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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Public Information Centre

January 22, 2026

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PROJECT GOALS

1. **Create** an Active Transportation Master Plan aimed at fostering safe, efficient, and accessible options for walking, cycling, and other nonmotorized travel
2. **Build** on the Parks Master Plan project by incorporating trail inventory analysis previously completed as part of that effort
3. **Align** with relevant provincial policies while striving to enhance connectivity between key settlement areas
4. **Identify** active transportation infrastructure gaps
5. **Fully integrate** with the existing roadway network and transit routes, linking key destinations via sustainable transportation modes
6. **Realize** improvements to public health
7. **Ensure** connectivity to and from areas of forecasted future development by identifying and reserving key corridors
8. **Extend** beyond trails to establish a town-wide active transportation network
9. **Phase** recommendations to address gaps while enhancing network infrastructure

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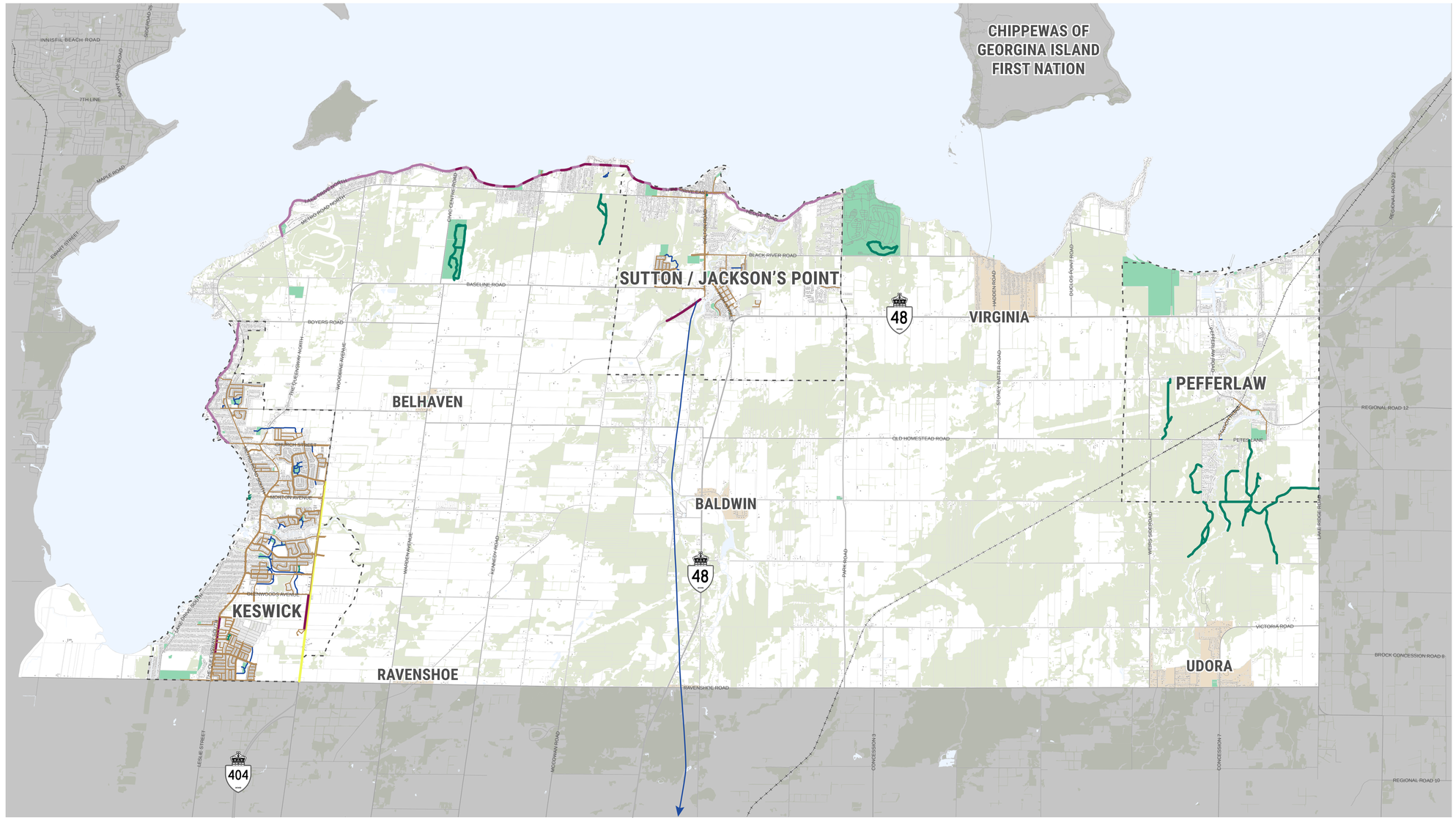

