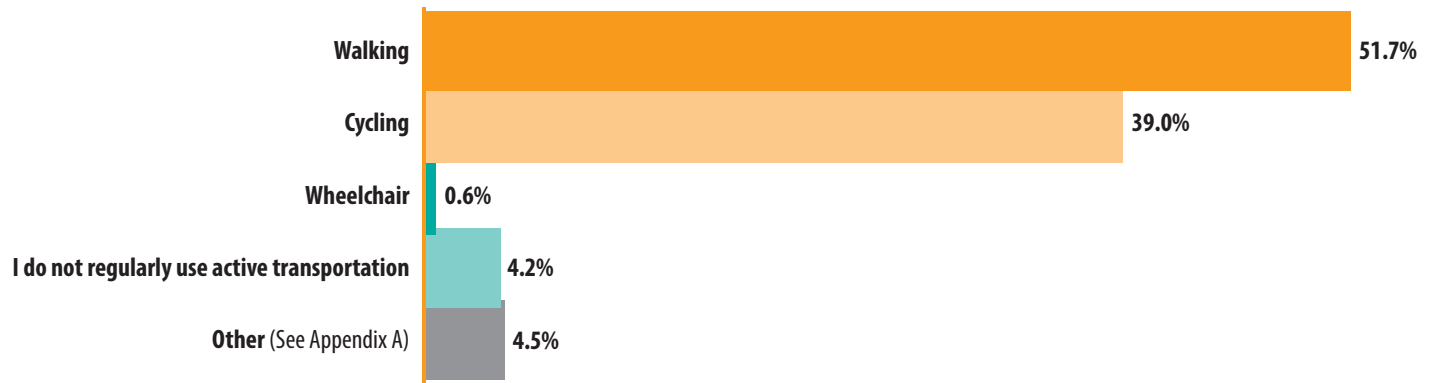
Do you have any limitations? (98 responses, 239 skipped)

● Mobility **19.2%**
○ Cognitive **0.0%**
● Hearing **13.1%**
● Other (see Appendix A) **27.3%**
● Vision **7.1%**
● Prefer not to disclose **33.3%**

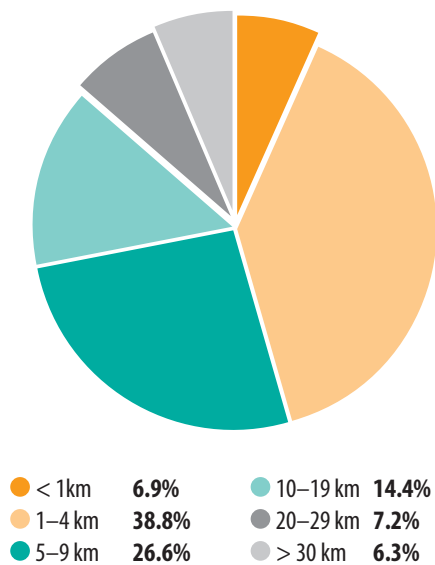
How often do you use active transportation? (329 responses, 8 skipped)



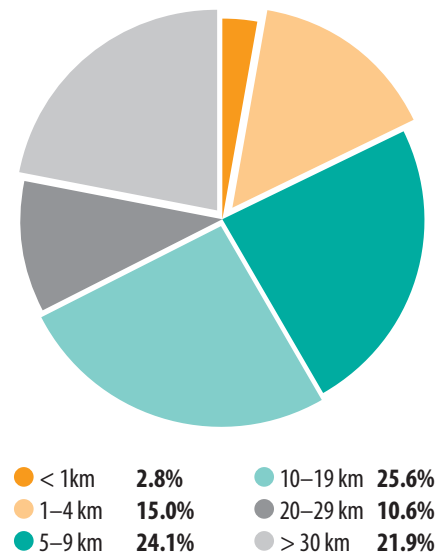
If you use active transportation to get around, which form(s) do you use most often? (330 responses, 7 skipped)



Approximately how far is your round trip when using active transportation? (319 responses, 18 skipped)



What distance would you be willing to use active transportation for getting around? (319 responses, 18 skipped)





What are your favourite trails to get around on and why? (271 responses, unedited)

- All hiking trails in the valley, KNP and BNP. Beautiful vistas, outdoor lover, hiking group companionship
- Old Coach to walk the dogs
- Old Coach-scenic, RedStreak Meadow
- Coach Trail Legacy Trail
- Don't have any yet as just moved to the area
- I'm more into using my bike as a method of transportation and would LOVE to bike to work instead of drive. I live in radium and work in Invermere and I feel the highway isn't safe for cycling every day.
- Legacy, old coach
- Coach Trail Swansea Kimberly to cranbrook bike trail All of them are easy to access
- Westside Legacy Trail as there is nothing in the town of Windermere
- Westside Legacy Trail
- Valley Trail Hale Hut
- I am not sure if you are asking about hiking or about walking for a purpose instead of driving. My favourite trail is the Wilmer wetlands and I most often walk to Windermere to go to the farmers market (Hopkins) instead of driving.
- Coach trail
- Local to Baltac & Timber Ridge communities. They are close.
- Timber Ridge, Lakeview Meadows Westside Legacy, Old Coach
- Sinclair creek, redstreak, juniper
- West side legacy - secure, no worry about cars The sidewalk on 10th from 13 St to Sobeyes - separate from traffic, wide
- Monument trails at Panorama and the legacy trail.
- Anywhere I can get to that has nice scenery.
- we don't have any trails that don't require using a vehicle first so we only bike recreationally
- Columbia Lake Road.
- Windermere loop road - to get to Swansea and avoid cycling on the hwy Westside Legacy Trail - again, to enjoy a safe cycling route (NOT ON THE HWY)
- Town roads at present as I have arthritis.
- From Columere Park to Columbia Ridge because it is far to dangerous to ride across the hoo doo bridge.
- timberridge and hilltop road and baltac, close to home
- There aren't any in Windermere
- Legacy Trail - well routed and easy for walking or cycling
- Any trail that does not have steep grades
- Westside Legacy Trail: beauty, paving quality All sidewalks in Invermere - safety
- Walking trails
- Legacy trail to Fairmont. Legacy and then road system into downtown Invermere.
- Fairmont trails, convenience
- Sidewalks and bike trails
- Both sides of Toby Creek, a Invermere to Radium along the river, Spirit trail (Fairmont), West Side legacy trail, SRL trail, bikin and walking in town, lake in the winter
- Fairmont area
- We walk downtown from home. But the only trail is the bridge over the river. Otherwise, we have to walk on the road.
- Timber Ridge
- Street or trails east of Mountainside Drive. We like to mix up the terrain, one day on pavement, next time through the forest.
- I don't
- The Westside Legacy trail is fabulous, or the Old Coach trail. It would be amazing to have something like that on the East side of the lake connecting Invermere to Windermere
- westside trail - by ebike good rest spots and restroom
- Invermere's WEST SIDE LEGACY trail is amazing. We bike on this trail as often as we can because it is so much safer than the roads
- Westside legacy trail, radium old coach rode
- West side road and gravel logging roads.
- Westside road trails. Smooth and good scenery.
- Pedley Pass is favorite.
- Old Coach Trail as it is close to my home.
- Westside legacy Trail , North Star Rails to Trails and Radium Coach Trail
- In and around the area that I live
- Road and golf cart paths in Lakeview Meadows - because that is where we live. Also like walking in town from the Library to Pyne Logs and back up to the Library through Invermere.
- Columbia lake road, near my home in Columere Park to Columbia Estates. Scenic road with views of Columbia Lake, not too much traffic . About a 15 km return trip so easy ride.
- Walking Lake Drive along Baltic Road
- Old coach, parts of Legacy. Wish there was a trail through past Windermere .
- westside legacy trail and looping around the lake.
- MMWSLT Invermere . . .because it's an awesome trail
- Legacy
- We mostly walk around our neighborhood. I'm not a big fan of the trails in this area other than the river walk in Radium by the mill.
- Westside Legacy Trail - I enjoy road cycling and mountain biking and this is the safest, best quality surface and most scenic and relaxing way to go from Fairmont to Invermere Old Coach Greenway - great for hiking and mountain biking
- Legacy Trail Columbia Lake Road Old Coach Trail Chief Isadora Trail
- Old Coach
- n/a
- West side Safety
- Trails around Edgewater
- I don't have any favorite as there's none in Edgewater. I'd like one on Columbia road though because I feel unsafe walking down Columbia.
- None. Too dangerous. No one follows rules and it's unsafe for a person with mobility issues
- Legacy trail
- Westside Legacy Trail
- Rails to Trails - in great shape. Old Coach - sand/silt too deep in sections, making it dangerous
- Westside Legacy Trail because its paved
- Old Coach Trail - mild elevation trails around Edgewater - close to my home
- Walking around the meadows subdivision.
- legacy trail
- Old Coach Trail - scenic, groomed, lengthy
- None in our area. Just roads.
- General walking in the Panorama community and cycling to/from Invermere



What are your favourite trails to get around on and why? (continued)

- 4616 land adjacent to CastleRock. Handy and great peaceful place to walk
- Westside legacy Ray Brydon Dog Park Local mountain bike trails (Johnson, klusifier)
- The Westside trail between Fairmont and Invermere. There are no safe routes on the East side, so getting to Windermere with my kids and grandchildren is not possible. I used to feel safe riding along the highway but not anymore. The traffic volume is high and drivers no longer show courtesy to bike riders in the shoulder.
- North Star rail trail, because it has good community end points, is paved, and there are few interactions with vehicles (separated). Good for going to a location and not just exercise
- We use the walking path in Fairmont every day when we are there.
- Rails to trails - long with hills but manageable hills
- Any. Love them all.
- Old Coach Trail, Lake Lillian Mountain Biking Trails
- Old Coach Road and Westside Legacy Trail are amazing trails connecting the valley and need to be connected!! Also use the Kootenay National Park trails to the Hot Springs area and would LOVE a trail to get safely to McKay Creek Compound.
- Legacy trail. Close to home and well maintained.
- Forested trails to enjoy nature
- Rails to trails - great scenery
- Rails to trails. Ease of use
- Rotary Trail. Well maintained and two lanes.
- I just do most of the local paths around me
- Westside Legacy trail
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- Rail Trail in Lake Country, BC because I can ride an ebike all the way to Vernon, BC
- Very few existing trails connect to each other in my current observation. I think if an active transportation corridor was designed and built, it opens active transportation options to more ppl who are uncomfortable using the current state to get around.
- I used paved pathways and cycling lanes to get around town. These pathways and cycling lanes are convenient and usually fairly well maintained. In the winter time we just use pathways.
- Streets near home
- Westside Legacy Trail Walkaways around town, Swansea, all biking trails, all hiking trails around
- Westside Trail
- Juniper Hts. easy proximity
- westside trail, because it is great and secure
- Westside legacy, its paved and long.
- Back Roads from Windermere to Invermere
- down to beach
- None
- those within Timber Ridge Community Phase 1
- hiking in the back country
- Timber Ridge Phase 1 road network
- Old Coach Road Trails Close to home, beautiful, suitable for all ages, bike friendly
- West side Legacy Trail for the views and the isolation - great for cycling. Also the Valley Trail at Panorama and the Old Coach Greenway.
- Sinclair creek, handy, and I have a dog. Use almost every trail over several months
- Glenmore reservoir round trip Calgary
- Westside legacy trail, old coach trail, for biking and walking the dog
- Westside Legacy and Greenway
- Cycling: most roadways I use in Invermere (13th St. & 11th Ave) are NOT set up for cycling, and can be very dangerous for cyclists Westside Legacy Trail: I use this to get to Fairmont: it is an incredible trail. Lake Windermere Whiteway: Because it is a unique and amazing winter trail that allows me to get from Invermere to Windermere. And is used by many people in Windermere to get to Invermere.
- Mostly use the road as Invermere doesn't have many trails that lead anywhere I need to get
- Westside Legacy trail to go to / from Invermere from our cabin (Also Spirit trails at NE corner of Columbia Lake and along the west side of Columbia Lake for recreation)
- Legacy Trail for cycling.
- Timber Ridge, old Coach Road
- Legacy Trail Beautiful surroundings, not packed with people, people are respectful of each other and of the surroundings
- Roads in town, west legacy, town sidewalks.
- Mount Nelson, west side trails, I like being separated from traffic, especially with children
- Old Coach, Ray Brydon, Wilmer Wetlands, SRL - dog walking mostly
- Legacy
- Legacy Trail, Northstar Trail, Chief Isadora
- Trails for recreation are excellent. Trails and paths for active transportation are poor, poorly marked and/or non-existent
- Legacy trail Bike trail from the crossroads to Invermere Old Coach Greenway
- West side legacy
- Westside Legacy Trail
- local roads
- Legacy, Northstar
- Fairmont to Invermere Westside Legacy Trail, Cranbrook to Kimberly Rail to Trail pathway Within Calgary the Rotary /Mattamy pathway
- I like to explore all trails
- Westside Legacy Trail as it goes right into Invermere for amenities
- Legacy. We need a trail to Wilmer.
- Mountain bike trails
- Windermere Loop Rd, Legacy Trail, Roads in communities
- Roads in Timber Ridge, Baltac, Pedley Heights, Lakeview Meadows, Highlands, Lower Lakeview Rd. They are paved and generally flat. Not on weekends, too busy.
- Westside Legacy trail
- Old coach Road
- Well maintained trail safer than riding on the road especially with young kids
- Rails to trails because it is paved for cycling Cranbrook community forest and eager Hills for beautiful walking
- West side Trail - paved, safe Dutch creek - neighborhood trails
- loved ebiking with my family around Invermere, legacy trail. Recently moved to Juniper Heights so no longer have access to bike anywhere safely.
- I have to use the road
- Timber Ridge pathways
- None. Not t suitable for my disability



What are your favourite trails to get around on and why? (continued)

- Legacy trail
- Juniper trails, pine ridge trails, tony benches trails. Johnson trails, Swansea red trails.
- They range from Lake of the Hanging Glacier to Panorama Village trail, and walking to the Village Shop.
- Westside Legacy Trail,
- Roads West side trail
- the existing walking network (ITS).
- Dutch Creek Trail - right out my back door
- Columere Park to Dutch Creek as it's easily accessible from where we live.
- Westside Legacy Trail, Johnston Road, Pineridge Dr, 13th Ave
- Favourite? Roadways but worried about traffic
- Don't hike
- Westside Legacy trail. Great variety of terrain. Maintained well. Great views and well signed.
- Legacy Trail, Old Coach Trail
- Legacy Trail
- No not regularly use trails. Occasional use of James Chabot or Pynelogs area paths.
- Westside Legacy trail, is great for cycling by ebike, great to be out in nature and enjoying the exercise and freedom, also going to Fairmont for coffee or lunch in the Local Coffee Shop
- Important considerations are: safety, directness and sensory appeal. I think the two former are self-explanatory but on the latter, I would say noise and cleanliness are the main factors. Ideally the trail is in natural areas, or minimizes travel through busy, industrial areas.
- There aren't as many trails in fernie/routes for active transport but I do like the Cranbrook-Kimerly rail trail.
- Legacy Trail (easy access and close) and Cranbrook to Kimberly and Old Coach Greenway (Kimberly / Radium a good destination for lunch)
- We are walkers and hikers and when out for a hike in the nearby mountains we can easily do 8-15 km depending on elevation gain. We would like to take up cycling and could ride over 30km. We are unwilling to do this in highway traffic tho. We like juniper , old coach,west side,pedley,jumbo,panorama area, Lillian etc etc. we walk to town just for errands, garden, etc as a matter of daily living
- Paved flat ones
- West Side Legacy Trail Spirit Trail
- Westside Legacy - to get to Invermere because it's safe to ride on and there is cell service
- Don't use any in Edgewater as there are not any. Highway is unsafe to cycle on.
- sidewalks within the town of Invermere
- Markin McPhail, Swansea.
- Legacy Trail. Like to bike but not on main roads
- Deja Vu.. beautiful views. Around Copper Point GC. Trails at Juniper are vey nice. Johnson trails are great to bike on
- Mostly rec trails for biking. Swansea, Juniper, Johnson.
- The mix of trails behind our house- no one else uses them
- Wide and well marked with little traffic.
- Windermere FSR; Bruce Creek FSR; Toby Hill road; West side trail; Houlgrave road
- flat paved surfaces
- I like trails that are paved, and that are wide enough that multiple people can walk next to each other comfortably
- Single Track non paved Trails
- Need more
- Streets, Athalmer trail
- Old coach
- Old Coach Road. Beautiful area that would be great to commute on
- Hoodoo trails, legacy trail
- Around the neighborhood
- Old Coach is super lovely and large enough that it works very well for multi-use with very little conflict.
- Any trail that does not have cars! we use trails for getting around and for exercise
- Westside Legacy Trail, Northstar Trail, Chief Isadora Trail, General backcountry roads and trails
- Trails that have minimal traffic stops and a clear separation from traffic
- Mountain bike trails and paved trails.
- Hoodoo trail for a great viewpoint and west side trail for exercise
- Neighborhood
- There are no trails from windermere. I would LOVE to bike to Invermere but do not feel safe on the highway
- Dutch Creek
- wilmer wetlands, all the Purcells, the Rocky Mountains
- no favorites
- Pretty Columere neighborhood and beach area more than enough for this octogenarian.
- Legacy trail, very scenic and fun to go to fairmont for an afternoon.
- Westside Legacy Trail Dorothy Lake Trail
- Often travel from Windermere through Timber Ridge and from there across the bridge and into downtown (shopping).
- Johson. Lake Lillian Trails
- Deja View; Westside Legacy Fun and scenic
- Legacy Trail and Deja View
- Trails we use are not named. We use trails around that we can walk to rather than drive to. On longer hikes, we go to ones described in 'Hikes around Invermere'.
- "Trails" to downtown Invermere. Markin-McPhail Westside Legacy Trail.
- No formal trails. The backcountry
- Legacy Trail, trails around town
- Trails in town, Legacy trail
- Around Canal Flats
- Only relying on active transportation within Windermere as there are no viable options to get to Invermere without using the highway.
- Legacy Trail Canmore to Banff, Galloping Goose Trail in Victoria, E&N Rail Trail in Victoria, Trans Canada Trail, well looked after, maintained and for the most part very safe.
- Highway (wish there was a bigger shoulder) back roads, conservation trails
- Trails up the kootenay from canal flats and Findlay bypass as they're close to home.
- Westside
- Westside Legacy trail, it's an amazing trail, but the



