

Whistler 2017-2018 Transportation Action Plan Monitoring Results and TAG Recommendations

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February 20, 2018 - Next Steps

- TAG to determine lead organizations for 2018-19 actions
 - ✓ Plan and confirm budget
 - ✓ Implement actions
- TAG continuing to work on
 - ✓ **Review winter monitoring program & lessons learned**
 - ✓ **Recommend criteria for Community Transportation Initiative Funding (CTIF)**
 - ✓ **Review of OCP Transportation Vision and Policies**
 - ✓ Long-term Actions Recommendation (fall 2018)

2017 Action Plan was Successful!

- Transit was well used
- Bike parking facilities were well used
- Local traffic on the highway was down
- Parking availability was improved

Average daily ridership	Summer 2016		Summer 2017	
	Pay	Free	Pay	Free
Saturday	3,070	4,680		5,390
Sunday	2,970			4,650
Holiday Mondays	2,060			3,930
Weekday	3,110		3,390	



Highway 99 Avg. Daily Traffic at:	July 2016		July 2017	
	Southbound	Northbound	Southbound	Northbound
Brio	12,967	12,918	13,065	13,155
Function	5,652	5,900	6,965	6,913
Difference – Local vehicle trips starting and ending in Whistler	7,315	7,018	6,100	6,242

Summer 2017: Days When All Lots Full

Day	2016	2017
Friday	6	1
Saturday	9	4
Sunday	9	3
Totals	24	8



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Enhancing Transportation in Whistler



Traffic in Whistler

- › [TAG members and meetings](#)
- › [2017 Transportation Actions and Initiatives](#)
- › [Community Energy and Climate Action Plan](#)
- › [Greenhouse gas emissions monitoring in Whistler](#)



Community Presentations and Feedback

- › [Transportation reports and presentations](#)



Parking Study Reports

- › [2017 Parking Study](#)
- › [2016 Parking Study](#)
- › [2016 Key Findings](#)
- › [Video presentation - Parking study presentation to Council December 20, 2016](#) [iP](#)



Transit in the Sea to Sky Corridor

- › [Sea to Sky Corridor Regional Transit Study Update](#) [iP](#)
- › [The Sea to Sky Transit Future Plan \(BC Transit\)](#) [iP](#)
- › [Results from Phase 1 and 2 consultation](#) [iP](#)



2017-2019 Transit expansion plan

- › [July 4, 2017 Whistler Transit System TSA, AOA & Expansion MOU Presentation Slides](#)
- › [Whistler Transit System 2018/21 Approved Expansion Plan and Agreements](#)
- › [July 15, 2016 News Release](#)



More transportation projects

- › [Compressed natural gas buses and fueling station](#)
- › [Gateway Loop Improvement Project](#)
- › [Wayfinding Project](#)
- › [Municipal Paving Project](#)



TAG Recommended Next Steps

1. Keep Commercial Bus Parking in Day Lot 4 .
2. Continue monitoring on-street parking in neighbourhoods.
3. Explore new day pass products for Day Lots 1-5.
4. Continue to improve electronic and paper parking maps.
5. Install Blackcomb Way parking metres.
6. Proceed with a pilot project to display parking availability at the Conference Centre underground lot.
7. Forward recommended CTIF Purpose, Goals, Criteria and Other Information to the Day Lot Operating Committee to help guide the allocation of CTI Funds going forward.

Community Transportation Initiative Fund

- **Purpose**
 - Provide a funding mechanism to support preferred transportation initiatives that benefit the resort community.
- **Goals**
- **Criteria**
- **Other Information**

TAG Vision & Goals

Whistler's transportation system efficiently and affordably moves people and products to, from and within Whistler while delivering a high quality experience and minimizing impacts on natural areas.

- **Improve customer experience**
- **Continue integrated / holistic approach**

Recommendations

- **That** Council direct staff to publish the Transportation Action Plan Winter 2017/2018 Monitoring Results Report on the municipal website when finalized;
- **That** Council receive and endorse the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) recommendations from the March 15, 2018 TAG Workshop; and
- **That** Council direct staff to work with Transportation Advisory Group members and partners to start implementing TAG recommended next steps as described in Administrative Report to Council 18-059.



Questions?

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 action addresses the current reality and reflects community support for action.

Key Research Findings

- Whistler has a parking availability problem, but there is enough capacity if existing spaces are better used
- About half the traffic during peak times starts in Whistler
- The majority of Whistler survey respondents are supportive of the 2017 Transportation Action Plan
- 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


TRANSIT AVAILABILITY

- 3 new buses + 6,500 new service hours
- Reduce cost for transit
- Provide more bus shelters
- Test bus queue-jumper lane on Highway


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

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Community Transportation Initiative Fund

Goals:

- Improve affordability
- Improve transportation (including experience) for residents and visitors
- Increase transit frequency and reliability
- Reduce congestion
- Create transportation choice
- Solve more than one issue
- Address year-round transportation challenges
- Promote and supports preferred modes of transportation
- Reduce environmental impact.

Community Transportation Initiative Fund

Criteria:

- Simple to administer
- Cost-effective (use is monitored)
- Flexible, depending on resort needs
- Ensure long-term viability of CTI fund
- Scalable
- Minimal requirement/costs for communications.

Community Transportation Initiative Fund

Additional Information:

- Monitoring process
- Incremental benefits
- Cost (and compared to overall budget/other initiatives)
- Whether other funding opportunities have been explored
- Is not a core transportation service of RMOW or Whistler Blackcomb/Vail Resorts