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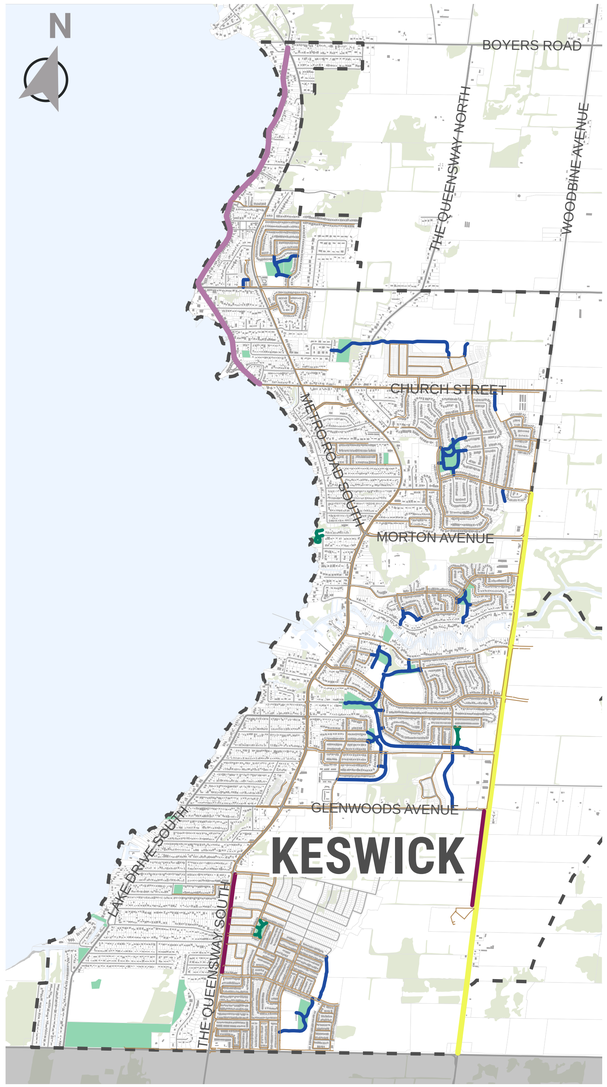

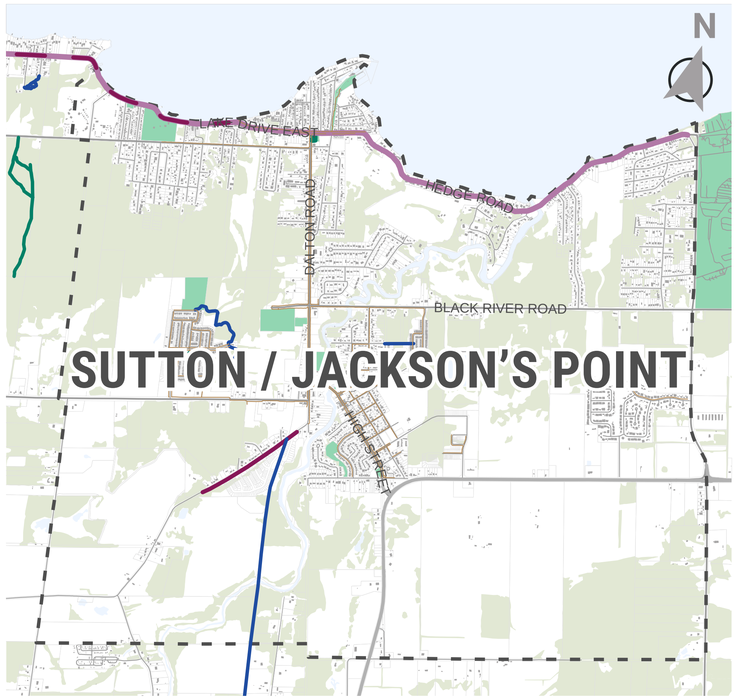

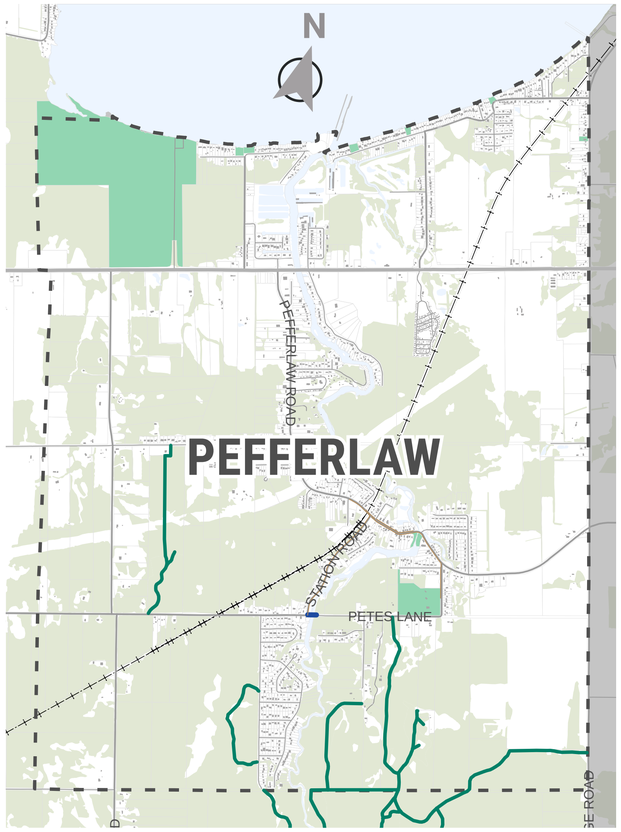

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Multi-Use Trail



Multi-Use Path



On-Road Bicycle Lane



Signed Route



Sidewalk



Recreational Trail

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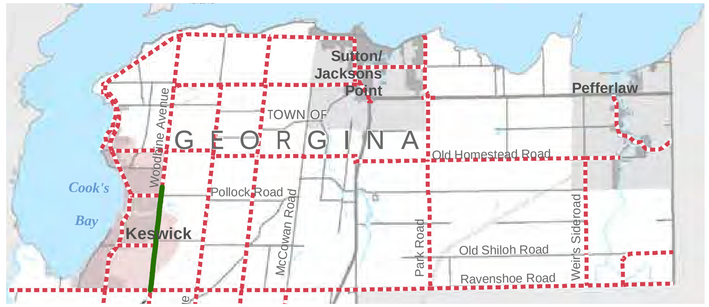
PLANNED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS





Existing Network*

- Dedicated/Separated Facilities *(Protected Bike Lane, Shared Pathway, Bike Lane)*