What are your favourite trails to get around on and why? (continued)

- hills just past castlerock are too steep to bike.
- No trails in Windermere
- Old coach and Westside for enjoyment. Athalmer Trail - because it is located where I need to go. Trails in town - to get around.
- Markim McPhail Westside Legacy Trail
- Trails without motorized traffic
- Westside Legacy Trail, long, safe & scenic
- FHS trails for walking and Legacy Trail if I'm on my bike.
- Old Coach, Juniper trails, for running in the valley. I also use the west side road with my gravel bike, but would love if I could ride from Edgewater to Invermere without having to use the highway
- Golf courses...easy to walk
- Moved to Invermere recently and so just learning the trails. Have mostly been using the trails around Castlerock and into Invermere
- New here and just learning the trails. Castlerock to Invermere so far.
- Fairmont Hot Springs to Canal Flats
- On the east side of Lake Windermere there are no public trails and very few sidewalks so I walk on the road.
- Legacy Trail & Rail Trail from Cranbrook to Kimberly. Both trails are very different but the variety they both offer is appealing.
- Use trails around Kinsman Beach, Lakeview meadows and Timber Ridge
- Johnson Trails Panorama Valley Trail ITS Old Coach Trail Conservation bluffs just past Wilmer Lake Enid - Road is terrible to get there though
- Edgewater endowment lands, our own property & highway 95.
- Trails to the lake.
- General walking and seasonal cycling around the periphery of Edgewater and occasional use of the Old Coach Trail
- Westside Legacy Trail - love the segregated path away from the highway
- informal trails in the forest; no formal trail to go where I walk to
- We walk trails around Fairmont, staying active. We also ride on the road shoulders to go visit friends in Columbia Ridge. When just going for a ride for exercise, we ride the Westside trail, or the Spirit Trail.
- Tukats Trail, near my house, nice views Spirit Loop, easy walk along the lake Poet trail that runs from Fairmont to the resort Old Coach, great trail which is good in almost any season
- if we want to actually jump on a trail, we would drive to the westside legacy trail. that trail alone can serve this entire valley.
- To connect to the legacy trail . reason ..It's a beautiful ride ,away from traffic great exercise
- West Side Legacy Trail. reason : It is a beautiful ride and great exercise
- Legacy Trail (Invermere) / Valley Trail (Panorama)
- Westside Legacy Trail due to it's proximity to where I live.
- Old coach around Edgewater because they don't require transporting bikes
- paved path
- Legacy Trail, and Rails to Trails. They are so easy to use and well maintained
- Westside Legacy Trail, Rails to Trails
- Westside Legacy Trail, Old Coach Trail, Dorothy Lake Trails. Convenient to our home.
- From Windermere we don't have any trails so I'm unable to use active transportation to get places (e.g. Invermere) because I'm unwilling to take the risk of riding my bike on the highway.
- Hwy 95, it's the only route connecting Edgewater to Radium, and with the recent shoulder improvement, it safer than it was before. I also like the Johnston trail network because of the flowy Cross Country style singletrack, which is easy and fun to ride.
- Legacy, Westside, old coach, rails to trails
- Lake Lillian bike trails due to shade, views and beauty.
- Old Coach Trail the scenery and ease of use
- Old coach and Juniper Trails. They are the closest trails to Edgewater so easy access after work.
- Bike or walk
- All local hiking trails and walking in Windermere
- 1. Bike trails separate from cars. 2. Walking trails with good signage.
- Markin-McPhail Legacy Trail - no vehicle traffic
- Primarily around Radium - including Sinclair Creek and Red Streak. Also Old Coach Trail. Occasionally Highway 95 to Invermere - but nervous about traffic.
- I use the Invermere trails, mostly to get to work
- Within Windermere because there is no connection to north except highway
- Lake enid , and the wetlands
- Westside Legacy Trail, and roads for commuting around Invermere
- Because the single bike lane in town is woefully inadequate for getting around (unless you only need to get from the bakery to the middle school) and cycling traffic is incompatible with pedestrians on the paved sidewalks and "multi-use pathways" I ride on the road in traffic.
- Legacy trail. It is paved and mostly away from motor vehicles.
- Legacy





Do you ever use the Westside Legacy Trail, and if so where do you access this trail? (297 responses, unedited)

- Yes, various points
- yes, wither Fairmont side or near Castle Rock junction
- Yes. Access from Invermere
- south end
- Copper Point
- I do use it, but it's a bit too winding and so makes you choose the road for efficiency
- Yes, Invermere
- Access from the Invermere town side
- I drive to Fairmount to access the trail.
- Cycle from Invermere out to the trail.
- Yes
- Occasionally use, Usually park at the south end.
- Not often
- Not yet. Looking forward to using it soon.
- No
- Hoodoos start
- From Invermere
- A few times, from the trailhead start
- All the time. Either from the SRL parking lot or from Invermere, biking from home
- Yes usually at Goldie Creek
- Where ever there is parking to go for a short walk, been mulitple points along the way
- no, because it requires driving to Invermere and doesn't really connect communities
- At the south end. Difficult to access from Columbia Lake Road because of the narrow and dangerous crossing of Dutch Creek on the highway. Need a safer crossing for cyclists wanting to access the trail or for those who wish to ride their bike to Fairmont.
- Use it for cycling and acres at Fairmont where trail is less challenging
- Yes, either end
- Yes, from the main entrance
- Never used.
- Yes, we have to drive to parking by hoo doos
- yes, near town
- Rarely
- Yes - Invermere end near to CastleRock
- No
- yes. invermere and from the middle. the south end is flatter than the north end.
- No
- Yes, several times a week, access from Castle Rock.
- Not yet
- Yes Invermere
- Often, various points connect all these trail to downtown
- Haven't yet, but looking forward to biking it soon
- In the shoulder months, we ride from home down the highway to Fairmont then back on the trail to Invermere and through town. In the summer months, we drive to the trailhead because there is too much highway traffic. A trail on the east side of the lake w.
- Haven't used it yet
- Yes. We have started at almost all access points.
- No
- Yes. From all points.
- by the hoodoos
- We access it from the south end
- From Fairmont
- Yes, often , Invermere
- Yes, from our house, we bike there.
- I do not.
- Yes. Fairmont side.
- No. I donated but didn't realize it wasn't dog friendly. I never use it.
- No
- At many entrances but usually at the north end closest to Invermere.
- Yes but I cycle this not walk
- Never
- I have used it - access it along Westside Road.
- Yes access at Fairmont Hot Springs
- I have biked the Legacy Trail to just a little past the yellow bike.
- Yes, from Fairmont as the north end is dangerous for cyclists. I use the portion of the trail and then the newly paved road.
- I use the WLT frequently. Sometimes I ride from Terravista around the lake and do the trail and then link up and do the highway. If just doing the trail I will park on either side and do it from one end and return back.
- Yes, near the hoodoos
- See above
- Castlerock
- No
- I often ride from Windermere to Fairmont on the highway, use the Westside Legacy Trail to Invermere and then back on the highway to return to Windermere
- Right at my home in Fairmont
- Invermere
- Invermere or Fairmont
- no
- Cattle guard
- No
- I have done a couple times accessing from the 1 or 2 km parking lot
- No.
- All the time - Invermere to Fairmont and return
- Often. Access below my home.
- haven't used it yet
- Invermere
- Not very often, I stick to the trails closer to Edgewater
- Fairmont
- Once. I should use it more.
- Occasionally
- yes. often. from Invermere
- Have not used this yet
- Far away but occasional go cycling there.
- I do not use the Westside Legacy trail.
- I have used it for bicycle riding occasionally. I access it from the bottom of the road to CastleRock at Westside Road
- From home, Castle Rock
- Yes, we ride directly from our home or take our bikes to park somewhere along the route.
- I've accessed from Invermere before
- We used it for a bike ride but found it very challenging and haven't been back
- Yes Fairmont. Could do with alternatives to a couple of the big hills. I do not ride an e-bike so it gets harder every year.
- Not had the chance yet because dogs are not allowed
- No, but I would like to try it some day
- Yes. Usually from the Invermere end.
- Yes! From the Invermere end
- Yes, Hoodoos
- Yes, access from many points - just an exercise thing.
- No
- Yes, usually around Panama



Do you ever use the Westside Legacy Trail, and if so where do you access this trail? (Continued)

- both ends
- Yes. Fairmont end where the first washrooms are.
- I have used it to go from Cranbrook to Kimberley, BC
- No
- Yes. Beginning and end
- I access this trail either from my house/13th Ave or I drive to one of the parking areas, usually the SRL parking lot.
- No
- Never
- No, that would require using a car to get close to the trail.
- Yes, from near Emp school along past Castlerock and onto the trail. It would be great if something went from the highway through town and up to there.
- Yes. From the north end.
- Yes for cycling
- I've used it once, access from Castle Rock
- Yes from Dry Gulch
- Invermere
- Yes, westside rd by castle rock
- Yes, from Invermere.
- no
- seldom
- It looks beautiful
- No
- On bike access after steep sections
- Yes. From the Invermere end.
- Yes, anywhere depending on time and who I am with
- No
- Yes, west of Invermere
- Just past Castle Rock
- Yes at entrance to K2 Ranch and cycle to Fairmont marketplace and return
- Yes. Access from Invermere.
- I use this trail recreationally, I access it from Westside road when doing so
- YES. FREQUENTLY! We try to ride from Dutch Creek across the bridge to the southern start of the Trail but have been nearly hit by vehicles crossing the bridge several times. A safe way for walkers and cyclists is URGENTLY NEEDED across Dutch Creek
- Fairmont end.
- Yes invermere
- Castlerock
- I access usually from in Invermere but sometimes will drive to a parking lot at the start of trail
- From my house, so Mt Nelson park
- Yes, From town
- Yes, dont know the name of the access point
- Rushmere
- Access from Hoodoos
- Yes, for recreation. It's awesome. I access it from the Fairmont side.
- No
- Yes, at the beginning closest to Invermere
- from south end near fairmont
- Invermere side
- No access
- Hoodoos
- Yes, south trailhead. Usually ride from Dutch Creek to the trailhead to access
- Right by airport
- Yes. At the Fairmont end, or halfway to Invermere
- From Invermere
- On 13th Ave
- Drive to trailhead
- south side of Westside road (closest to fairmont)
- Yes, from the Invermere and the Fairmont sides
- Hoo Doo Parking lot
- Yes - access from the south end
- Drive to Fairmont access
- Love the legacy trail, access from west side park.
- Yes, at the south end by 93/hoodoos
- No
- No
- Yes, but it's dangerous to get to from our residence due to the bridge over Dutch Creek.
- Ride from town or main parking lot on invermere side
- I'd like to walk this, or potentially cycle it with an E-bike
- from many points, both ends and sometimes near Castle Ridge
- North end
- Yes! At least twice a week in the spring/summer/fall. Accessed from 13th by the school.
- No, because of the no dog rule and walking access from Dutch Creek isn't safe
- Occasionally for walking, however, would like to get an ebike to use regularly.
- 15th at 13th Ave
- Yes, drive to it
- Very Seldom
- Yes. Access from home and ride to north start of it
- yes, at the south end
- From home in Invermere
- From Invermere
- No
- Yes, I access the trail, from the Westside Road, Invermere
- Yes. I have travelled to access it near Invermere.
- I haven't before
- Yes Access near beginning of trail nearest Invermere
- Yes, all year long. We usually drive to one of the many parking lots and choose a segment to walk or occasionally bike
- Very south end of trail
- At the base of the road. I drive to the parking lot there because there is no safe route between Columere and there.
- no
- no
- Many times. Starting at the Castle Rock trail head.
- Both North and South end of the trail
- Couple times a year, from both ends.
- Yes, SRL parking lot by the pond.
- No
- Yes. From the hoodoo parking lot
- have not used yet
- Commonly Ride from Timber Ridge through town. Otherwise with a group park at the roadside pullout below Castlestone Blvd.
- Yes. Great trail system.
- no
- South Side Parking
- Need more safe bike lanes on highway!
- Rarely and access from Invermere
- Sometimes
- Once or twice a year. Main trailhead
- At hoodoos parking lot.
- Yes
- I've used part of it when accessing the SRL.
- Yes, we access it from Invermere



Do you ever use the Westside Legacy Trail, and if so where do you access this trail? (Continued)

- Hoodoos
- From the north end
- I would love to but from Dutch Creek the access for my kids is to dangerous so we just stay in the neighborhood or drive to alternate locations.
- Yes Nichol road, hoodoo trails parking lots
- Fairmont end
- I drive to Westside road to go for a ride with my friends once a week
- Nope
- I don't because I have to drive to it
- Yes, sometimes at the entrance to SRL trails, sometimes at the Fairmont end. Prefer to avoid the switchbacks on the Invermere end.
- No
- seldom used, accessed from the Westside road,
- Do not use
- Near west side park road, use it frequently
- No as I would have to ride my bike on the highway to get to it.
- Yes! I usually have someone's drive me and accompany me on the trail
- Yes, starting at J A Laird Elementary (parking is easy)
- Yes - off teh highway near Dry Gulch??
- Yes. North parking.
- Yes, very often. Access via Invermere
- Only twice. Access from Hoodoos parking area.
- North Trail Kiosk
- Frequently used during the spring/summer. I access it from my house in CastleRock Estates, as well using a vehicle to take our bikes to one of the parking lots: where the pond is and the south end from Fairmont.
- No,
- Yes, from
- Yes, from home
- No
- Rarely, you have to drive to get to the Westside trail
- Yes, from Invermere
- yes, Invermere access
- Yes at hoodoos to invermere
- access from Fairmont tail's end
- Yes, at Castlestone Blvd
- Seldom as it is to far to get to
- Fairmont end and on westside
- All the time and from the north end - near
- Invermere
- yes, a few times each summer
- Invermere
- Yes
- No as I can't get there from Windermere
- Southern most end
- from town
- Once in awhile as it's too far
- At the start, just past Castlerock.
- No, but intend to.
- No
- Yes. The south end.
- No. Too much hassle to load up the bike and drive over.
- Yes, from Castlerock
- No
- No
- No
- Rarely, but when I do I do so just past Castle Rock.
- Not at the moment.
- Around the K2 ranch pullout. The section closer to town is too steep.
- I have yet to use this trail
- Yes, usually from the first pull out just past the cattleguard just outside District of Invermere Boundaries and then travel to Fairmont
- once per year; access from Invermere or nearby
- Yes, we start in Fairmont.
- No because I don't bike
- sometimes. main entrance north side.
- Access the trail riding from our house on the highway crossing (darting) across the bridge at the Hoodoos./ Both my husband and I have almost been killed on that bridge as their is no room for a vehicle(s) and bikes. The site line is terrible
- From riding on the highway ,crossing bridge at the Hoodoo's (almost killed on bridge) riding on Westside road then connecting with trail
- Regularly / all points
- Yes, and access at the north (Invermere) end.
- From Fairmont townsite but it's really convoluted and involves a few highway interactions that are not great
- Yes. Many places for variation
- planning on trying it 2024
- Westside Road, south end
- Westside Road, south end
- Salter Creek
- yes, Invermere end.
- Wanting to use it, but it is far from my house and doesn't lead to many purposeful destinations.
- No
- Yes, multiple locations
- Yes, access from Castlerock community entrance
- Sometimes, but not often as it is far from Edgewater
- No
- yes, trailhead outside of Invermere on the west side road
- Not useful for me
- Not yet but I intend to access the flatter section closer to Fairmont.
- First time today. We were looking for a rest stop and came upon rest stop toilet, bike trail and trailhead. Wow! Even a repair station for bikes!!
- Both ends
- No, but wpuld if better path to Invermere from Radium.
- I have but mostly just to see the trails. Access from Invermere
- Sometimes. From castle rock
- Once , i dont trust the traffic that speeds through there in the evenings
- No too tough
- Yes, we bike down 13 Ave to the North Kiosk
- Yes, from the north and south starting points
- Yes. Off 13th Ave
- Yes.



