

Transportation Choices Matter

Replacing some vehicle trips with cycling, walking, and transit, while switching to more efficient vehicles will benefit our environment, air quality, and health.

Climate Concerns

- Two-thirds of our community's greenhouse gas emissions are from transportation.
- Most vehicles are gas or diesel powered.

What the City Is Doing

- Prioritizing increased housing density in areas located near amenities, services, and jobs and along major transit routes. When we live close to our daily needs—jobs, schools, health care, food, recreation, etc.—we don't need to drive as much.
- Improving cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, such as multi-use pathways and bike storage, to make it easier for more people to ride and walk.
- Supporting the transition to electric vehicles.

Reasons for Hope

- Sustainable transportation options, such as walking, cycling, transit, and carpooling, also reduce traffic congestion and lessen the need for costly parking spaces.
- Technology is evolving. Electric vehicles don't produce tailpipe emissions and plug-in hybrids can provide most daily driving needs on electric power.



WHAT CAN I DO?



Get Active and Take Transit

- Replace some of your regular vehicle trips—walk for short errands or bike to school or work.
- Explore bikes of all types. E-bikes help you go further, faster and climb hills; cargo bikes can carry a load; and kids' seats and trailers make a bike your family wagon.
- Look up the most convenient transit routes for your regular activities.

Prioritize Efficiency

- Carpool with a friend or combine multiple errands to make the most out of trips and your time.
- Drive efficiently to save up to 25% on fuel costs—maintain proper tire pressure, accelerate gently, maintain a steady speed, avoid high speeds, and coast to decelerate.
- Consider an electric vehicle or plug-in hybrid for your next vehicle.

Live, Work, and Play Locally

- If you're planning to move, aim for a location on a transit route or where you can walk or bike to local amenities. You may find you are able to get rid of a vehicle (and its associated costs).
- Commute less if your workplace supports options to work from home or a flexible/condensed work week.
- Plan a staycation or explore regional destinations you can drive, bike, bus, or take the train to.



SNAPSHOTS OF THE PAST

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KMA 260



KMA 9145



KMA 905

From the rivers to rail and road, Tk'emlúps/Kamloops has long been a transportation hub. Photos (L-R): KMA 260: From the late 1800s to early 1900s, stern and side-wheeled steamships provided transportation between Savona, the North Thompson, the Shuswap Lakes and Fortune's Landing (Enderby). KMA 9145: Since completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1886, trains have linked Kamloops from coast to coast. KMA 905: Bicycles provided a convenient way of getting around.



MAKING THE CONNECTION

How do you get around town? What factors influence your transportation choices?



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