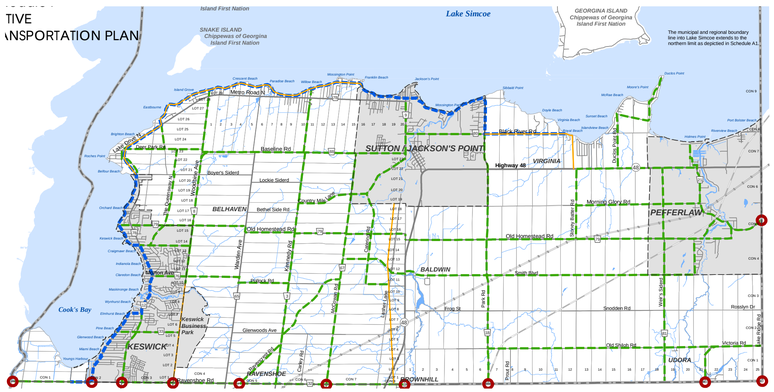
Recommended Cycling Facilities

- Cycling facility to be determined in consultation with Pedestrian and Cycling Planning and Design Guidelines

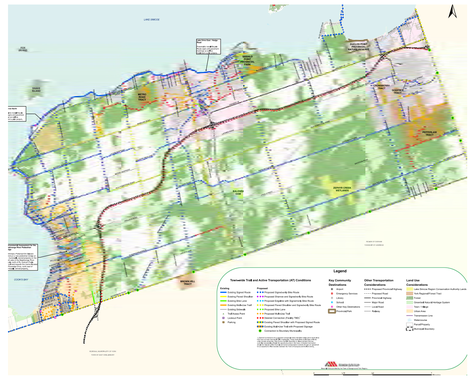
Trails of Regional Significance

- Existing Region-Wide Trail Network
- Recommended Region-Wide Trail Network











The project team closely examined previously identified transportation improvements from official plans, secondary plans, transportation-focused master plans and open space strategies to inform an understanding of past planning and active transportation network needs/desires. Key plans include:

- York Region Transportation Plan
- Town of Georgina Official Plan
- Town of Georgina Trails & Active Transportation Master Plan
- Town of Georgina Waterfront Parks Master Plan

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PUBLIC SURVEY RESPONSES

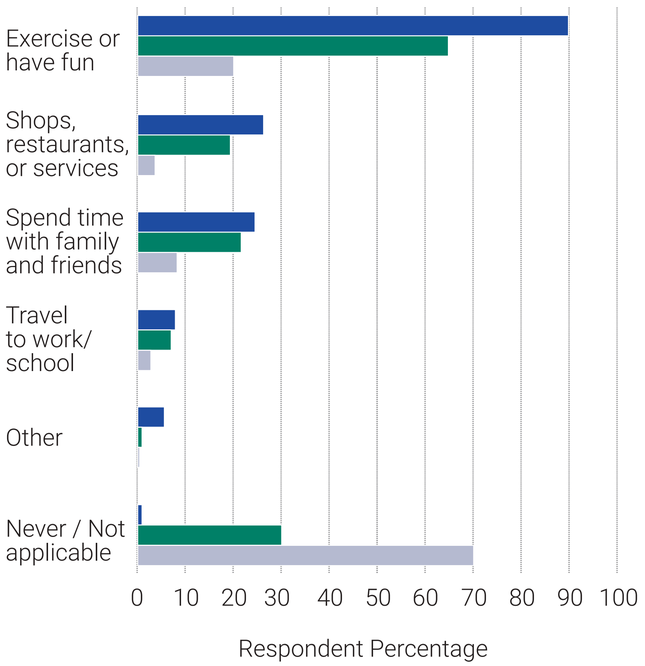
The study team oversaw an online active transportation behavior and preference survey open to public responses from September 25, 2025 until November 7, 2025.

The survey received 222 responses and over 90 percent of participants reported being a Georgina resident. The majority of survey participants reported being 56 years of age of older, reinforcing that active transportation planning must consider the needs of older adults.

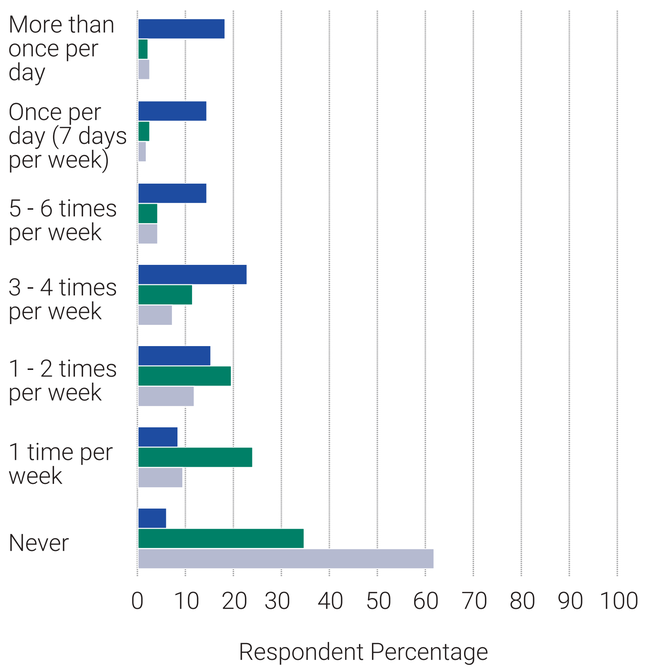
Respondents' Commute Mode Share to Work or School

67%	2%	2%	2%	2%	9%	15%
Drive	Carpool	Walk	Bicycle	Transit	Telework	Other (Retired)