Do you have any recommendations for where you would like the existing RDEK trails (Westside Legacy Trail, Athalmer Trail, Old Coach Greenway) to connect to? Please explain. (226 responses, unedited)

- I would love to see a trail system connecting Fairmont to Invermere
- This sounds remotely like a 15 minute city, I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THIS AGENDA.
- Connect RDEK trails to Invermere in meaningful and well-planned and maintained manner. Invermere's trail infrastructure is a joke. Legacy trail connects to a trail which is essentially just shoulder of Westside Road and which is not maintained (full of gravel now at end of summer) and is too narrow for safe use. The Invermere portion of the trail is a master class in poor planning and even poorer execution of an active trail network. Find a way to get around railway tracks in Fairmont to connect Legacy Trail to Fairmont community.
- Connect Radium to Invermere via paved trail such as Legacy Trail
- Please connect Radium to Invermere so I never have to drive again!!!
- Connect west side road trail to east side and have a path there - this side of the lake is a very busy road and a trail would be great here
- Extend Old coach to Invermere, the highway during tourist season is terrifying
- I would love to see a trail connecting the town of Windermere to points north.
- Connecting to a variety of in/out points makes the trails more accessible.
- Columbia Lake Road
- West side legacy needs to connect to Fairmont.



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Biking on the highway, especially the narrow overpasses is really dangerous. I'd love to see all the trails connect! Also, Windermere needs to be connected to the crossroads with a bike path. I see people cycling on the highway which is so dangerous!

- I am not too familiar with the other trails but am all for connectivity.
- I would like to see a pathway that runs all the way down the valley from Radium to Canal Flats, maybe running beside the existing railway lines
- we would like the Old Coach to connect to Edgewater, so we could safely bicycle to Radium and beyond, eventually to Invermere
- Need a paved trail to Canal Flats along the west side of Columbia Lake
- Being able to cycle from south end of Westside Legacy Trail to Radium
- No comments
- I think you need to extend the trail to canal flats. There are a lot of us who ride the road between CP and CR
- Windermere. Riding along the highway is scary
- Connect to the Trails at Lake Lillian and perhaps a trail all the way up to Panorama
- Invermere to Windermere. Please Invermere to Pano - so dangerous!! Invermere to Radium. Better connection Invermere to the Cross roads.
- No
- It would be amazing to have all of those trails connected together with only having to cross major roads. That would completely open up Radium to Fairmont.
- No comment
- Radium village centre
- Not yet
- Fairmont connected to Radium by trail would be great.
- What about Westside Legacy Trail to Columbia Road by Coys.
- No
- Right now we are in Akiskinook and we are "land locked". There is no safe way for us to bike/walk to amenities in Windermere or Invermere without riding along the highway.
- It would be wonderful to see the trail continue to Windermere and fully loop the lake
- All of the above invermere to radium.
- Radium
- I would like to be able to access something near Windermere.
- Kootenay No 3 road/ Mt. Swansea
- Windermere to Invermere
- I would greatly appreciate ALL of the trails to have boxes with bags to collect dog waste. I bring my own and then bring extras for the messes I find on the trails. I have asked the Radium Council and they say it is out of their jurisdiction.
- Westside Trail needs to be connected even better and much more safely connected to Invermere. It would be terrific for the Coach Trail to connect to Invermere and Windermere.
- connections to cycle throughout the whole are would be amazing. Better connection on the old highway road to Fairmont from the Windermere side to connect with the Legacy trail safely
- Invermere
- West side legacy trail (Fairmont) to Canal Flats
- It would be fantastic to have a trail on the highway 95 side that connected to WLT. Or even to have a pathway that linked Windermere to Invermere.
- Extend MMWSLT to Radium..Then to Canal Flats. It's an economy driver
- To link them all together, Fairmont to Radium
- It would be extremely helpful to have a greenway system to bike/walk between Windermere and Invermere. I feel many people would utilize it, myself included, daily. We would love to be able to bike to work. The highway is too risky.
- Westside Legacy Trail - at the south end a connection right into Fairmont. At the north end a better connection into Invermere. Anytime a person can get on to a trail simply by cycling or walking in a safe manner should increase usage significantly and result in more demand for such systems. Any connectivity that you can add to the communities themselves from trails or inter-connectedness between towns should better encourage their use and see more people using them
- No
- *Old coach to Invermere *Athalmer trail to Wilmer
- none
- none
- More trails around edgewater, connect to old coach.
- A more accessible and walking flat surfaces not up and down hills
- Would be amazing to connect the Legacy trail to Radium
- I ride my e-bike to Invermere Airport on a regular basis. When going over the bridge over the Columbia, I take the entire lane. I refuse to ride on the sidewalk. I usually get an irate Albertan in a truck honking at me. I'm legally allowed to ride my e-bike on this road.
- I would like a trail system that goes from Radium Hot Springs and continue all around Lake Windermere and connect to Legacy trail
- Better access to Westside trail from Fairmont. More paved trails in Fairmont itself.
- Legacy trail Invermere to Radium.
- connect between communities
- Old Coach to Invermere would be amazing. Anything towards Edgewater would actually be useable for us!
- No
- Old coach road upgrade Athalmer to Radium Hot Springs
- A path along the highway would be really appreciated. It is unsafe to ride through the reserve as many families have dogs that run wild. One one ride my daughter was chased by dogs from three separate homes, the last one having two pit bulls that nearly took her down off her bike. If it weren't for the decline in the road, they would have gotten her. Also, this is Indigenous land and there should be engagement with the First Nation about this potential use, to ensure it is safe and respectful for all parties.
- More connections to active transportation networks within communities; expand the trail network further South towards Kimberley and Cranbrook to make a longer transportation network
- Invermere to Radium so that there would be a safer route than the highway.
- Please connect these trails for access from Radium through to Fairmont Hot Springs and consider collaborating with Kootenay National Park to include trail/sidewalk access to the McKay Creek Compound.
- Would cycle Baltac to Invermere for errands - currently do so occasionally on roads but they are narrow with lots of traffic.
- No
- Fort Steele and Wasa



Do you have any recommendations for where you would like the existing RDEK trails (Westside Legacy Trail, Athalmer Trail, Old Coach Greenway) to connect to? Please explain. (Continued)

- Extend connection of Westside into Fairmont Extend Westside along West portion of river valley into Radium
- I would like the Westside Legacy Trail to continue on to Radium
- Connect to communities so that you can ride anywhere, i.e. Wasa, Radium Hot Springs, Fernie, Rose Lake, Moyie, Lumberton, etc.
- It would be great to connect active transportation (separated infrastructure) to radium hot springs, into downtown invermere.
- From Sobey's to the road to the road to panorama. Hard to cross over from the other side and no space for bikes and cars on the other side.
- Connect Windermere to Invermere - or even better from invermere to Fairmont so that a whole loop of the lake could actually take place. Also getting Old Coach to from Invermere o Radium would further help with connectivity. It would be a road biking, walking, running dream
- It would be nice for the Westside Legacy trail to go up to Fairmont Hot Springs and also to Coy's or Canal Flats
- They're all good. There's plenty of ways to get around. Legacy trail is great but still bikers on the west side rd. why?
- Westside Legacy Trail connection to Canal Flats
- Through Shuswap reserve
- no
- The crossroads to connect with the big hill/ bridge going into Invermere. Currently very narrow path and it is not paved.
- All of them should connect
- n/a
- I haven't seen any sign for Athalmer or Old Coach....
- No
- Old Coach Greenway to Invermere and south to at least Brisco.
- Should be amenities like water and toilets at regular intervals...then as long as they all connect it is good
- Yes, connect along Lakeview Drive and then down to Windermere, as well as to connect people that live on the east side of the highway.
- Where it is accessible from both the east and west side of the lake
- It is essential to have a safe active transportation pathway connected from Invermere to Windermere.
- Right now this is incredibly dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians alike. It would also be incredible to see the Westside Legacy Trail linked from 'hot spring to 'hot spring' (Fairmont - Radium).
- Would love to see the trail network expand to bike lanes and sidewalks on roads to make these areas more friendly to non car users
- Connecting the communities (Columere Spirits Reach, Dutch Creek resort, Dutch Creek Community, etc.) along the hwy 93 south the Hoodoos to the Westside Trail is URGENT for safety and has core value for recreation and community connection. A safe path could be 'hung' off the side of the existing bridge - many examples of this being done - but a safe access path leading up to and away from the bridge must also be established.
- All of the above
- Radium Hot Springs
- Would love a safe way to commute to Windermere. Would love more safe cycling paths away from vehicles and off leash dogs.
- Pineridge, Lake Lillian network
- Old Coach Greenway should connect to Invermere. Westside Legacy should connect through to Wilmer
- To Radium and to Canal Flats, then Kimberley and Golden, bike tourism for this valley could be huge with a paved trail from Kimberley to Golden
- Legacy Trail to Fairmont and Canal Flats
- Windermere's tagline on it's nice welcome sign is "A Walking Community". Yet there are essentially no walking paths or sidewalks anywhere in town. Certainly none for active transportation - maybe a few recreation trails but make it safer and more suitable for people to actually walk and cycle to the public beach and commercial areas (Family Pantry, Hopkin's, Winderberry). Please consider walking paths, sidewalks, and other pathways for bikes. Especially connecting the Nelles Crescent and Windermere Road area to the public beach and commercial areas.
- I would like the Old Coach to connect with the Athalmer Trail to Invermere/Legacy Trail and then connect at Fairmont to Invermere.
- connect old coach to invermere
- Old Coach Trail from Invermere to Radium
- not needed
- Legacy to Canal Flats and Legacy to Fairmont
- Westside Legacy expansion to the Columbia Lake area would be my primary option as it would provide access to the Columbia Lake area.
- Would be great to have access to canal flats all the way to radium
- It would be great to have the WLT connect to Columbia Lake Road with a safe crossing of the Dutch Creek Bridge
- I'm town and to connect Wilmer to Invermere and athelmer to Invermere better
- I think a community to community trail would be fantastic. Getting between towns without having to ride on the road would be great.
- Yes!!! Connecting Windermere (town) to Baltac, Timber Ridge & Lakeview Meadows, without having to go on the highway. If nothing else, a trail/ pathway running parallel to highway, perhaps in utility corridor
- I'd like to see old coach connect to Invermere
- Old coach should connect Dry gulch, Juniper heights, Shuswap band and Invermere. Fairmont should be connected to Canal Flats via the west side of Columbia Lake, connecting those communities (Columere, Bella vista etc.)
- Westside to Dutch creek area and beyond to Canal flats . The Dutch creek area with the three developments has a lot of young families, it is not safe to walk or ride across the Dutch creek bridge whatsoever. Between increased personal vehicle traffic there are also far too many large transport trucks going far to fast over the bridge for anyone to consider crossing this bridge safety essentially leaving you no choice but to drive
- Fairmont to canal flats as it is closest to Cranbrook
- To connect to Canal Flats, or at least to Columbia Lake Rd
- Connecting Invermere to radium would be amazing. View of the wetlands instead of the highway would be ideal. I'm sure there are some property difficulties along the way tho.
- Have Westside legacy trail connect to the Dutch Creek area (houses on Dutch Creek road, hoodoo campground, Dutch Creek RV park).
- no
- no
- Please add a pedestrian lane on the bridge over Dutch Creek and continue the trail south.
- You could utilize the Fairmont footpath and then the trials On crown Land and head towards Windermere



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- Love then to connect to a trail that goes around four points in the water - similar to Vancouver Stanley park sea walk. It's time for council and RDEK to finally respect all citizens, not just the rich and enforce the bylaws and laws that exist to ensure these privileged few don't manipulate our landscape forever.
- I'd like the Westside Legacy Trail to connect to near the Hoodoos on Hwy 93, and potentially from there to Columbia Lakeside
- Plan to connect all
- I would love to see a separated trail from Radium to Invermere to Fairmont the entire way that is appropriate for bikes, wheelchairs/strollers and people walking.
- Westside legacy trail to connect to South of the Dutch Creek... people using the bridge and it isn't safe due sight lines and an extremely narrow should/curb on the bridge. And, connect the eastside of Lake Windermere (Akisqnuq, Windermere, Timber Ridge Lakeview Meadows etc to Athalmer)
- Would love to have the trail systems connect to south of Fairmont (Columere Park) so that we don't have to bike on the highway and have the ability to access a designated trail system safely.
- It would be great to have a trail from Radium to Fairmont like the trail from Canmore to Banff. More people would/could walk or ride safely!
- Extend the north end of legacy trail along 13th ave all the way to 1st street and then around 1st street and then create a switchback through the forested area on corner of 1st st/ 10th Ave down into athalmer. Connect the trail to old coach trail via new bridge by athalmer bridge. Then create a path from there all the way to the north end of old coach trail. This would avoid making Main Street in invermere more Congested. You could also go down thru the industrial area and then connect to athalmer bridge.
- Invermere to Old Coach Trail would be awesome! Radium to Edgewater Fairmont to Canal Flats
- The legacy trail needs less steep trails at the beginning so everyone can ride from Invermere. You don't See many young families on this end of the trail. They have to drive out with their bikes a few kilometres then get on the trail. The trail at this end is too steep and many sharp corners without guardrails.
- It would be excellent to connect it to the Old Coach Greenway.
- From Spillimacheen to Canal Flats
- No
- The vision of connected trails between Spilli and canal flats would be awesome. Maybe connections to lake Lillian area and down into Windermere, Swansea would be neat too. Radium to Edgewater too.
- It would be great if the west side legacy trail were extended further south across Dutch Creek
- Yes - Dutch Creek and Columere. Right now you have to ride the highway or the train tracks - neither is safe.
- not aware of current network
- Edgewater to Radium Wilmer to Invermere
- No
- There should be a trail on the east side of the Windermere lake from Fairmont to Radium. Both the Westside trail and the Eastside trail should connect to the Old coach trail that needs an important uplift.
- Connect the Legacy Trail to the Old Coach Greenway to Radium. A continuous trail from Radium to Fairmount would provide a wonderful trail and connect the most heavily populated areas of the Valley. This trail would attract a large number of enthusiastic bikers to the valley.
- It would be great to connect Old Coach with Invermere.
- Connecting Old Coach into invermere or the crossroads to provide a safe off highway trail all the way to Radium.
- I'd love the trails to connect Westside legacy trail over the highway and link to the town of fairmont, Columere park, and Columbia ridge. It would be even better if exclusive (no cars) biking/walking paths could be created to the spirit trail all the way to canal flats.
- Would love to see dedicated connections to radium. These could be designed as well to allow cross country skiing in the winter!
- see 16 below.
- I would like to see more mountain bike trails that accept pedal assist e-bikes.
- Around lake and to spilly
- Old Coach trail should not go through the Wildlife Management area. Would like to see parallel Highway from Athalmer to Radium.
- It would be nice to have a trail that joins radium to Invermere, to make it safer for cyclists in hwy 95
- Connect to Radium from Invermere
- Connection to Fairmont
- I personally think it's a huge conflict to our wetlands to connect through them with paved trails as Invermere was attempting to do with the so called Athalmer Trail. Migratory birds, endangered plant species and the health of our lake would be put into jeopardy. We MUST balance nature access with nature preservation and I highly recommend that we include ideas for low impact accessible trails in the plans.
- the more the better! connecting the existing trail networks would be great
- Westside Legacy Trail to Canal Flats and Fairmont Hot springs
- Between Dutch Creek and the legacy trail. There are many new families and cyclists that use the highways to get to the legacy trail. It is very dangerous crossing the Dutch creek bridge as a pedestrian or cyclist.
- Fairmont to columere park would be amazing
- The trail system MUST connect to the east side of the lake. There are no safe bike routes between Windermere (and the Akisqnuq Reserve and Invermere.
- Westside trail in Fairmont linked to Dutch Creek and the town of Fairmont
- connect to wilmer, radium, windermere, fairmount
- Fairmont end of Westside Legacy trail should go all the way to Fairmont commercial area. Old coach greenway should connect to a new trail between Invermere and Radium.
- A connection to Windermere would be great, I would bike to work in invermere during the summer. Currently do no because I do not want to use the busy highways or roads in the summer
- Communities on Columbia Lake Road to the legacy trail.
- It would be very helpful for me as a wheelchair user to have access to a trail from central Invermere to Sarah Road. I would like to go further, but I can't always rely on my chair battery life, especially in cooler temperatures. Also, in winter, the tires on my electric wheelchair don't work well on snow and ice. As a result, I am stranded at home most of the winter, and I can't always rely on others.
- Invermere to Old Coach
- A corridor linking Canal Flats to Radium is something we would use a lot.



