

Current Reality



Traffic congestion



Visitor and resident complaints



Business success limited by congestion



More contribution to climate change

Whistler population in 1996
 Approximately 7,000

Whistler population in 2016
 Approximately 12,000

Whistler annual visitors in 1996
 Approximately 1.7 million

Whistler annual visitors in 2016
 Approximately 3 million

This led to

10
community partner workshops

5,000
surveys responses

500
participants at public meetings

5
professional reports

Let's Get Moving, Whistler

Over the past 20 years there have been investments in transportation but more investment is needed to address Whistler's current reality. The community transportation vision is to create an integrated transportation system that provides efficient and affordable options while minimizing environmental impact. Integrating parking and highway management, transit service, and active transportation actions addresses the current reality and reflects community support for action.

Key Research Findings

- 1 Whistler has a parking availability problem, but there is enough capacity if existing spaces are better used
- 2 About half the traffic during peak times starts in Whistler
- 3 The majority of Whistler survey respondents are supportive of the 2017 Transportation Action Plan
- 4 Congestion will be best addressed by integrated transportation solutions

2017 Actions



TRANSIT AVAILABILITY

- 1,750 more service hours and one more bus
- 10 free summer weekends with extra buses
- \$15 reduction in monthly pass
- Work with partners on Sea to Sky Regional Transit



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- More Village bike parking
- Improved Valley Trail signage and maps
- New tools for employers



PARKING AND HIGHWAY AVAILABILITY

- Direct parking revenues to increase transit and cycling opportunities
- Expand app to share parking availability
- Increase visitor YVR shuttle amenities
- Lots 1 – 3: \$10/day, \$20/day oversize

During peak season:

- Lots 4 + 5: \$5/day, \$30/month Resident - Employee Pass

Anticipated Results



- Increased availability of parking
- Increased flexibility in travel options
- Reduced highway congestion
- Reduced contributions to climate change
- Less complaints
- More business success

Medium and Long Term Actions



PARKING AND HIGHWAY AVAILABILITY

- Expand app to share parking availability
- Increase medians at hazard locations
- Promote alternatives to single occupant vehicle use
- Introduce carpool passes in Day Lots



TRANSIT AVAILABILITY

- 3 new buses + 6,500 new service hours (2018-19)
- Introduce Transit Spirit Pass
- Provide more bus shelters
- Test bus queue-jumper lane on Highway
- Test highway express bus



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- Increase gear storage in Village + Creekside
- Improve cycling safety
- Build more sidewalks
- Improve pedestrian highway crossings

All details can be found at www.whistler.ca/MovingWhistler





WHY ARE TRANSPORTATION CHANGES BEING INTRODUCED?

- To make it easier for everyone (residents, employees, and visitors) to get around Whistler, changes are needed to improve Whistler’s transportation system.
- Recommended changes have been gathered from a variety of transportation experts, community leaders, and significant community input over the past 18 months.
- The community transportation vision is long term, and the changes being introduced are the new standard in responsible community planning.

HOW WILL WE PAY FOR THESE CHANGES?

- Funds generated from parking fee changes will be reinvested into public and active transportation.
- The transportation actions for 2017 and 2018 are anticipated to cost approximately \$500,000 annually with no cost to tax-payers. Changes will be funded from the Day Lots 1 - 5 Community Transportation Initiative Fund.
- The needs of employees are being taken into account by offering reduced cost transit, improved support for active transportation options, and affordable parking options.

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THESE CHANGES?

- The new and improved transportation options will allow residents to mix and match their transportation choices seasonally and as their needs change.
- Less highway congestion will reduce the delay of goods, services and guest travel, improving local business activities.
- Most visitors embrace the Whistler lifestyle and appreciate the freedom from driving. The pedestrian Village, free local transit options, and community-wide Valley Trail are part of the Whistler appeal.

WHEN WILL THESE CHANGES BEGIN?

- Active transportation amenities are being introduced immediately. The Free Summer Weekend and Holiday Monday Transit begins July 1, 2017 at the same time as changes to parking fees.
- Community partners will continue working together to finalize the longer term action plan. As with all community planning work, public input will continue to be invited.
- Improvements to parking availability, highway congestion, and customer service require a long term commitment to monitoring improvements, adjusting investments, and expanding community partnerships.

WHAT IS CHANGING IN 2017-2018?

- New bike storage facilities in the Village, and new Valley Trail key links, signage and maps to make active transportation easier.
- Reduced transit pass from \$65/month to \$50/month.
- Free and more service on Saturdays, Sundays and holiday Mondays June 15 - Sept 15. In 2017 it will be Canada Day to Labour Day.
- One more bus and 1,750 new transit service hours planned for 2017 and 3 more buses in 2018.
- To ensure a better customer parking experience in Whistler, the goal is to have 10-15 per cent parking availability during a regular busy day:
 - ◇ Day Lots 1 - 5 will allow a maximum of 24 hour parking during the non-snow season.
 - ◇ Day Lots 1 - 3 will cost \$10/day for cars (increase of \$2) and \$20/day for oversized vehicles.
 - ◇ Day Lots 4 and 5: introducing day rate for peak seasons (generally June 15 - Sept. 15 and Dec. 15 - April 15). In 2017, it will be Canada Day through Labour Day (July 1 - Sept. 4, 2017). Cost about \$1/day with a Resident - Employee monthly pass, or \$5/day flat rate.
 - ◇ Municipal hourly street parking in the Village will have a two hour maximum. There is no change to the hourly rates.
 - ◇ Municipal underground lots in the Village will continue to allow overnight parking.

All new parking details can be found at www.whistler.ca/parking