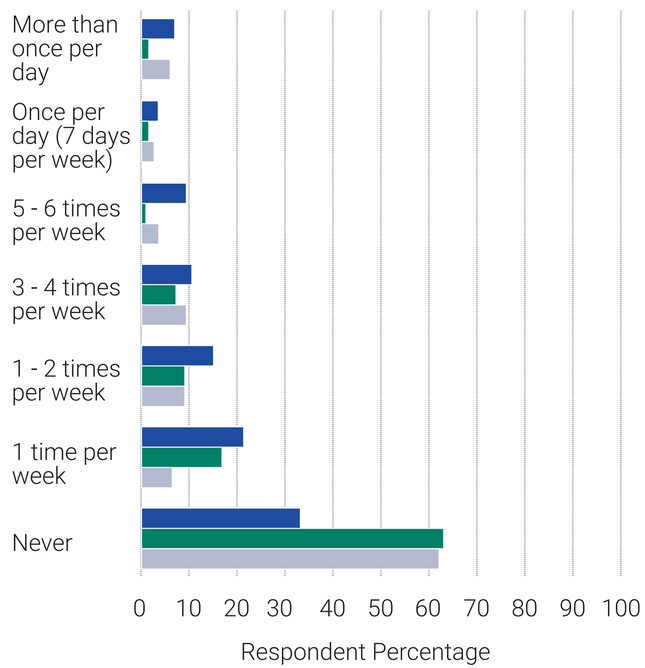
Reasons for Active Transportation Participation



Active Transportation Participation Frequency for Recreation



Active Transportation Participation Frequency to Reach a Destination



Walk Bike Other Active Modes

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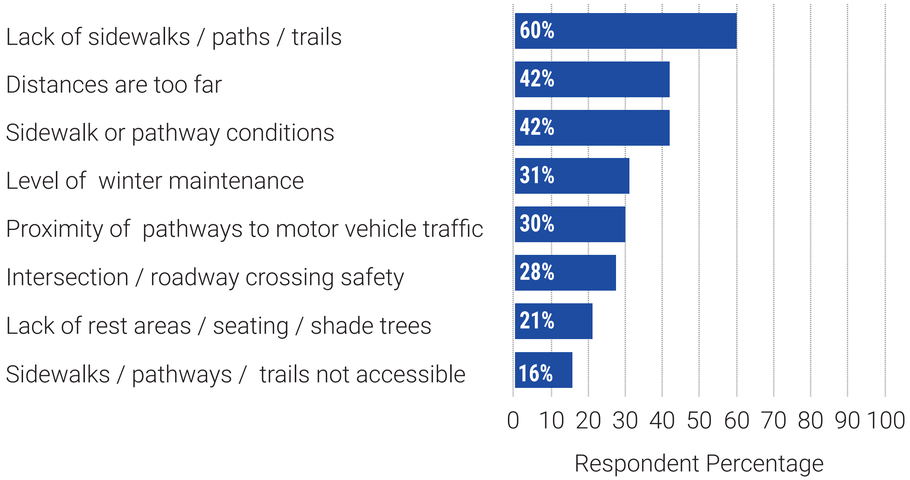
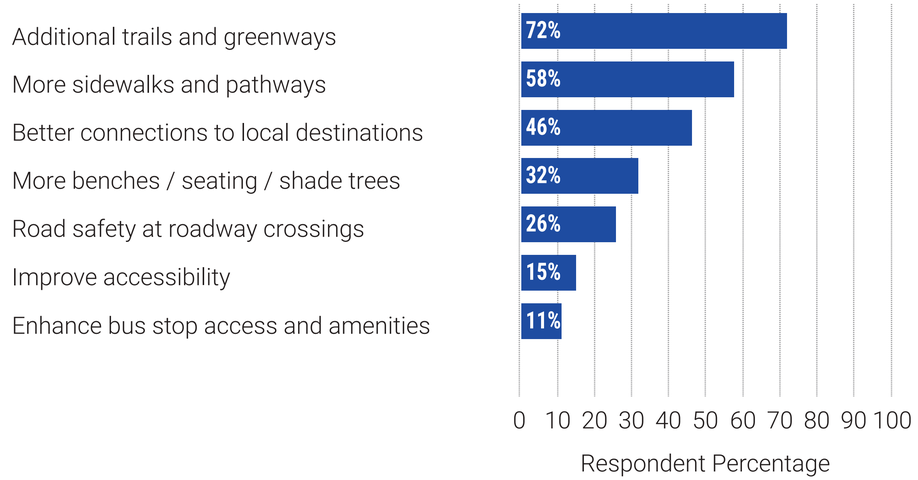
Main Issues / Concerns Limiting Walking



Motivators Encouraging Walking



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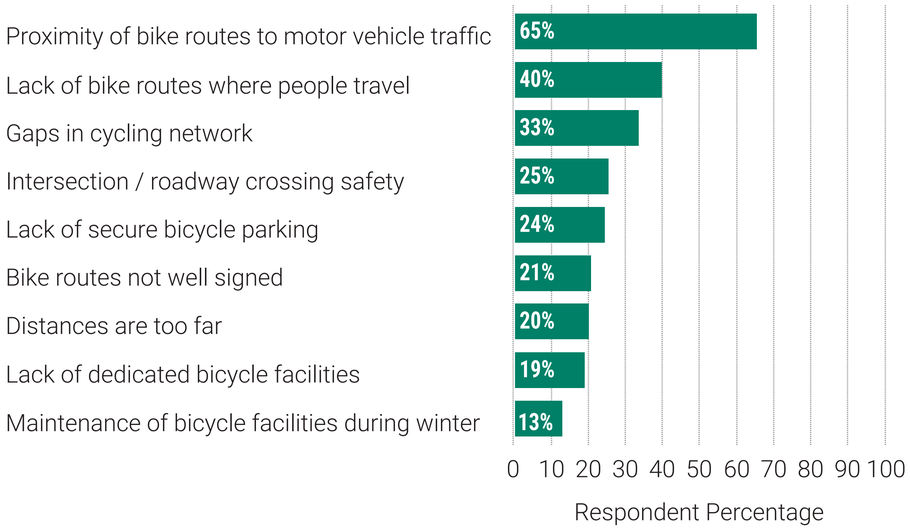