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- No. Don't normally use these.
- Old Coach Trail and to Radium Hotsprings.
- Westside Legacy trail at Fairmont connecting south to Canal Flats. Either passing by Dutch Creek, Columere Park, Columbia Ridge or The East side of Columbia Lake Fairmont to Canal Flats (preferred route)
- Continue on 13th to 5st, go down into industrial park, follow Ray Brydon park, then path beside road to Rona, then through Athalmer and create a bridge alongside existing road. Create path down to Old Coach.
- Fairmont to Canal Flats
- The trails need to connect communities, not be standalone solutions that require driving. This would also enable their use for transportation, not just recreation
- Would like to see the paved trail continue north all the way to Radium.
- connect radium to invermere
- Would love from canal flats to fairmont
- from Fairmont to Canal Flats
- Any connection between commercial centres of towns in Columbia Valley that allows for walking, cycling, etc (or to stay off of highways) is appreciated. Encouraging people to enjoy the outdoors, get some exercise, and visit our community amenities on these trails is an effort of which I'm supportive.
- I wasn't aware of Athalmer and old coach greenway.
- Number one is to connect Windermere to the crossroads. There are too many people walking with kids etc in the summer on this stretch of highway
- Connect Athalmer Trail to Windermere (including Akisqnuq/Col Lake Rec centre)
- Having a connection from Athalmer to the Old Coach Greenway trail would be highly desirable - I think the current access through Invermere is acceptable from the Westside Legacy Trail - but having access to the Old Coach Greenway Trail would create a Trail network of some 50+km's from Radium to the Hoodo's.
- The cross roads for ease of use and access to all the shopping in that area. (No Frills/ Home hardware/ Canadian Tire and many more
- Not familiar enough to answer this question.
- I'd like a safe dedicated walking/cycling trail from Windermere to Invermere and beyond.
- I don't like to ride my bike on the highway at all so if the Legacy trail could come to Fairmont, it would be nice.
- Edgewater would be wonderful to connect to Radium. We have so many younger families moving here that are active.
- Not yet.
- Fairmont Hot Springs to Canal Flats
- I would love to be able to safely walk or cycle from my home in Timber Ridge to the commercial area around Canadian Tire.
- I would like to access the Old coach trail to be developed and accessible from Invermere by walking or bike.
- Include Edgewater for bikes
- Would love trails to connect to more communities on East side of lake.
- Johnson Trails to Panorama
- If they could connect up and down the valley, it would be amazing!
- Connect Athalmer beach to downtown.
- Ideally, these trails will eventually connect to the long range trail system between Canal Flats and Golden
- I think it would be awesome to have a complete trail from Invermere to Radium and then be able to promote activities from Radium to Fairmont Hot Springs (going through Invermere on the WLT) as a marketing opportunity with stops and features along the way.
- Need a fast, efficient route between Invermere and Radium.
- It would be great if we could ride off the main hiway from one end of the plan area to the other!
- not any further north than radium. we dont need trails up this way.
- Canal Flats to Westside Legacy trail
- Radium - Invermere - Fairmont Invermere to Lake Lillian
- Connect Radium to Invermere.
- Edgewater. Right now we have to use very busy highway or transport bikes. Would like to use bike more often but too scary!
- As a person living on the east slide of the lake, I need to use the Highway at least a bit every time I ride into Invermere or to Windermere. I often wonder about a trail by the highway, similar the the legacy trail between Canmore and Banff, between say Fairmount and Four Corners Junction? That would make a lap of the lake on a bike a much safer option, and connect Fairmont, and Windermere etc to the already existing excellent trail network.
- the canal flats side of the highway
- Connection of Westside Trail to Fairmont, Old Coach Trail to Invermere
- Windermere to Invermere please! This is the most obvious potential commuter connection because so many people move between these communities daily.
- The Old Coach is great, but would be amazing if it were extended to connect to Invermere. That would reduce a lot of congestion in the parking lot since many people would start their ride in Invermere.
- Edgewater
- Would be great for Old Coach to be paved to Radium if possible.
- It would be great to see old coach connect up to Edgewater and down to the legacy trail.
- Old Coach and proximity to my residence
- Invermere to Old Coach Greenway. Better option to cycle on the east side of Lake Windermere
- Old Coach connect to Invermere Athalmer trail to Wilmer area
- Connecting Invermere to Radium with paved pathway
- Old Coach to Athalmer - and avoid taking the highway.
- Complete the loop and connect the end of the Legacy Trail to the Athalmer Trail. A trail system from Trails in Invermere to the Toby Bench Bike trails / Lake Lillian would be good.
- Windermere, so that we could bike to invermere
- Safer trails to radium , and around wilmer ,
- Athalmer
- Connect the Westside Legacy Trail to past the railway line to Fairmont! Why have a path that almost connects two communities?
- Please add sidewalks all over town. I walk to my office near the library, courthouse, firehall and I can't believe there are no sidewalks (except by the library).
- Invermere. Fairmont



Are there any roads that you often use where you might like to see an active transportation pathway? (221 responses, unedited)

- Could use a bike path from Radium to Invermere. Also, Radium to the Hot Pool.
- A trail system between Fairmont and Invermere off the highway
- This sounds remotely like a 15 minute city, I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THIS AGENDA.
- Highway 93/95 - access between Invermere and Radium
- hwy 93
- Highway 95
- Highway 93/95 from radium to fairmont - very busy road but a key travel lane where many people ride bikes
- Hwy 93 Radium to Invermere
- I walk from Indian beach to Windermere village via the highway regularly and so do many other people in my community
- Make one from Invermere to the off leash park by Toby Creek
- Hwy 93 is terrible to walk along and feels very dangerous to walk.
- Creating an east side trail would be great. Extending the old coach trail.
- Along the Copper Point Golf course from Lakeview Meadows to Canadian Tire
- Columbia Lake Road
- The nice sidewalk from kinsmen beach up 17th ends at 8 Ave and then people have to walk on busy roads. I see kids and people pulling beach wagons walking down 17th all the time. I'd love to have a bridge across Toby creek to be able to access the Kloosifier trail, and the Johnson network without having to drive - or ride up Peters hill which is also quite dangerous
- Toby Creek Road
- the highway between Edgewater and Radium. I used to bike to work but it is not safe anymore with the increased traffic
- Along the highway from Columbia Lake Road to Fairmont. Dangerous riding on the shoulder of the busy highway.
- From Indian Beach to Invermere along the 93 hwy
- No comments
- Highway 95 from Edgewater to radium
- See above
- town to east side areas ie timberidge
- Along the highway in Windermere
- Corridor up to Panorama
- See all three above.
- Local trails
- 13th Ave. Continuation of Legacy Trail.
- No
- Foresters Road and West Side Road
- Highway 93 in Fairmont
- A walking path on Lakeview Rd would be much safer than walking on the road.
- Fairmont near the firewall to the start of the Westside Legacy Trail.
- No
- Yes the highway from Invermere to Windermere.
- The old highway through the Shuswap reserve would be a beautiful place
- Invermere to Fairmont
- Better and safer cycling route from downtown Invermere down the hill to Athalmer and over the bridge and up the hill.
- Akiskinook Road to Windermere.
- Highway 95 from Radium Hot Springs to Golden... or at the very least Spillimacheen.
- The Lakeview road into Invermere
- 93/95 fairmont to invermere
- Fairmont Hot Springs to Canal Flats
- Highway 95 south : Edgewater through to Fairmont. Road to Panorama.
- A trail from Invermere to Radium
- Don't road ride anymore...prefer dedicated bike trails...safer and quieter.
- Through the town of Invermere, mainly 13th avenue
- Windermere to Invermere Windermere to Fairmont
- Highway 93 (Fairmont to Windermere) Highway 93 (Fairmont to Columere) Highway 93 (Fairmont to Canal Flats)
- 13 street 10th ave
- Windermere to Traffic light at Tim Hortons
- none
- Columbia road in Edgewater
- The highway
- Windermere area like the Windermere Loop
- See above. The road between Invermere and the East side of The Valley needs a dedicated bike path.
- Highway 93
- highway
- Trails in meadows area.
- The road to Panorama
- Toby Creek road
- Invermere to Panorama
- As the reserve is for the Indigenous community (plus the safety risks along that stretch), a trail along the highway could be the best option of linking Fairmont to Windermere.
- Many in Kimberley and Cranbrook
- Wilmer to Invermere would be wonderful.
- Highway 93 between Fairmont and Radium, Windermere Loop Road
- We need more sidewalks/trails for safe active transportation through the main roads in Radium
- Highway 93 - fairmont to canal flats
- Lakeview Drive; also along highway 93 Invermere Crossroads to Fairmont.
- No
- Need connection between Kimberley, Wasa to Radium
- Highway to Wasa
- Highway 93/95
- From Fairmont to the Westside Legacy Trail.
- Hwy 93 from radium to the hot springs
- Same as above.
- 15th Ave beyond EMP.
- Already mentioned
- Toby creek road to Panorama
- Road connecting Coy's and Columbia Ridge. Coy's and Fairmont Hot Springs, a cycling path on the East side of Columbia Lake down to Canal Flats
- No
- 93 to Fairmont village and Canal Flats. Columbia Lake Road to Fairmont
- From Juniper Hts to the crossroads to connect to pathway
- east side of lake windermere
- Athalmer to downtown Invermere.
- no
- Not sure
- No
- Westside Road south of Invermere. Very Important as sections of the Legacy Trail are too steep for road bike use and the hairpin turns are dangerous.
- Hwy 93/95 is dangerous



Are there any roads that you often use where you might like to see an active transportation pathway? (continued)

- Along the lake into town from Timber Ridge
- Yes, along Lakeview Drive!
- Highway between Radium through to Fairmont. Pathway down the hill and over the bridge is too narrow especially when meeting oncoming bikers or hikers. Can be dangerous and especially narrow in the winter
- There are many roads I don't use because there is not a safe pathway. Invermere-Radium, navigating downtown Invermere, the bridge and side of the road along the hill up to the crossroads from Invermere are all currently unsafe for all active transportation users.
- Main st in Invermere (could even make a non motorized stretch from the medical clinic to thrift store), 13th ave could use a proper bike lane anywhere there are lights a bike change button would be great
- Longer term, running a pathway south between the existing Westside Legacy trail and Canal Flats would be a benefit to residents AND attract added tourism, building on the impact of the existing trail.
- Road to panorama, road to Wilmer
- Invermere to Windermere
- Would love to see better bike accessibility downtown
- Toby road to Lillian, invermere to old coach, windermere to Invermere
- I would ride my ebike from Wilmer to Invermere more often if it was a separate lane. It is taking your life into your hands to get into the turning lane to Wilmer. The shoulders are either non existant or potholes.
- Highway 93 from Fairmont to Canal Flats
- Yes, it would be amazing to have active transportation ability from Nelles Crescent/ Windermere Road area along Victoria Ave to the public beach (which would probably reduce congestion and parking at the beach), and up Government Road to Hopkin's and Winderberry. Make it easier for the whole town to use active transportation along this corridor.
- A way to get from Juniper Heights to the Athlmer Trail without having to go on the highway.
- highway 3 has vicious dogs.. which bite.
- baltac and hilltop roads
- Highway 93 from Columbia Lake Road to Legacy Trail at Hoodoos Yes, the bridge across Dutch Creek is very dangerous where vehicle come into very close proximity to people biking or walking (often a matter of a few inches). A pathway way from the bridge to Fairmont will significantly increase safety and use of the Westside trail and active Transportation for the very short ride into Fairmont.
- Yes, the highway from Columbia Lake Road to Canal Flats. A safe bike lane there would be great.
- Main st Invermere
- Towards Lake Lillian/Panorama
- See above
- Lakeview Drive - Hwy 93/95 to Athlmer Rd.
- Kootenay Road #3
- Columbia Lake Road and Kootenay #3
- From the Westside Legacy trail and Fairmont to Dutch creek or even Coys Golf course.
- Knight street in cranbrook
- Hwy 93
- West side of the highway. Connecting Invermere to old coach
- 93 south of Fairmont. I would use a bike to get to Fairmont / Westside legacy trail if there was a bike path.
- no
- More Sidewalks in good condition would be nice or fix the roads we walk on
- I would prefer monies going to recreational trails for mountain biking to bring invermere and Windermere up to par with our neighbouring towns like fernie, Kimberley and even whitefish in Montana.
- I would not want an active transportation pathway on the side of Toby Creek Road as it is too narrow, and there is too much elevation gain for hiking or cycling.
- Windermere to invermere
- Yes- main street of Invermere downtown up to Canadian Tire. There is a sidewalk but it's not appropriate for cyclists to share this sidewalk and the road is not maintained or built for cyclists to safely share with drivers.
- 13th Ave., 13th St.
- the route off of 13th to EMP, so that children have a bike path.
- 1) Road to Wilmer 2) 13th ave to legacy trail start. 3) 93/95 from invermere to start of old coach trail
- Throughout Invermere and downtown Invermere
- Binnie Rd. But no space for a walkway
- Invermere to Chamber of Commerce on the highway
- I would like to see a paved trail from Fernie to Sparwood to allow for people to bike to work as many people commute between communities.
- Edgewater to Radium
- From Timber Ridge Ill turn off past Lakeview Meadows past Highlands to Canadian Tire area.
- Along highway 95 North of Radium, also through the industrial road up to lake Lillian
- I would love to see a pedestrian/bike crossing across Dutch Creek and a non- highway path between Canal Flats/Columere/Dutch Creek and Fairmont Hot Springs
- not in Edgewater
- No
- Yes, the Old coach road.
- From the south end of the Legacy Trail to Fairmount
- The highway lacks adequate shoulders and merging lanes at access points and the bridges are so dangerous! Just not enough room for bikers, walkers and cars to safely travel.
- Panorama and mt swansea trails
- Need wider sidewalk on the Athlmer Road bridge across the river and widen the path east of this bridge going up the hill toward Lakeview Road (adjacent to the current link fence there is only room for one person/bike). Consider a footpath (with stairs) from this segment down to Lakeview Place.
- Crossroads to Windermere
- Lakeview Road/Cemetery Road
- Along highways that are dangerous and have many bends, as they are extremely unsafe for bikers to be on.
- Spilly to Fairmont, safer bike paths down hills!
- A connection from crossroads to invermere
- Old Coach Rd.
- Hey 93 95
- I would actually like to see more sidewalks in our town to encourage walking to and from our local stores rather than building these giant trails with high impacts to nature.
- Highway 93 crossing Dutch Creek. Current very dangerous to cross the bridge!
- Yes. Hwy 93/95 over Dutch Creek.
- Hwy 93/95 from Fairmont to Dutch Creek or columere park
- the highway between Invermere and Windermere
- The highway in Fairmont, westside road to Dutch Creek
- I don't use roads because they're not an enjoyable



Are there any roads that you often use where you might like to see an active transportation pathway? (continued)

way to travel but I would encourage the development of the trails so those people who have to commute can use them.

- Windermere golf course Road, Kootenay #3 Road, between Windermere and Invermere.
- No
- Road to Invermere (see above) a dedicated bike trail to town would be great
- Columbia Lake Road
- 4th street by AG Valley Foods is treacherous in the winter. The signal crosswalk from Sobeys to the library has to be a bit longer to give people I. Mobility devices enough time to turn around and across the street. Navigating the crosswalk button is also awkward in a wheelchair.
- South end of Westside Legacy trail safely in to Fairmont. Safe trail between Invermere and Windermere.
- Invermere to Windermere
- Not really. Better road maintenance on some of the forest service roads would be more useful to have improved access to the back country around Fairmont and Canal Flats.
- 13th Avenue to town. Past town through Athalmer.
- Road to Lillian and Johnson trails. Path to Copperpoint golf course
- Hwy 93/95
- We need a trail between Windermere and Invermere. It's a shame that the only option is the highway
- Highway 93/95
- radium to Invermere
- Hwy 93/95
- no
- I would use them all if they were accessible. As mentioned above Westside hills are too aggressive to bike.
- Through Timber ridge and Lakeside
- Highway 93 between Invermere crossroads and Windermere and Windermere to Fairmont
- We live on the East side of the Lake and accessing the Westside Legacy Trail is quite sketchy having to come down into Athalmer using the road and or the single track bike path - pedestrians path - it is quite dangerous on the road with the heavy traffic east and west bound. Once you get into town the road system is fine especially the new path on 13th Ave.
- YES, Windermere connector. Taynton road to The Dell road in Windermere. Across Windermere Creek.

