



Key Directions for Integrating Land Use and Mobility

Eight key directions guide the policies of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP) and offer the path for The City to meet its sustainability mandate. The directions reflect the imagineCalgary vision and are further informed by the community consultation undertaken for the MDP and CTP. The key directions are:

1

Achieve balanced growth

The MDP and CTP provide the framework to best leverage new and old community assets and the significant infrastructure investments made. The plans call for great neighbourhoods with access to daily needs and services, great trees and parks, and a strong sense of community.

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Complete communities

The MDP directs all Calgary communities to be more “complete” by providing an increased range of housing, local services and mobility choices to meet the needs of residents and businesses. It recognizes new communities should be “completed” by building out sooner and achieving critical population thresholds to ensure necessary infrastructure and community facilities and services are available when needed by residents.

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Increase mobility choices

A key goal of the MDP and CTP is to create more travel choices for Calgarians. Different transportation modes are emphasized in different parts of the city based on the potential for each mode to provide convenient choices to Calgarians. Policy direction supports investments in transportation infrastructure to support broader transportation choices.

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Develop a Primary Transit Network

A Primary Transit Network is proposed comprising a network of high-frequency transit services (including LRT, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), streetcars/trams and frequent bus service) that will operate every 10 minutes or less over an extended operating period, seven days a week. The Primary Transit Network needs to connect Activity Centres and corridors and support Base Transit Service that will provide lower-frequency service throughout the city.

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Framework of nodes and corridors

The MDP and CTP direct a more compact city form for Calgary by encouraging a more significant amount of future growth in developed areas of the city, balancing with the outward rate of expansion over time. Higher-intensity housing and employment will be focused in nodes (Activity Centres) and corridors served by the Primary Transit Network.

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Link land use decisions to transit

“Connectivity” means all the different ways of getting from one place to another, by foot, bicycle, transit or car. The MDP and CTP focus on creating increased connectivity within residential communities and Activity Centres. The elements of the network (including residential streets, walkways and pathways) can be applied in a wide variety of patterns depending on the local context and mobility need.

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Complete Streets

The CTP provides policies and design guidelines for a wider variety of roads and streets. Design parameters for each type give priority to different modes of transportation (walking, wheeling, transit, goods movement and automobiles).

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Optimize infrastructure

To strengthen The City’s approach to managing growth, the MDP and CTP policy, and strategies support optimizing investments in infrastructure. The plan’s facilitate Calgary’s growth to achieve the vision and objectives of the plans.