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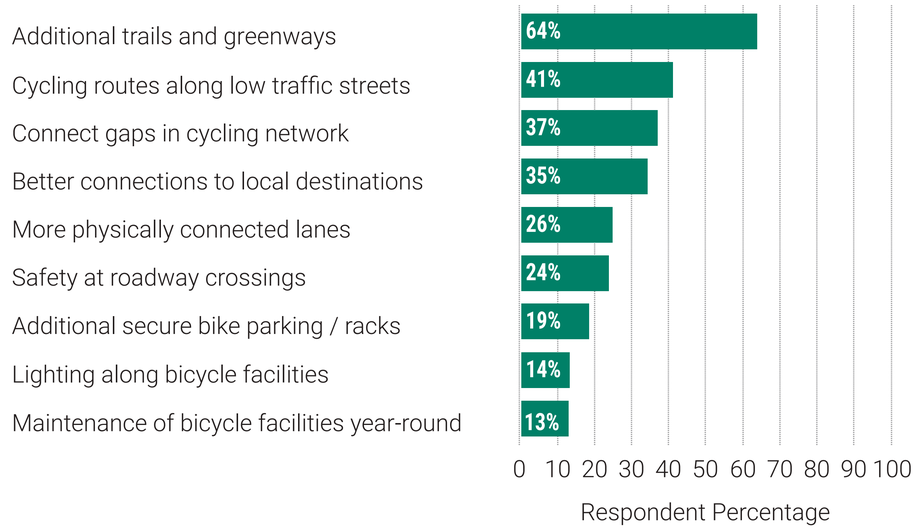

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IDENTIFIED ISSUES, GAPS, AND OPPORTUNITIES

A comprehensive review of demographics, travel choices, the existing active transportation facility inventory, and a very useful database of public input supports the identification of initial needs and potential for improvement



Active Transportation Network Connectivity

Issue: Analysis and survey feedback emphasized the need for dedicated active transportation links connecting Georgina's community areas, hamlets, shopping areas, and community centres.
Opportunity: Take an innovative approach to facility design and prioritize a multi-use network to make active transportation practical and appealing.



Safety Risks, Perceptions, and Concerns

Issue: Residents consistently identified personal safety as a major barrier to walking, biking, and using other active transportation modes.
Opportunity: Enhance safety and comfort for all active transportation users by addressing physical and environmental barriers.



Long Distances between Destinations

Issue: Existing active transportation facilities, especially those also geared toward recreation, are not direct, lengthening trip distance and time.
Opportunity: Make greater use of off-road trails aligned with desired travel patterns to better connect destinations.



Connections To and From Schools

Issue: Many schools have convenient access to sidewalks and internal trail connections, but those outside of community areas are difficult to access safely without a motor vehicle.
Opportunity: Prioritize schools and population centres as key nodes within the active transportation network.



Amenities, Rest Facilities, and Accessible Infrastructure

Issue: Many walking routes in Georgina lack essential amenities and continuous accessible infrastructure, creating barriers for seniors and individuals with mobility challenges.
Opportunity: Design routes that accommodate diverse needs, ensuring seniors and mobility-challenged individuals can participate fully in community life without facing physical or environmental barriers.

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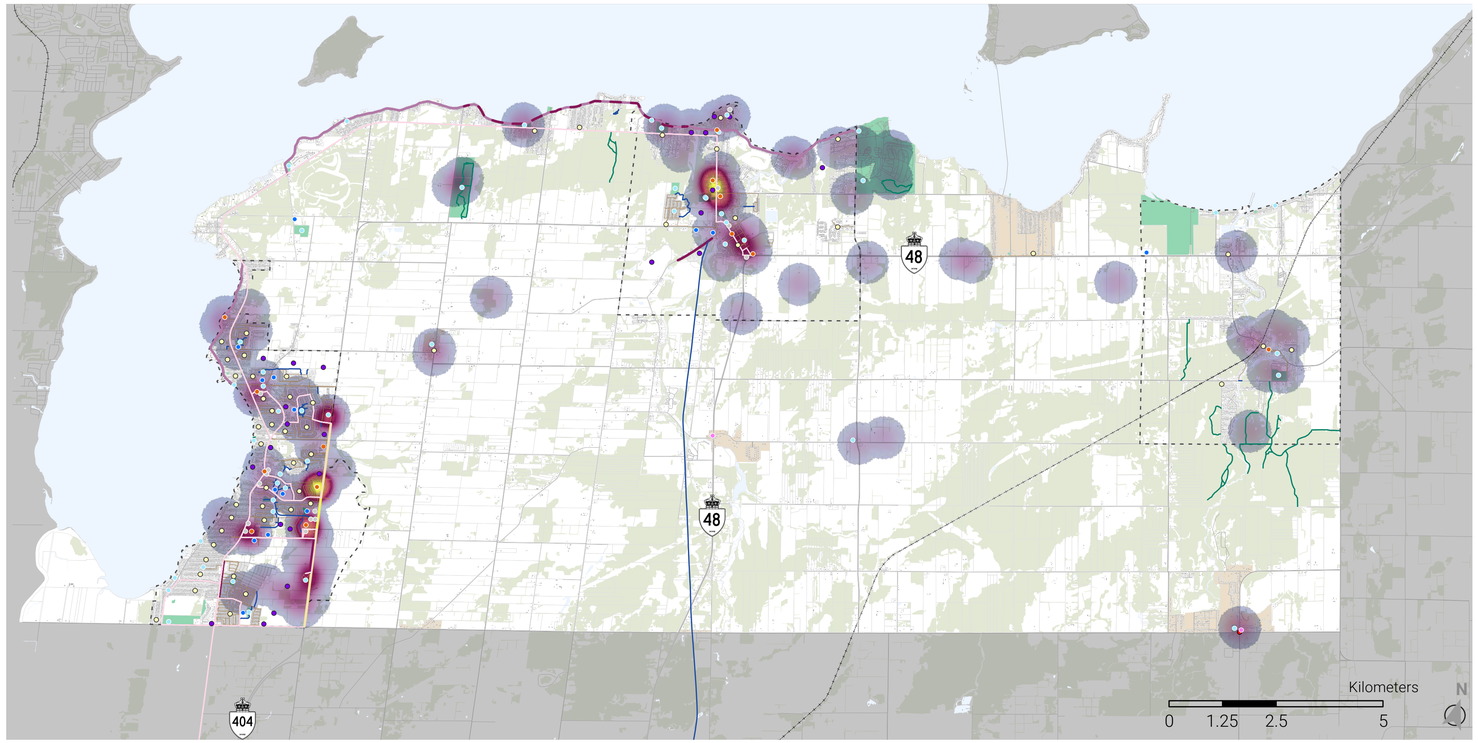
BUILDING A PROPOSED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK



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- Bus Routes
- Residential Sources
- Hamlet Sources
- Future Development Sources
- Commercial Destinations
- Recreation Destinations
- School Destinations
- Hamlet Destinations
- Future Development Destinations
- Less Dense
- More Dense

Destinations indicated by survey respondents

The development of candidate links into a connected and practical active transportation network for Georgina followed a step-by-step process that identified where people live, where they need to go, and how they travel today.

1. Define and Identify Key Origins

- Residential Clusters
- Future Residential Developments

2. Define and Identify Key Destinations (Informed by survey)

- Schools
- Parks and recreation centres that include playgrounds, sports fields, and/or seating areas
- Hamlet Communities
- Commercial areas and future commercial developments
- Bus Stops and routes

3. Generate Origin-Destination Links

- Reference school boundary areas
- Draw general desire lines representing logical connections
- Compare the draft links to the existing active transportation network, roadway corridors, and planned future networks

4. Finalize Candidate Network Links

- Confirm practical candidate corridors and off-road alternatives

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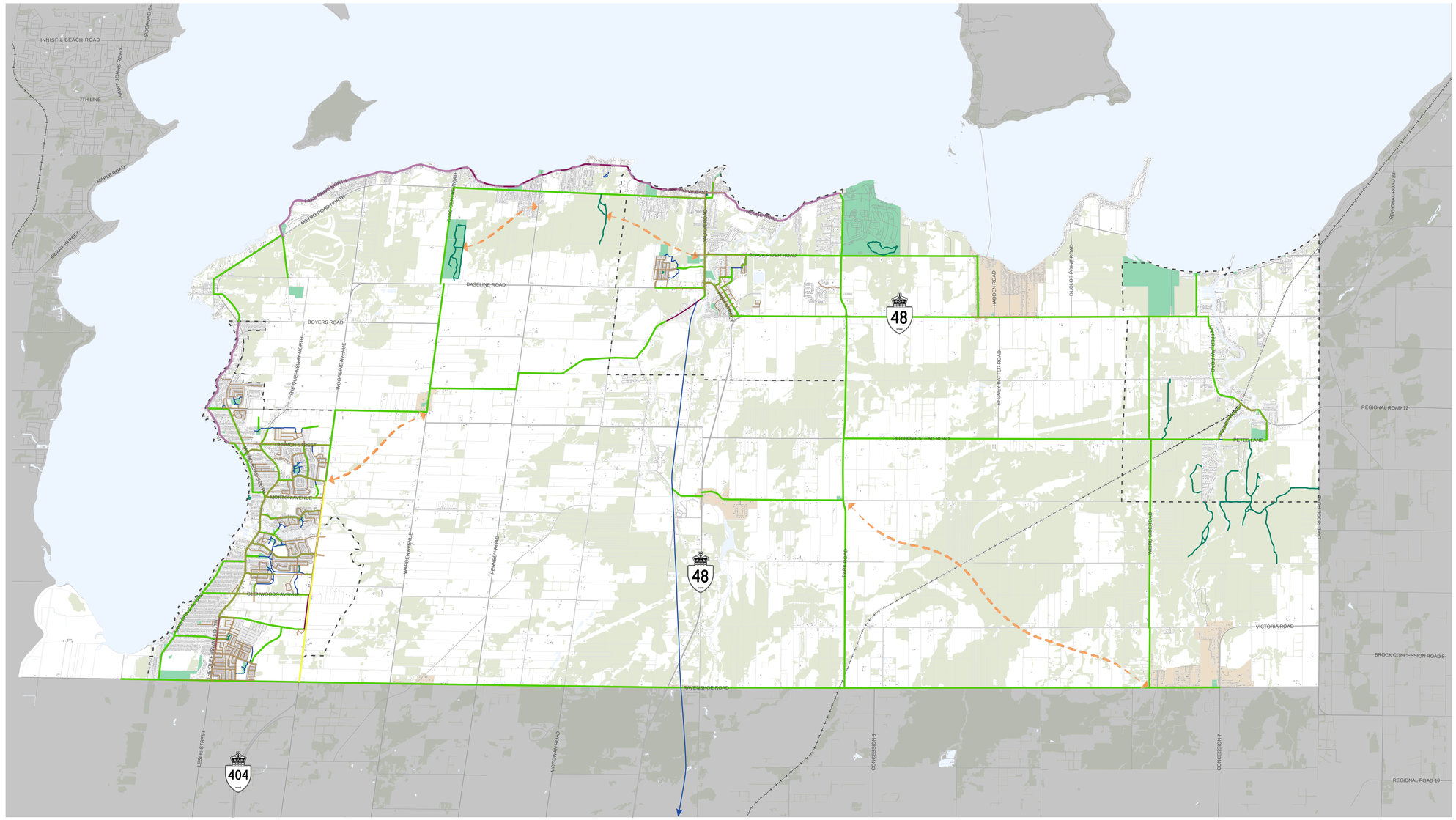
PROPOSED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK



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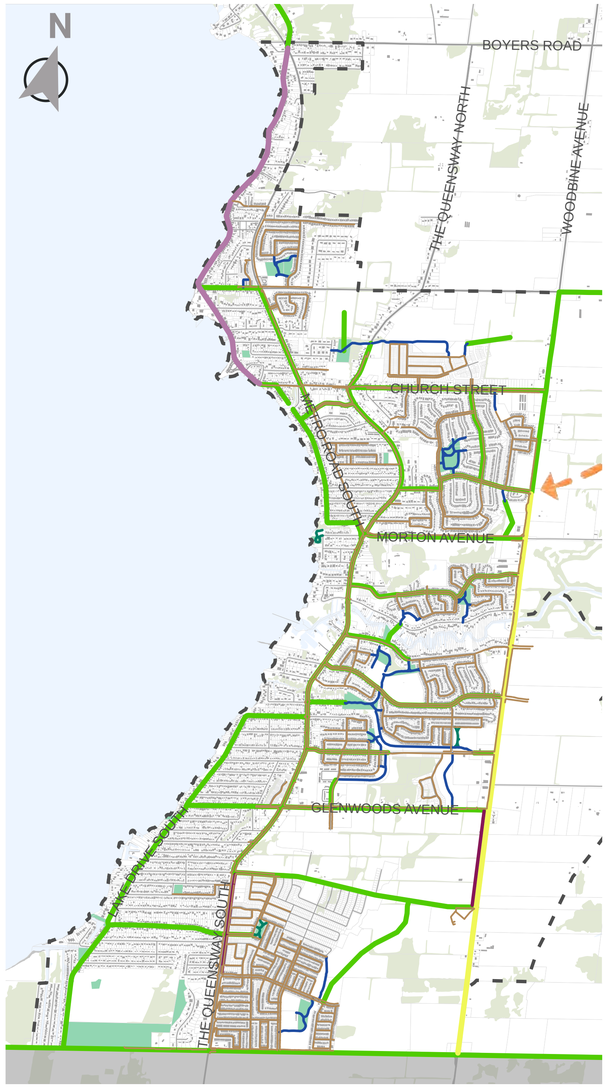