It's a small section of trail that would connect the north and south sides of Windermere to encourage walking and biking. We could bike/walk to Windermere nursery, edible acres, Hopkins harvest, the Pantry, the White House, POW pizza! Lots of businesses that should be supported within our community without having to bike the highway/ down the big hill at the bottom of Windermere Road which had blind corners and no side walk.

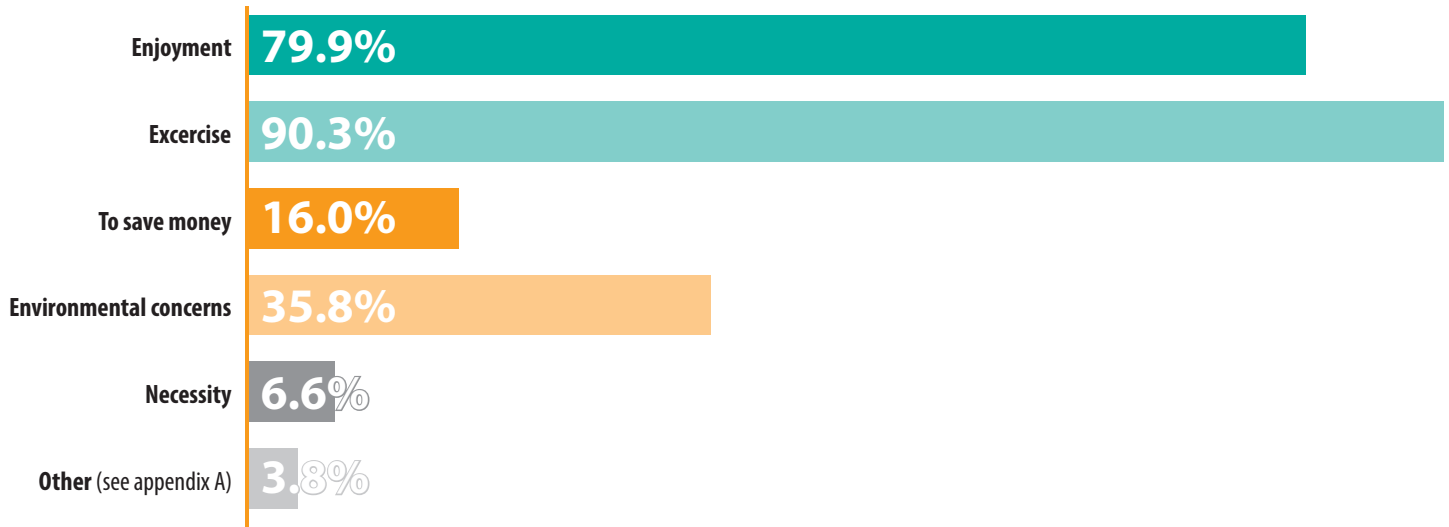
- From IBE to Windermere to Invermere.
- See above
- Hwy 95
- Along Hwy 93/95
- Road from Castlerock into Invermere. There are some sidewalks of sorts, but often have to share with bikes.
- A way to get from Castlerock to Invermere for groceries.
- None
- Everyone on the East side uses Lakeview Drive through Lakeview Meadows and past the Highlands to walk or bike to the commercial area but it's at very great risk as there are no sidewalks and cars often travel at high speeds, particularly along the golf course. A paved trail is very desperately needed along this road before someone gets injured or killed. There are some bits of trail here and there that could probably be incorporated.
- No
- No, too dangerous
- Lakeview road!... Road is very busy and always have walkers on this road..
- Toby Creek Road is often used for active transportation but is quite dangerous for traffic.
- Highway 95.
- Invermere to Panorama.
- There are several possibilities in the Edgewater area depending on agreements with private land owners and MoTI
- Absolutely, I would LOVE consideration for a safe pathway from Wilmer to Invermere. I would ride my bike to work often; however, with the zero shoulder from the turn-off to Wilmer and up the hill, combined with the speed of drivers, I would never do it in its current unsafe state.
- Toby Creek Road from Invermere to Lake Lillian and eventually Panorama. Partway up Peters Hill coming out of Invermere, there is a small bush road whose approx alignment could be used to get up the steep grade there, after which it would be relatively

straightforward to continue along Toby Creek Road through the Toby Benches. Such a trail would itself be a recreational feature but would also allow another option for the huge flow of summer traffic between Invermere and Lake Lillian (and other trails on the Benches) and provide a safe option for commuting and shopping for Toby Benches residents.

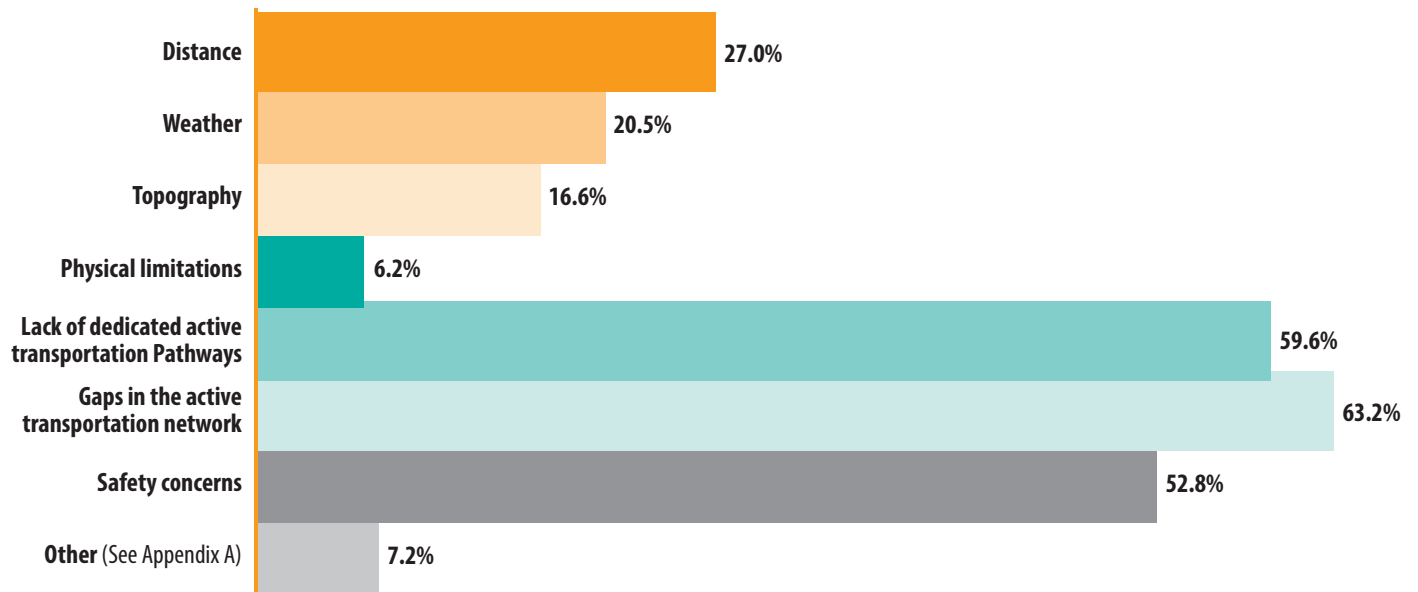
- Hwy 95/93 to Canal Flats
- Something needs to be done about the trails that have been distributed by the flood mitigation project, IE Tukats Trail and Poet Trail
- Highway 93 Columere to Fairmont Hot Springs and Highway 93 Columere to Canal Flats
- Invermere to Panorama - but don't put a bike lane in the roadway.
- Edgewater to Radium
- See question 12
- canal flats to fairmont
- Columbia Lake Road
- Invermere connects to local trails
- no, I avoid the roads.
- Hwy 95, north of Radium.
- Radium to edgewater
- Off the highway 95 or away from railroad tracks
- Would love to see a pathway connecting Invermere to Windermere as highway is too dangerous.
- Highway 95 from Windermere to Fairmont
- Westside road from Wilmer to Radium
- I would welcome a trail from Radium to Edgewater (although the Highway drive feels much safer than going to Invermere).
- Panorama Drive. The Athalmer trail across the Columbia and up to Highway 93/95 is too narrow. It is used a lot by workers and no room to pass. A busy section that needs investment / improvements.
- Wilmer to lake enid and westside road to radium
- East side of lake
- Being able to bike from Invermere to Radium off of the highway would make the trip much safer.
- 7th Ave should have half the parking and a dedicated bike lane
- See response to question 12
- All
- Windermere



What are your top reasons for using active transportation? Check all that apply. (318 responses, 19 skipped)



What are your biggest challenges/barriers in using active transportation in the Columbia Valley? Check all that apply. (307 responses, 30 skipped)





What are some areas you feel can be improved?(178 responses, unedited)

- See numbers 12 & 13
- This sounds remotely like a 15 minute city, I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THIS AGENDA.
- Garbage containers for disposal of dog waste
- Connector from Radium to Invermere
- Clear stones from the road sides where people cycle - esp highway 93/95 radium to fairmont The hill out of invermere towards highway - the path is very uneven and the road is dangerous to ride
- Old coach
- Biking trails are very limiting in our area unless you want to bike on the highway
- Connecting existing trails to create a network
- More bike lanes
- Connect the bike paths Dedicated bike lanes More sidewalks More bike paths
- More pathways related to active transportation with a destination as opposed to recreational pathways; for instance, being able to safely ride a bicycle to Radium for groceries, lunch, library books etc.
- Separating bicycle and motor vehicle traffic
- Windermere loop road NEEDS a cycling path. There are so many cyclists and joggers who must go on the road which is vey dangerous for everyone as there is currently no shoulder or any dividing lines on the road - it's brutal. This could be an amazing opportunity to improve things
- No comments
- more pathways
- Safety in Windermere
- Connectivity of the trails. Have a trail system that connects the communities on the east side of the lake to Invermere and the trails that start/end there including a path to Panorama
- Maybe bike paths
- getting bikes and walkers/runners off the highways.
- Crossing highway 95 safely!!
- Linkage of the trail system.
- The roads
- Old Coach Sections paved
- Pedestrian lights crossing highway 93 in Fairmont
- Walkways over highway bridges along 93/95 required for safety reasons
- Connections for communities on the east side of the Lake Windermere
- Bus service from Cranbrook to Golden
- The roads are cleared of gravel, but quite often the shoulders are left with gravel and debris, especially coming down the hill to Athalmer
- Trails need to have dog waste bag stations and waste disposal bins to keep the trails clean. Trail parking lots need to be patrolled by police, especially at sunset or early morning. Why do you want trails where there is no toilet access/ no amenities? Walking from Edgewater to Spilli? Why?! Unless the trails have seats/toilets/places to purchase water, places to dispose of waste, it will end up being a mess.
- I believe from everything I've read for that building a complete network would pay for itself in better local citizen's improved health outcomes and increased tourism.
- Making bike lanes more visible and marked well
- Road crossings
- Safer bike lane from the East side of the Lake down the hill, through Athalmer and up the hill to town.
- West side legacy trail near Invermere has several very steep and twists and turns sections so improvement to that section, it is very dangerous. It should be more like the part nearer to Fairmont on west side road which is much more rider friendly. Currently we use west side road instead of the trail from the pond into Invermere.
- At least clean and maintain the road shoulders so cyclists can use safely. Signage 'Share the Road'. Educate drivers that cyclists are legal on roads.
- Dutch Creek bridge is dangerous for cyclists as there is no shoulder.
- More bike trails. The MMWSLT at 110,000 users after 4 years of use is a telling statistic and an economic driver.
- Better signs
- Nothing in Edgewater apart from a few trails near sewage area/towards river.
- All of them. It would be nice to have a pathway on hwy 95
- Better road ways for walking Potholes Ans unsafe roads everywhere
- More bike paths and more bike parking
- More dedicated bike paths. Also riding through Invermere can be dangerous with vehicles backing out from parking spots. Eliminate this type of street parking and create a safe bike path. Let drivers use the large parking lot.
- I wish the schedule for public transportation was improved and I could get rid of my car completely and use the public transportation in combination with the trail system.
- id like to see more bus service as well.
- Trail marking, more paved trails, exercise stations.
- More dedicated infrastructure
- A dedicated bike lane on the Toby Creek road
- Better safety for walkers and bicycle riders along 13th Avenue and the Legacy trail south of CastleRock where idiots drove over and destroyed the flimsy posts that were originally installed as barriers
- More dedicated trails; short cuts to encourage walking over driving
- RDEK needs a plan and the funding to execute that plan.
- Continue to build separated and protected active transportation paths. Painted paths on roads are not safe and I avoid these
- Alternatives to the big hills on legacy. I have been riding on the road simply because a couple of those hills are just too hard now and not enjoyable. Fine for people on e-bikes
- Separating vehicles from pedestrians and cyclists
- See previous comments
- Trail from fairmont to Hoodoos
- Better connectivity
- Communication regarding environmental reasons for creating more effective ways to create a green climate.
- Same as #12
- We need taxi service
- Keeping the weeds cut down along the trail
- I'm not sure this needs to be done at all.. we have lots of great opportunities to use "active transportation" around our valley..
- Bike lanes Continuity of existing pathways
- need more
- Path from Windermere to Invermere
- access to pathways
- better maintenance of existing pathways. More winding pathways versus straight down. Use of hand rails on steep areas.
- NA
- Steep sections of the Legacy Trail.
- Signage
- Dedicated lane along highway would allow safe connection between Timber Ridge communities and Windermere
- Challenges of heavily travelled roadway's and



What are some areas you feel can be improved?(continued)

- intersections where significant traffic patterns are being changed overloaded! e.g., where new light industry park being built - intersection for turn to home Hardware followed by access issues for Canadian Tire; then Athlmer crowding, followed by mess where turn to Panorama! Another very major concern is the volume and speed of traffic (heavy vehicles, cars, bicycles and pedestrians) between turnoff to Copper Resort and golf course through until past Windermere Hwy accesses. Again find sections with pedestrians, bikes and vehicles turning into businesses or roads where vision of potentially approaching vehicles is extremely limited! Lower speed limits must be continued until past Windermere and e.g., Edibles entrance! (Another example is the intersection on the HWY of Timber Ridge Road and the Swansea road across from it. Until past two years would virtually never see pedestrians crossing the road here - now almost every day - no crosswalk or warning lights or reduced speed!!!! and same for crossing bicycles.....
- Safety along roadways, especially Lakeview Drive. There are ongoing concern with speeding and safety of pedestrian and cyclists.
 - Reasonable Accessibility without having to go into road ways to get on paths
 - As above, there are many roads I don't use because there is not a safe pathway. Invermere-Radium, navigating downtown Invermere, the bridge and side of the road along the hill up to the crossroads from Invermere are all currently unsafe for all active transportation users.
 - Less car centric planning
 - See above... A safe approach and crossing for walkers and cyclists is needed across Dutch Creek before there are fatalities.
 - More multi use pathways
 - Downtown bike lanes
 - Non-paved trail networks
 - Make the focus of roadways be bike friendly. Downtown is a nightmare for cyclists, angle parking - cars cant see when they are backing up, have almost been hit a number of times.
 - more consistent bus times and taxis
 - Access over Dutch Creek
 - Make it safer or more suitable to cycle and walk through Windernere
 - Educating the communities about the benefits of and respect for active transportation.
 - dedicated pathways on local roads
 - Cycling over bridge at Dutch Creek on Highway 93 is unsafe
 - Addition of a cantilever path to the side Dutch Creek Bridge need to be added, or alternatively banning biking and walking on that section of the highway as it is only a matter of time until there is a serious accident on the bridge or on the very narrow shoulders on the corners of the highway immediately before and after the bridge.
 - the Dutch Creek Bridge, the Athlmer Bridge in Invermere, a bike lane to Canal Flats
 - Bike lanes and pathways. We don't have many
 - See above answer to #12
 - Need more pathways within Invermere
 - Connectivity between communities
 - Dutch Creek Bridge is the number one concern you cannot cross it for fear of being killed
 - More multi-use trails would be amazing
 - Pathway to cross scary little Hoodoo Bridge across Dutch Creek
 - The bridge over Dutch Creek
 - Roads
 - Fairmont could use a crossing or an under ground tunnel to get to the Westside legacy trail, but it's Fairmont so that will never happen
 - Let's ensure all the tax base from fairmont to radium, stays in that area. Windermere has multimillion dollar families there with 2nd homes, but RDEK diverts the monies elsewhere - this needs to finally stop and RDEK needs a plan that doesn't rely on Invermere citizens, infrastructure and resources to be their mitigation to misappropriation of funds outside our community.
 - connection of these trails would be great
 - Safety. The biggest barrier to riding my bike more places in non-winter is sharing the road with drivers who aren't courteous and on roads that are not maintained (a pothole can take out a road cyclist quite easily)
 - People driving unregistered vehicles, atvs etc on roads.
 - Continue to extend and connect the trail networks between communities
 - The Legacy Trail is an exceptional trail. Although not really easy, it works for me and my e-bike.
 - At the Chamber of Commerce and Agri-Park (abattoir) exits, It would be good to have signage from both directions indicating to drivers that there are vehicles exiting. The truck sign is not that helpful.
 - The accessibility of the trails (some of the gravel trails in the community are not packed well and so are hard for many residents to use)
 - Cycle paths from east side of Lake Windermere to Invermere town.
 - The bridge over Dutch Creek is a significant barrier to walking or biking as it is unsafe to cross on foot or on a bike.
 - Safe pathway connect between Canal Flats, Columere, Dutch Creek and Fairmont Hotsprings. Also a safe way to cross the 95 at Fairmont Hot Springs and/or by Spruce Grove and the airport. I've seen some scary things there when pedestrians cross.
 - Connection from Edgewater to Radium
 - Keep trail networks and pavement etc. within townsites and out of WMA's, and rural working landscapes. Very few people are going to actually bicycle from Invermere to Fairmont or any other town as a means of transport, It just a way to greenwash these projects which are manly for the benefit of tourists, We have too much already don't need more.
 - Old coach road needs to be paved, there are sections with a thick layer od dirt that makes even walking almost impossible.
 - Crossing the Columbia River in Athlmer
 - Better signage for multi use trails and a full connected corridor from old coach to Legacy.
 - Safe connection routes between communities.
 - Make the trails multi seasonal. Could they be turned into fat biking or cross country ski trails?
 - Try to create a pathway from Athlmer Road north to the Old Coach trail parking lot. This gives access to Radium from Invermere and area on a dedicated bike path. Highway 93 south from Athlmer to Fairmont and connect the west side trail on the south end to Fairmont. Hwy 93 is too busy! Stay off the Akisquuk reserve road. Start with a connector trail from Windermere to Lakeview Drive at Hwy 93. This connects Windermere to areas north and Invermere without using Hwy 93. set up bike pathway from Toby Hill road to Houlgrove Road parallel to Toby Creek road. Continue this to Lillian Lake as a biking destination. Promote the route up Toby Hill Road from Wilmer rather than up the busy/ steep/narrow Toby Creek Road.
 - simple sidewalks in areas where people actually walk. Start in urban locations and get that right first.



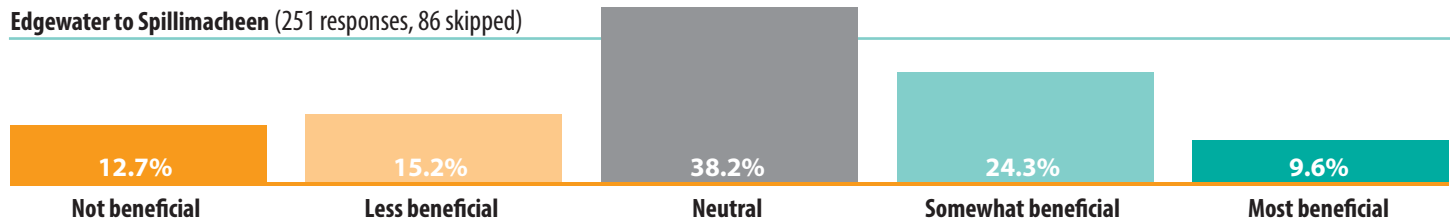
What are some areas you feel can be improved?(continued)

- We need more paths and networks. They are inaccessible to get to, and there are too few.
- All of above prev stated
- The Westside Legacy trail has very steep sections which need to be addressed. A short section of the Athlmer Trail has a steep section which needs attention.
- The radium access to old coach road
- Old Coach Road
- Widen/replace bridge
- In town transport should not be left out. People having access to safe pathways right from their doors in essential and its heartbreaking that there are places within our own town that limit people's mobility/access.
- Connecting and extending Legacy Trail to other communities
- Maintenance of these trails,
- More accessibility and safety from Dutch creek to Fairmont
- Many of the paths already established are GREAT but are not very useful for "transportation", they are more suitable for a great day biking. To encourage people to take bikes to work (or shopping) there must be paths where they travel. The busiest route in our area is between Windermere area and Invermere.
- Linking communities
- a comprehensive network to get people out of their cars and so pedestrians in downtown invermere, for example, can not feel frustrated and angry by the traffic.
- A dedicated trail would be fantastic, with clear trail and not having to navigate through various streets to get to town
- I have Cerebral Palsy, and can't get around independently in the winter. I am currently training for a job at the Invermere Public Library, and I need to be able to get to the job independently. Having a subsidized taxi or minibus would solve a lot of my transport issues, particularly in winter. Winter is one of the biggest barriers for me.
- bridge by Pete's Marina improved-it is not safe for bikes and pedestrians at the same time
- Linking up existing trails to provide a cohesive, safe network. Sidewalk on Athlmer hill could be widened and better paved. Very steep, dangerous section on Athlmer hill onto Lakeview Road should be less steep.
- The very steep section on Athlmer hill near Lakeview Road. Going from Invermere to Windermere without going on highway. Connecting legacy trail to Fairmont without going on highway.
- FSR access roads.
- More maintained walking, biking trails around Canal Flats. The opportunity is there.
- More beach access for residents, less private, gated communities and marinas
- bus transportation
- Education. More signage and maps about accessing all trails. Accessibility. Trails need to be more accessible, without an e bike.
- Need to fill in gaps where there are not existing trails.
- Inter connections
- Safe walking, jogging and bicycle riding adjacent to Highway 93
- We don't have anything here in Edgewater that connects us south to Radium and then Invermere. The highway doesn't have a great shoulder for riding.
- Walking from Castlerock to Invermere centre.
- Don't know yet.
- Fairmont Hot Springs to Canal Flats
- Ideally, a safe, dedicated trail to get from Windermere to Canadian Tire, etc without having to walk or bike along Highway 93 would be ideal but probably not going to happen because of expense.
- The roughness of the bike trails/lanes through Invermere are very rough and need to be resurfaced.
- Any connection north of Radium
- Again, there is nothing connecting Panorama to Invermere safely. This could be a big win.
- Right now, most of the options for commuting involve dangerous biking or walking along Highway 95. Any option that could give a way around this would be incredible.
- Keep the inclines to a gentle grade.
- Edgewater Area. As mentioned previously it depends on participation of private land owners and MoTI
- as grants become available, adding to the existing infrastructure
- There is no network built specifically for transportation; it's mainly one-off recreational trails.
- Closer access to the Westside Legacy trail for Fairmont Residences.
- Please enhance the bridge at the Hoodoo's to accommodate bikes and pedestrians. My husband and I were both almost killed while trying to cross this bridge cycling
- Better signage from downtown Invermere out to the Legacy Trail access points
- Paths for electric bikes. Old coach has huge ruts at Radium end that is above my ability. Enjoy rest of trail very much!
- fill in the gaps, ie canal flats to fairmont
- Signage at pull-outs along highways indicating Cyclist rules of the road / best practices. Even a seasoned cyclist like me could use a refresher from time to time. This sign might also let motorists know what to expect.
- Perhaps partners ship with akisqnuq ti make kootenay no. 3 road trail or not. We do have dogs around and that's likely not to change. Bike at own risk
- More connected trails. More outhouses and picnic areas.
- More access to trails and pathways outside of Invermere. RDEK should be buying land to develop multi-use trails (see Mt. Abriel in Nakusp or Kimberley Nordic as examples).
- The trails that exist are excellent. More trails or dedicated lanes in other areas would be fantastic
- Connecting communities, like the Kimberley to Cranbrook trail is the future
- Old Coach - some very dusty stretches.
- Width and connection points
- Better designed crosswalks that drivers can see and signage
- Snow removal, unable to use the majority of side walks in Fernie during the winter since the snow plow pushes the snow from the road onto sidewalks making them impossible to shovel by home owners.
- East side of lake
- Dedicated bike lanes/paths; public transportation (ex bus) between major areas of town, to make walking/biking a viable option for part of a longer trip, rather than only car for the whole trip
- We dedicate so much of our space downtown to parking, creating a space actively hostile to pedestrians and cyclists. If we want to promote not only active transportation but a thriving sense of community we need to limit vehicle traffic in congested, clearly walkable areas.
- Put in sidewalks.
- Highway 93

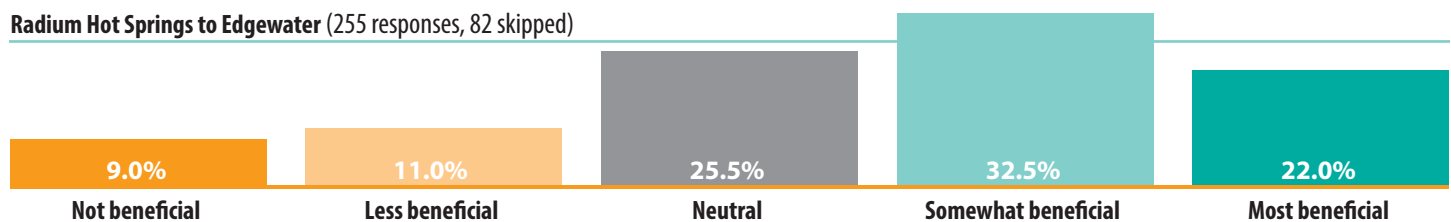


Where do you feel would benefit most from active transportation infrastructure? (306 responses, 31 skipped)

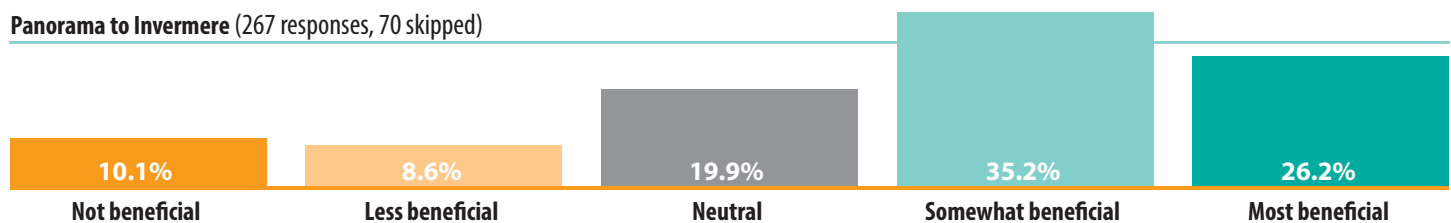
Edgewater to Spillimacheen (251 responses, 86 skipped)



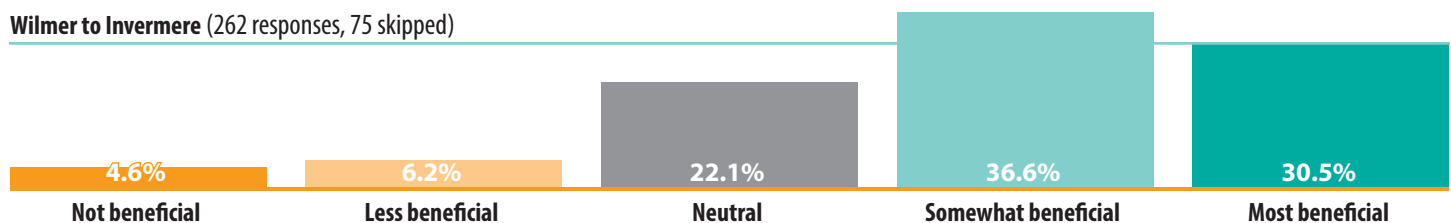
Radium Hot Springs to Edgewater (255 responses, 82 skipped)



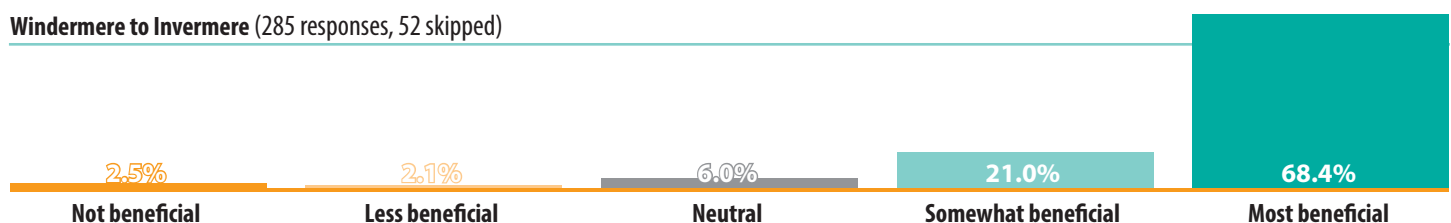
Panorama to Invermere (267 responses, 70 skipped)



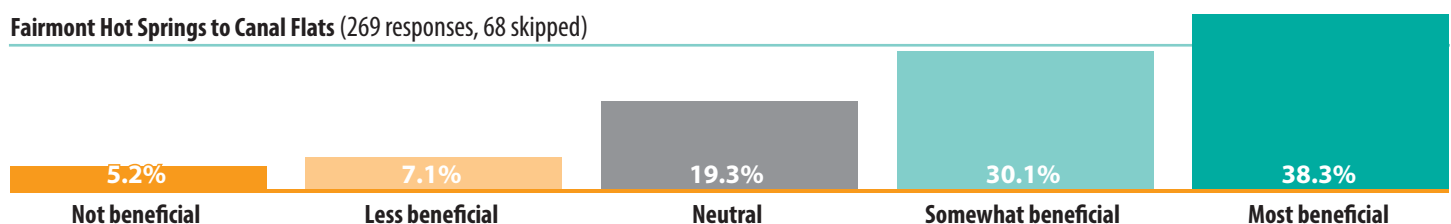
Wilmer to Invermere (262 responses, 75 skipped)



Windermere to Invermere (285 responses, 52 skipped)



Fairmont Hot Springs to Canal Flats (269 responses, 68 skipped)





Are there any areas that we have not listed in the previous question that you feel would benefit from active transportation infrastructure?

(119 responses, unedited)

- Radium to Invermere
- This sounds remotely like a 15 minute city, I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THIS AGENDA.
- Why is Radium to Invermere not listed? Seems like most obvious trail required and potentially most difficult to achieve given location of Shuswap Band lands.
- Radium to Invermere!!!!
- Radium to Invermere!!!!
- Radium to fairmont
- Radium to Invermere?! Old Coach is incomplete, leaving you to the dangerous highway
- Windermere to Fairmont
- No
- Windermere to Fairmont
- Windermere to Fairmont Hot Springs
- No
- No
- No
- Windermere to Fairmont
- No
- Radium to Invermere and Windermere.
- N/A
- Fairmont to Windermere needs dedicated bike paths, rather than use highway shoulders. Bridges at Fairmont and Dutch Creek need to be made wider and bike lanes added, very dangerous when big trucks come by as there is no shoulders on bridges. Dutch creek bridge is scary it's so narrow.
- Windermere to Fairmont
- The difficulty in deciding where to put in active transportation infrastructure is the cost as compared to utilization. Smaller communities farther apart may not have adequate communities of users to justify the large cost. Larger communities closer together would cost less and see more usage. But it will be interesting how you determine how to do this fairly. I think the Westside Legacy Trail is an example of doing it right in terms of getting the community involved and making donations as well as looking for government support and ultimately having a trail that is well used and has added to the area's destination appeal both as a visitor or a resident. Examples The highway from Radium north to Golden is a thing of beauty for cyclists with new pavement and wide shoulders and once the Golden Highway 1 construction is complete it will be a cycling mecca given the low volume of traffic. But that will challenge active transportation infrastructure as cyclists already have a good system and it will be hard to get them on to a trail system. That leaves the target mostly for walkers/hikers. Radium to Invermere to Windermere to Fairmont to Canal Flats - it will be interesting how this looks once the Highway work south of Windermere is complete. But it is challenging to a cyclist given the large volumes of traffic. Although there are shoulders they are not generous and there are many places that pose significant dangers to cyclists along this route. From Radium going south all the way to Canal Flats anytime the pavement is redistributed to three lanes as an example for hills or at intersections to add turning lanes the shoulder disappears and cyclists are literally riding in traffic. Bridges such as those just south of Fairmont have no shoulders and cyclist are forced into traffic going 80 to 100km/hr. The costs to change highways and bridges is likely cost prohibitive to help a single group such as cyclists. These are places where active transportation infrastructure would work well as cyclists who feel too threatened to use these roads would be encouraged to use them as well as walkers/hikers who have no alternative currently. Fairmont to Canal Flats is interesting with the extensive north south trail on the east side of the lake that would be fairly easy to turn into an active transportation network but given some of the land being in conservancy hands this might pose a challenge (although it didn't cause problems for the Westside Legacy trail)
- Fairmont to Columere Park Fairmont to Windermere
- Radium to Invermere
- Fairmont roads need to be fixed so elderly and disabled can walk the neighbourhood.
- Invermere to Radium
- None
- Invermere to Radium
- No
- Fairmont to Windermere
- Kimberley to Wasa corridor
- Invermere and Windermere to radium
- Connecting Radium Hot Springs to Invermere
- Windermere to Fairmont on east side of lake
- Canal Flats to skookumchuk
- I would like to eventually see Kimberley to Golden have similar to rails to trails then people could access the entire valley
- Wasa to Cranbrook
- Cranbrook to Creston
- Radium to the hot springs on hwy 93. I also think a full connected system connecting all communities in the area will be of great benefit.
- Between Invermere and Radium - Old Coach Trail
- Invermere to Radium also
- Highway 93 on east side of lake (complete loop)
- no
- None
- NA
- Radium to Invermere,
- Windermere to Fairmont Hot Springs, Invermere to Radium, and Fairmont Hot Springs to the west end of the Westside Legacy Trail
- Downtown Invermere
- Within each of these communities
- Connecting the existing southern terminus of the Westside Legacy Trail into Fairmont Hot Springs town centre and establishing a safer arrangement for walkers and cyclists to both cross the railway tracks towards Fairmont and cross highway 93 from the west side to the east side.
- Invermere to Radium
- Downtown Invermere
- Radium to Fairmont bus also buses to the indigenous reservations.
- WITHIN Windermere
- windermere to radium
- Invermere to Radium
- more bike lanes in Invermere and Canal Flats
- Cranbrook to skookumchuk
- Invermere to Radium would be the most obvious one to me.
- No
- Invermere to Radium
- Radium to Invermere. There is some infrastructure but there is still a lot of room for improvement and within Invermere itself.
- Fairmont to Windermere - would somewhat beneficial as it could be relatively flat and therefore easily accessible for all level of fitness.
- See answer 12
- No
- Invermere to the Old Coach Trail would be the most important for me. Trails in and around the Invermere core.