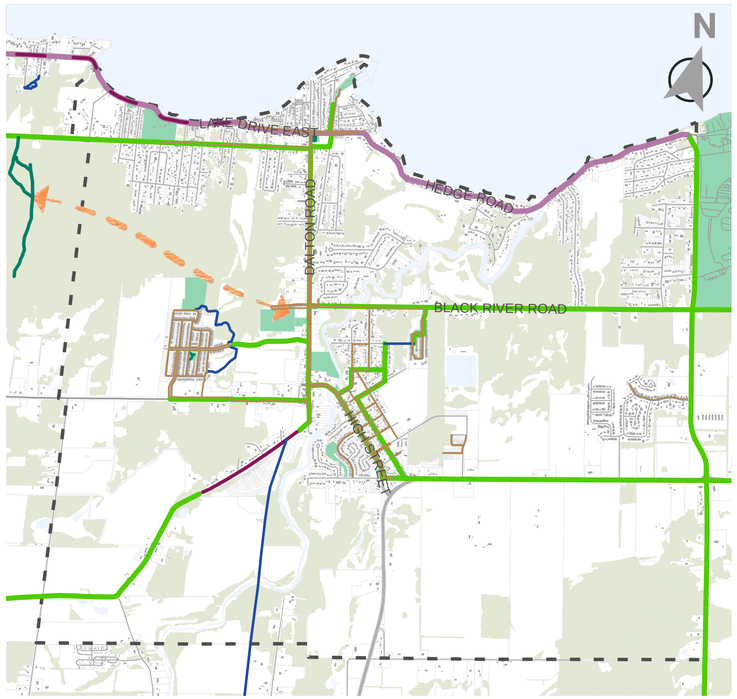

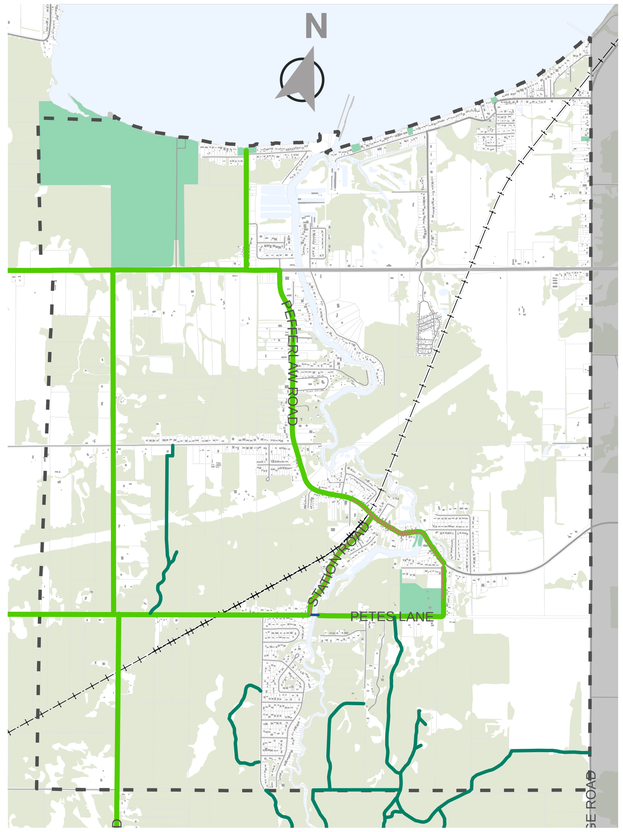

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The proposed active transportation network represents a preliminary, conceptual layout illustrating potential corridors for future walking and cycling facilities. Links indicate general routing only as specific facility types and design details have not yet been determined. The maps include existing sidewalks, trails, and paths to highlight how the proposed network would build upon and connect to infrastructure already in place. Off-road trail alternatives may replace proposed links if land easements can be established.

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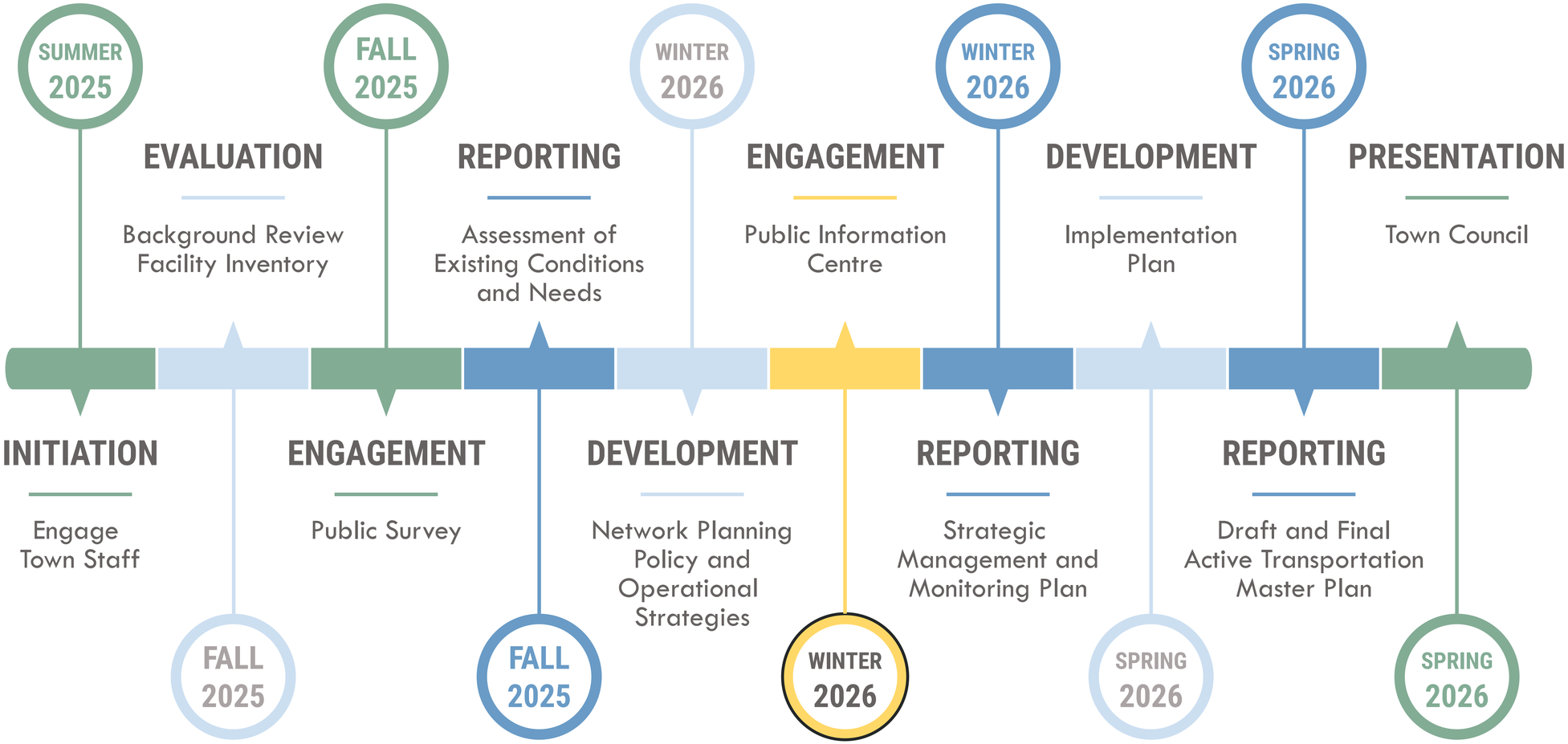

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PLAN FEBRUARY 2026

A report describing the proposed active transportation network development process, recommended facility selection, and policy & operational strategies. The latter will cover topics of promotion & education, shared micromobility services, human-scaled wayfinding, and performance monitoring.

FINAL MASTER PLAN SPRING 2026

Compiling findings and recommendations from the Assessment of Existing Conditions and Needs, the Strategic Management and Monitoring Plan, public feedback, and a newly developed phased implementation plan into an Active Transportation Master Plan.

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