Are there any areas that we have not listed in the previous question that you feel would benefit from active transportation infrastructure? (continued)

- Radium to Invermere
- A subsidized taxi service, for seniors or others who are recovering from surgeries, that limit their ability to drive for periods of time-therby enabling people to access grocery stores or local doctors offices etc. During the Market Season at Agri-Park a subsidized taxi service between Radium/Invermere and the farmers market there and back, once each way would assist local people by accessing/sharing a minibus or taxi.
- no
- I think we should improve active transport only within townsites
- Invermere to Radium
- Radium to Invermere
- The areas under the power lines on the West of the valley could make great winter and summer trails- they are already cleared and you could go all the way to Golden- side roads to west side road already exist
- Columere park and Columbia ridge to fairmont
- see 16 above side roads can be incorporated as a safe biking route. ie keep bikes of Hwy 93 or busy roads in Invermere.
- Invermere to Fairmont
- Safer bike lanes radium to invermere!
- Radium to Invermere
- Radium to Invermere
- Please please please let's continue to keep our NATURAL resources, migratory birds, animal pathways in mind when we take on these ideas.
- Columbia Ridge to Fairmont hot springs/Hoodooos
- Windermere to the Akisqunuk reserve (the recreation centre)
- Linking Windermere to Althermere/Crossroads
- Windermere to Fairmont
- NA
- If you would like to talk with me further, as a person with Cerebral Palsy, here is my phone number and email. Phone: 250.XXX.XXXX and my email is XXXXXXXXXXXX@gmail.com.
- Invermere/Windermere to Fairmont
- Windermere to Fairmont.
- The south end of Invermere, i.e. CastleRock Estates, to downtown Invermere and Athalmer.
- Would like to see car free Main Street, particularly in summer months
- No
- The valley is divided by private developments with restricted access. They often have their own trails and beaches, but are "island solutions" with no connection between them and are a barrier for a much needed continuous trail network in the area.
- Invermere to Radium
- radium to invermere
- Invermere to Fairmont or Windermere to Fairmont and Invermere to Radium.
- I think connecting all of the above would be well received and used by community members.
- Windermere to Fairmont
- Invermere to Radium
- Connecting the north and south sides of Windermere with a walking/biking trail across Windermere Creek between the End of Taynton Road and The Dell road
- Windermere Golf course to Windermere
- Invermere- Windermere - Fairmont to make the West Side Legacy Trail a circle trip.
- Castlerock to Invermere. It would be great to have a path for the elderly. My MIL who is in her 80's would like to be able to use a scooter. Not on the road though.
- As mentioned, Castlerock to get to groceries and appts. in Invermere.
- The area from Windermere to the crossroads is heavily developed and growing as second home owners are becoming full time residents. If money was spent here to put in a trail, it would be very well used now and into the future.
- Between Invermere and Radium.
- Harrogate to Spillimacheen.
- Radium to Invermere
- We are relatively new to the valley, about 2 years but have been active cyclists and enjoy distance cycling as well as mountain biking and hiking so we're not sure what else the area would benefit from. As we age, we think making some or most trails accessible for seniors is important.
- Fairmont Hot Springs to Windermere.
- Radium to Invermere. Connecting Westside Legacy Trail directly to Fairmont Hot Springs
- Fairmont to West Side trail
- Between Fairmont and Invermere - East side of Lake
- Maybe Fairmont to Windermere.
- Dry Gulch to Invermere.
- Radium Hot Springs to Invermere
- Windermere to Fairmont Hot Springs
- Invermere to Radium - paved
- Fairmont back to Windermere and connecting to Athalmer trail on the East side of Lake Windermere. A dedicated Pedestrian Bridge over the Columbia River connecting the Legacy Trail, Invermere, Shuswap band to lands beyond. Current connection along Athalmer road is not adequate for its use and not a great experience which it should be in such a strategic, scenic, interesting location.
- Westside road wilmer to radium
- Cranbrook

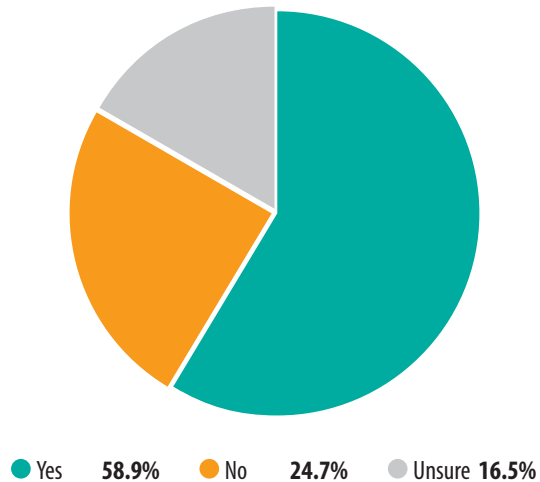
Land acquisition can be a hurdle to developing new trails for active transportation networks. Would you support implementation of a specific Development Permit Area for subdivisions that would allow for the allocation of land for pathways? (320 responses, 17 skipped)





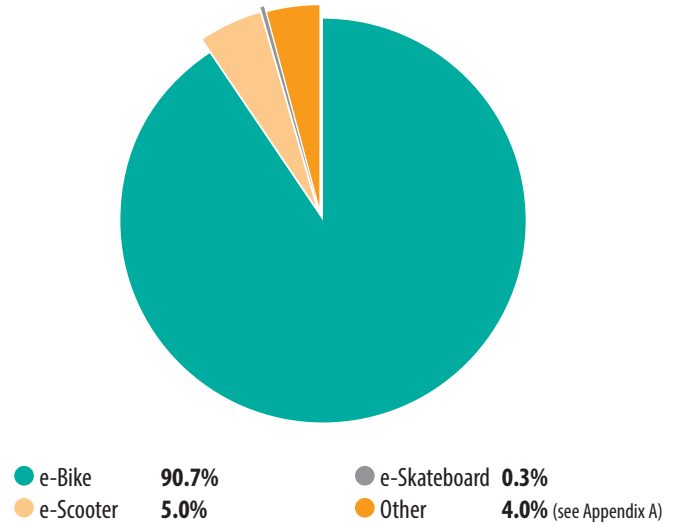
If you had access to an electric mobility device would you utilize active transportation more than you currently do?

(315 responses, 22 skipped)



If you had access to an electric mobility device, what type would you likely use the most?

(300 responses, 37 skipped)

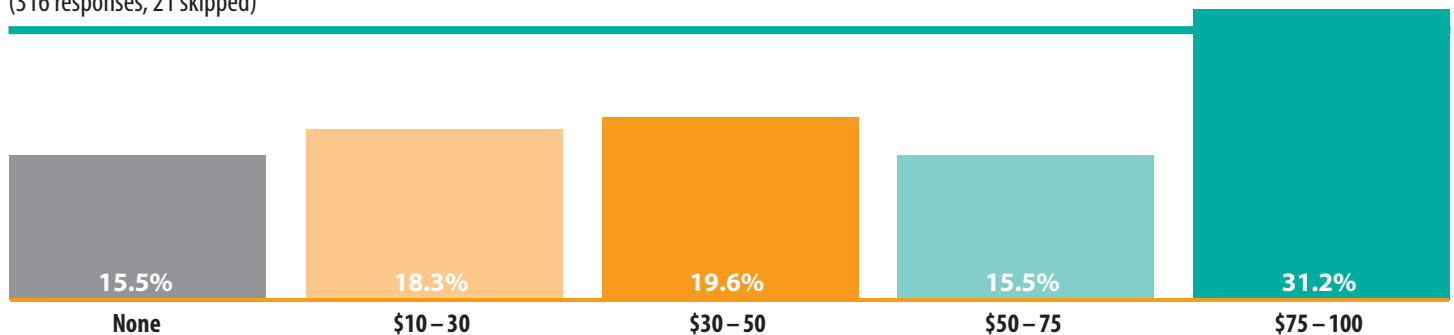


Do you think an electric mobility sharing program would be appropriate to explore in the Columbia Valley? (320 responses, 17 skipped)



What additional amount would you be willing to pay per year to your annual property taxes for an extensive trail system?

(316 responses, 21 skipped)





What have we missed? Please provide any further comments regarding active transportation in the Columbia Valley that you may have.

(113 responses, unedited)

- This sounds remotely like a 15 minute city, I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THIS AGENDA.
- The Columbia Valley would greatly benefit from a continuation of the Legacy Trail to Radium.
- Highway 93/95 from radium to fairmont - lots of cyclists use this, many more would, but there is both cycle lane and the roadside is uneven and covered in stones
- Complete the Old Coach. This captures the majority of tourists, and is a reasonable distance for locals to commute to from Invermere and Radium.
- I assume environmental concerns and Indigenous participation would be included during the process.
- The popularity of the West Side Legacy Trail should be an indication that there is a huge appetite for safe cycling options. Having more trails - for example being able to loop the lake in a safe manner (I've done it by taking the cemetery road, then crossing over to Swansea, Kootenay Road #3 to Fairmont and then dodging cars to get to the west side legacy trail) would be a real bonus. Having a safe cycling route on the west side of Columbia lake that could then connect the dirt road on the east side of the lake to loop Columbia Lake. For people who live in radium to cycle to Invermere for work! All this would be fantastic.
- I do not have any additional comments.
- Before investing in an electric mobility sharing program, please develop a trail network that connects communities. At the moment we have a lot of recreational trails but hardly any that have a positive impact on our carbon footprint. I have an e-bike but can't go anywhere outside of Edgewater safely without loading it on a vehicle and driving to another community. Most people drive to the recreational trails before biking.
- A comprehensive CV trail network with full connectivity between all trail hubs, e.g. westside legacy trail, windermere loop road, old coach road
- I have been riding my Ebike for five years and find new Ebike riders a little reckless. Perhaps the RDEK needs to implement speed limit and or put in something about those who have throttles on their bikes.
- No electric bikes etc., it is a waste of money
- I think you are on the correct track We have to continue to attract healthy lifestyle individuals to the community.
- Be honest about why you're asking these questions. I distrust anything the Gov puts forward that implies limiting movement with bogus alternatives. You already realize that weather/seasons blow this rationale out of the water.
- An education program to vehicle users on the rights a cyclist have on the road. Too often vehicles pass too close and can be extremely rude.
- The Columbia Valley is outstanding. I completely support endeavours to continue the network's expansion, the comment about additional taxes is related to too much taxation already. Redirecting existing tax base would be a better approach.
- Plunking trails without forethought is just chaos waiting to happen. As it is, our 911 calls after hours go through Kelowna. If someone falls on a trail, it may take a long time for them to get help. You need to control what happens on the trails. Drug use near my area is rampant and I do not feel safe. If you are going to add people to the wild areas, they must be provided with waste disposal bins that are emptied regularly. I have found used diapers, condoms, toilet paper, human waste. It's ridiculous to expect people to behave. They need to have things like waste bins in front of their eyes. The trails need to be maintained by a regular group of PAID people that will keep it clean and also act as a deterrent for criminal behaviour. I would gladly pick up garbage on a trail in order to keep the area pristine. As it is, I pick up other's dog waste free of charge.
- I would be interested in attending in person meetings or information sessions.
- Flashing lights at road crossing, make pet friendly
- People confined to walkers and wheelchairs have difficulty navigating sidewalks and entering some shops in Invermere. This questionnaire doesn't address those issues.
- We currently own e-bikes but are reluctant to ride on the shoulder of highways, so would really love to see more dedicated bike paths all the way from Canal flats to Invermere
- Windermere to Invermere, Windermere has nothing going for it on the trails department. Kids are stuck locally with nothing to do. Busing takes ages, kids could bike to highschool in less time it takes to bus!
- Fix the roads. Fix water restrictions
- See my note about the Athalmer Bridge. It's a dangerous bit of road for cyclists. Thanks for doing survey work.
- would you mind developing a website which would make aforementioned trails accessible to people outside this valley?
- Thanks for taking this survey on.
- There will always be people who resist this type of investment. But once things are in place they will use them and wonder how they lived without
- Please don't increase my property taxes to satisfy a social engineering experiment where government is trying to convince us to use alternative transportation (over cars) and that it will be good for us. Let us make the choice first and then build the supporting infrastructure.
- Engagement with First Nations.
- Impact of e-bikes (e-other) on multi-use trails is concerning - they travel faster than pedal bikes and walkers/runners, and there is already concern of pedal bikes and pedestrians on existing trails without the faster e-bikes. The mix needs to be considered carefully and experiences in other communities should be investigated. I am all in favour of active transportation and trails but safety of all is paramount (and don't forget the darn dogs! so many people won't leave home without them)
- I believe it would be very beneficial if people were able to have trails Fernie to Golden eventually Keeping the bikes off the highway is a strong argument.
- Need Taxi service in area
- Waste of tax dollars
- Connecting Old Coach Rd to Invermere should be highest priority
- Thanks for the survey.
- NA
- Build from the core outward, expand from Invermere out
- Must solve the risks to pedestrians (and other vehicles as well) where there has been marked foot traffic increases as well as volume of cars and either too high speed limits, disregard for limits and high



What have we missed? Please provide any further comments regarding active transportation in the Columbia Valley that you may have. (continued)

- risk intersections. This is where the priority lies and we challenge you to tackle that first..... Likely will need some major reconstruction before make worse with another lane
- Safety concerns and speed related issues along highway 93/95 between Invermere and Windermere finally need to be addressed. It is at times very difficult and dangerous to cross the highway to get to the residences on the east side, and to enter into north- and southbound traffic from businesses along the highway. There are also many animal-related accidents. Why could Radium get a speed reduction to protect the sheep, but human beings cannot?
 - Every development in the area needs to contribute land and money to the development. Not everyone is a mountain biker or wants to be on our crazy busy roads
 - Thank-you for prioritizing this.
 - Thanks for doing this survey. Very important topic and I've wondered how to reach out on the topics covered.
 - Look at Nelson's E-Bike Program - lending at 0% I don't think sharing ebikes works but assisting with purchasing would help. Invermere downtown requires better bike lanes, I've come in close contact with vehicles numerous times
 - thank you!
 - Connections between Invermere and Windermere would be fantastic but Windermere itself is very busy and there are no safe, dedicated ways to get from one place to another other than driving. If active transportation was developed within Windermere, it would ease traffic and parking in and around the public beach, on Victoria Ave and Government Road to the highway. All of which are unsafe (remember an ambulance had difficulties reaching a patient at the beach this summer).
 - donations to west side trail helped pay for this infrastructure.. this is a good initiative. i have ongoing concerns about usage and safety of golf carts . driven , especially by very young .. this needs to be addressed as well
 - Spouse and I already using ebikes
 - Our active transport in the area is in dire need to infrastructure.
 - A dedicated cycling path over a long distance could be a tourism draw for the valley. Seeing the trails in Europe and the number of users (of all ages) going on multi day trips is very inspiring. That is a long way off, but you have to start somewhere. Thank you for keeping the momentum rolling!
 - Besides active transportation, consideration should be given to allow golf carts on roads within the community (i.e. within Lakeview Meadows or within Timber Ridge) to allow access on all roadways within a specific community as well as to the beach, to encourage safer & more environmentally responsible transportation.
 - I walk my dog and find walkers, bikes, e-bikes etc. are all competing on the same trails. Bikes are quiet & fast, not courteous. Washrooms are required, locations promoted on 'GO HERE'. What we really need is REAL transportation Columbia Valley to Bow Valley, Calgary and Cranbrook. It would cut down on fossil fuels. I would pay for that. Thank you.
 - Given First Nation concerns and the sensitive ecological nature, the east side of columbial lake should not be uses as a connector for Fairmont/Canal Flats. Should explore connectivity on the West side (which will also connect lakeside communities).
 - Thank you for developing a trail system!
 - Fix the actual roads before you waste more money on paths. Increase public transit and make it more accessible. More hours. More busses. Get a cab service. Elderly and disabled are always left behind.
 - The point to this survey! RDEK never listen to the residents they just do what they want anyway!
 - Active transport isn't as needed as much as a more extensive trail network. As all communities across BC and western Canada expand these networks, RDEK and invermere have lost trails. We need change to ensure RDEK representatives have the soft skills and negotiation skills required to have tactful & positive conversations with indigenous partners and land owners.
 - Please keep active transportation routes separate from vehicle highways.
 - I said no to paying more in taxes because we already pay so much and quite frankly, I feel there are lots of grants out there to help with improved trail networks. With the taxes we pay, the roads aren't well maintained. I'm hoping with more densification we wouldn't need to pay more in taxes as we get more folks paying.
 - I think the e-mobility device program should be explored however, I think it could be a business opportunity for someone. Therefore I would prefer to see the investment in the path network first.
 - Should have asked if people currently have an electric mobility device.
 - This is very exciting! I am extremely pleased this is being considered!
 - As a renter of a suite, I do not personally pay property taxes, so I cannot comment on Question 23. Thank you for asking all these questions and taking time to consider ways to assist local people with transportation. Its very appreciated.
 - The potential to enhance tourism in the area is very underrated. For example, I am 100% confident that visitorship would increase with a comprehensive network of trails. I recently spent a month cycling in Europe and so many people I met expressed that they would also love to visit Canada by bike, especially BC, but that it was very dangerous and unpleasant riding with traffic. Connectivity through the Columbia Valley is going to be a differentiator.
 - We need to ensure that trails are pedestrian friendly and not just designed for / used by bikes and ebikes.
 - I think this survey has failed to ask important questions about how people feel about the impacts these trail systems have on our environment, wildlife habitat areas and rural , agricultural landscapes. There were zero questions around these topics. This survey seems designed to get a certain result, more and more trails . It presumes that all active transport is somehow good for us and our environment. I think there is a massive lack of awareness in the general population of the impacts trail systems have and the RDEK should educate people on the negative impacts as well so people can make fully informed, balanced decisions. - Human presence in wild areas disturbs and displaces wildlife fragmenting their habitat. - It has the same effect on livestock. We are loosing our ability to grow food and support healthy game populations in this valley - The Westside Legacy Trail for example turned 30 + acres of native grassland (which was sequestering carbon) into pavement and gravel, and parking lots. From what we see



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- people mostly drive out to certain spots (releasing CO₂), unload their bikes and use a specific section as it is just too long for the average person. nothing to do with transport. This trail was supposed to result in less people using the Westside road for biking. That hasn't happened and I would say for some reason there's just as many or more using the Westside road. Might as well have just widened out the road to create a bike lane. -The Proposed trail from Invermere to Radium on Old Coach Trail runs through a Wildlife Habitat Management Area. The Bighorn Sheep, Badgers, Elk and other wildlife should always take priority. There's no use building a million dollar overpass for Bighorn Sheep if you're going to run a bike trail through the middle of the WHMA. - People who live in rural areas live there because they enjoy the privacy, peace and quite of the countryside, creating busy tourist trails changes all that and even causes some to move away. - We have more than enough trail systems. too much. How many kms of trail do we have? How many do we actually NEED? - It's not easy for people to express their opposition to these types of projects as it's just not a socially popular thing to do. The RDEK should remember to create survey questions which give a voice to those who feel these trail projects are not necessarily always a good idea.
- Nothing else to add. It is a very important initiative.
 - You need to coordinate with the towns. The survey was poorly publicized, the link in the paper did not work.
 - Motorized vehicles can dominate trail systems - especially 4 wheelers in the summer. Power lines can be multi use without affecting the backcountry more than we already have
 - Safe path systems are key. Electric share scooter systems are dangerous and clutter up communities. I support walking and cycling paths. Not interested in e-mobility systems at all.
 - My wife and I also enjoy walking mostly around Timber but the disconnect of roads to Windermere is a barrier
 - Fundraising has been very successful!
 - I believe the trail system should be financed from existing transportation and infrastructure budgets along with grants from Federal, Provincial and NGOs like CBT, etc.
 - Please build a sweet trail between Radium and Invermere. I would commute as will many others in Radium! It will also benefit tourism and connect the two communities
 - Seriously get some biologists in from the start in an attempt to avoid disturbing at risk species.
 - Westside Legacy Trail is an outstanding resource and well used. Don't stop...expand this resource.
 - Windermere is trying to build a short multi-use path to allow locals to walk from the North to the south of Windermere without walking on the highway. This short path could join a larger network. There needs to be a bridge or tunnel across the highway for bikers and pedestrians in the Windermere area. This could allow children to access the Columbia Rec Centre safely. I
 - When the legacy trail was built connecting Canmore and Banff it was questioned - many wondered if there would be much interest, maybe road bikers wouldn't like it, etc. It surpassed everyone's expectations in terms of users per day. The number of people using it with ebikes now is greater than ever, and it allows commuters to use alternatives to cars between the communities. It allows all ages a safe trail free of vehicle traffic. It gives sports teams a place to train where vehicles are not a concern. It allows people who haven't biked in years put a ride in the Rockies on their bucket list. The Columbia Valley could see all these benefits too, especially between Invermere and Windermere, and Windermere and Fairmont. Spectacular scenery would put this on people's bucket list and create commercial opportunities to rent bikes. Locals could get from one town to another to commute, recreate, and shop without getting on the highway. All users could have a safe trail separate from vehicles. If you build it, they will come!
 - active transportation should be integrated throughout our communities
 - Thank you for taking an interest in accessible transportation. I really appreciate it.
 - Folks are not safe riding their bikes on the small gravel berm along hwy 95-all of our roadways should be planned with a SAFE, paved walking/ bikepath adjacent to the road, and this should be a priority anytime road improvement projects are undertaken. If you build it and make it safe, people will use it more frequently.
 - There are lots of places for people to bike and walk without expensive trail development.
 - I wish the cost of e-bikes would come down more. I am also concerned about e-skateboards and e-scooters and e-mountain bikes that share some paths -- some of those are very fast and can startle pedestrians.
 - The East side of Columbia Lake is seeing a lot of bicycle traffic and hiking. If you build a trail, 99% stay on a trail. Presently folks go wherever they want and leave their garbage. It is also an opportunity to share indigenous history and culture thru signage. // Also Greenways concentrated all their effort to benefit Invermere, time to think about the entire Columbia Valley.
 - No
 - The valley really needs a continuous trail network, for recreation as well as active transportation
 - Question 5 did not have a "no limitations option" so will skew results... Careful with that.
 - bus connections from Golden to Cranbrook 2 or 3 times a week bus connections from Golden to Cranbrook 2 or 3 times a week
 - I've mentioned it a few times. The Westside Legacy Trail is amazing! However, the hills are very aggressive and make it almost impossible to bike. I would also use it more in the winter if it were plowed further toward Fairmont. I would use new trails extensively, but would hope they wouldn't be as aggressive as Westside Legacy.
 - There are many people on the highway between Windermere and the Invermere crossroads during the summer months and it is very dangerous with the amount of traffic on the highway. This is an urgent area that needs to be addressed to keep our residents and visitors safe. While a paved trail might be nice, a gravel trail would be a good start.
 - A bike path from windermere to invermere that is not too steep. Also a path from upper windermere down to windermere beach that is not too steep.
 - Nothing.
 - Re: Questions 20 and 21. I already own an ebike and it has allowed me to continue biking when I might have had to give it up. I generally use it for errands around Fairmont but use walking for exercise.



What have we missed? Please provide any further comments regarding active transportation in the Columbia Valley that you may have.
(continued)

- But riding or walking along the highway makes me uncomfortable. I think many people live here because of the active lifestyle available to them and any time that lifestyle can be expanded to include more people it is a good thing.
- The trails through private property seem well used, but I never know whether to pay attention to the private signs. It would be great to know what property owners are ok with citizens travelling their property.
 - The distance from Castlerock to Invermere is doable, but scary while walking. Just starting to discover trails. The roads are poor in many places for biking for old folks. And walking is just silly with the lack of concern for pedestrians that many drivers show. Sharing paths with bikes is also not ideal.
 - I would purchase an e-bike if there was a safe trail to ride it on along Lakeview Drive. Then I could use it for shopping and going for coffee and leave the car at home.
 - Electric rail is worth looking into.
 - This is exciting. Such a great plan for the future of our Valley! I wish you great success in getting this planned, and please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any more questions. 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX :)
 - Westside Legacy trail is a great start , but it's very steep for a pedal bike.
 - Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to planning for this important goal.
 - Thank you Directors for pushing this agenda... active transportation is definitely going to become more and more critical in the future.
 - Improved road conditions to back country trails
 - as mentioned before, a trailsystem past edgewater is not considered beneficial. we live outdoors. get sufficient movement and we spend lots of time outdoors. we have concerns around a trail system in this area and forest fires (we dont need more people outdoors in this area as that brings increased risk of forest fires). also we would gain nothing financially (saving on a vehicle???) with such an endeavour and feel we would basically loose (as taxes would be increased). brisco has an elderly population who would gain from an active public transport system! this whole valley would! in that way the elderly could go visit their elderly friends in invermere! I do invite you to come host an open house in brisco for the communities of brisco and spillimacheen, and perhaps a separate one for edgewater. so you can get a pulse of the community. I hope this feedback is actually taken into consideration...!
 - Thank you
 - Greenways Trail Alliance has the capacity and experience to project manage construction and fund raising under contract to RDEK.
 - I'm assuming the tax you are discussing applies to all of the communities in the valley, not only Invermere.
 - I'm very active, mostly as a runner and would love to see a trail system connecting Windermere to Invermere for both recreation (primary use of the legacy trail) and active transportation.
 - When building active transportation networks, please consider location of trail. Factors include, buffers from highways such as a row of trees, minimizing elevation changes, access to commercial destinations such as cafe's, restaurants, bars.
 - First priority should be extending the legacy trail north to Radium
 - Trails need to be multi use, Animal (dog) walking is important to many people and needs to be included - excluding this use on the Westside Legacy trail is ridiculous. E transportation also needs to be permitted as this is becoming a real option for work transportation and enjoyment by a larger segment of the population. Strategic Amenity locations, i.e. chargers, washrooms, benches etc should be planned into a connected system. Connections should be made to the economic centers of each community not just skirt the edges. This would support destination use, i.e. bike for a lunch, shopping etc
 - Windermere to fairmont trail would be nice
 - I really think that snow is the most difficult barrier to active transportation. I find it difficult in the winter as a healthy and active young adult, I cannot imagine the struggle that people with mobility issues, elderly or youth have walking on icy roads being shared with vehicles. Often in the winter, my vehicle becomes the safest option for transportation although I would prefer to walk.
 - In addition to considering shared electric mobility devices, also consider less costly, non-electric shared mobility devices (e.g., bixi bikes in Montreal)
 - Reduce parking and people will have no choice but to make thoughtful decisions about how they get around in our communities.
 - Additional density to housing, and explicitly designing walkable neighbourhoods improves the efficacy of active and public transportation



APPENDIX A

Do you have any limitations? (Responses to 'Other')

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|--|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Creeping age | • None | • None | • None |
| • Balance issues | • None | • None | • None |
| • No | • None | • no limitations. | • None |
| • None | • Age | • Nope | • N/A |
| • None | • N/A | • No I don't | • Some mobility , vision issues |
| • None. This should have been an option. | • No | • No real limitations | • none |
| | • None | • None | • No Limitations |

If you use active transportation to get around, which form(s) do you use most often? (Responses to 'Other')

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| • walker / rollator | • Walking and Cycling > form wont allow for multiple to be checked |
| • I walk every day. 1 - 4 km. No real destination. I do like my e-bike, but it's dangerous to ride on the highway once leaving Columbia Lake Road. | • Walking and cycling |
| • walking and cycling | • I walk but have temporarily been in a wheelchair |
| • E-bike | • Walking and cycling |
| • Vehicle | • Running |
| • Multi-select wasn't enabled on this. So I wanted to share that I cycle, bike and use the Lake Windermere Whiteway, and paddleboard, in that order, as my main active transportation methods in the Columbia Valley. | • if you live in brisco you get enough 'active transportation' working in and around the yard/property. active transportation is just not something we need in this area. we need to drive everywhere. |
| • Both walking and cycling | • Kayak |
| | • Cycling and walking |

What are your top reasons for using active transportation? (Responses to 'Other')

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| • This sounds remotely like a 15 minute city, I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THIS AGENDA. | • To get around town and to get exercise, I agree with Improving active transportation within municipalities but not in rural or wildlife habitat areas because of the significant environmental impact these trail systems have. |
| • Could pick up groceries in Fairmont if it was accessible via a safe trail. | • Because it is very satisfying to get places under your own steam.. |
| • We like to bike for groceries, to eat at restaurants, to shop locally | • the brisco area does not need an active trail. we live active lifestyles. we need an active bus transportation system. and if one would claim that this is not part of that conversation: it is: tax dollars spent are tax dollars spent! and they can only be spent once... dont spend ours on a trail system up this way. |
| • Walking my dog every day. | • Meet locals |
| • To walk my dog; get to the store or golf course; visit family and friends nearby | |
| • Connection to geography | |
| • To get from one place to another | |
| • To get my teenager to his job in Fairmont | |



What are your biggest challenges/barriers in using active transportation in the Columbia Valley? (Responses to 'Other')

- This sounds remotely like a 15 minute city, I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THIS AGENDA.
- West side legacy trail is too winding and so move to road for efficiency
- Bears a huge deterrent!! Bears should be relocated. Car and truck traffic. Speed limits should be lowered along Highway 93/95 from Radium to Windermere to 80 kph. Other speed limits should be lowered as well.
- No challenges
- The Old Coach parking lot is used for drug activity/sales/ consumption. I do not feel safe going there. It is also a dumping ground for bones after hunting season. It needs to be maintained.
- See above
- None
- I'm too busy with work and can't enjoy our beautiful surroundings
- Sometimes lack of time
- Not many places to lock bikes up
- Barriers to dog friendly paths
- Due to being short sighted, reading signage makes and prefer not to travel on the highway-and also the vehicles that drive dangerously overtaking at speed makes me feel unsafe.
- Again I don't believe in creating trail networks outside the townsites, unless they are along the edge of an existing highway as they are so impactful to the environment and wildlife, and rural landscapes. As I feel they are too impactful I refuse to use them.
- Sanitary services are limited. Seniors may need to use restrooms more often
- Dutch creek bridge difficult to cross as no room for pedestrians or cyclists.
- Traffic (trailers, boats, trucks) on the highways, getting from one town to another requires a car as there is no safe way to ride the shoulder of the highway and no practical way to link the residential streets together.
- I am happy staying in Columere
- Many hikes are difficult to get to even with a truck. Getting to places like Mt. Sabine, Goat Lake, Mt. Tegart, Doctor Creek Cabin, etc are difficult.
- I would like to have an e-bike IF I could afford it. That way, I would cycle more to town for errands.
- Highway traffic makes it unsafe to walk / cycle along the highway.
- there basically is zero appetite for such a trail network. would I use it to safe costs on my vehicle? to get groceries in Radium? oh no, they dont have any affordable grocery options available, putting me another community further out.
- Motivation :)

If you had access to an electric mobility device, what type would you likely use the most? (Responses to 'Other')

- E-trike
- Wheelchair
- None
- It's more about infrastructure - none of these things are safe because all the networks are for motor vehicles
- e-trike
- Wheelchair
- One Wheel
- I think they make sense in town sites but would not support their use outside a town. They have that much greater impact on wildlife habitat as you can now travel so much farther through what was a wild and natural area.
- no thank you
- N/A
- I need some kind of device I can move around in during the winter