



NEWS RELEASE

City of Abbotsford Wins Transportation Project of the Year by the Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers

ABBOTSFORD – November 2, 2018 – The City of Abbotsford has been recognized by the Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers, Greater Vancouver Section, with the Bill Curtis Award for Transportation Project of the year, announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

The Institute recognized Abbotsford's Transportation and Transit Masterplan which was adopted by Council in June 2018.

This award celebrates technical excellence in the field of transportation engineering, design and traffic operations. The selection criteria included technical complexity and innovation, societal importance, sustainability, quality of work, and budget/time limitation.

Background

In 2016, the City of Abbotsford adopted an Official Community Plan (OCP) which led to 20 major projects to implement the plan's vision and meet the needs of a population of 200,000 residents. This initiative was called Plan 200K and the Transportation and Transit Masterplan (TTMP) was one of those 20 projects.

The TTMP prioritizes improvements to walking, cycling and transit with a focus on people, instead of just vehicles. It includes a bold target for 25% of all trips to be made by sustainable forms of transportation once the City reaches 200,000 people. This plan has a specific focus on implementation and affordability, with a clear set of priorities for all modes of transportation over the short, medium, and long-term, and ensured that the implementation and phasing plan was affordable based on historic and projected funding levels.

The TTMP was developed in conjunction with broad engagement with the public to ensure the plan addresses transportation issues relevant to the community. There were several opportunities for the stakeholder and public feedback throughout the course of the planning process. Public engagement included surveys, open houses and pop-up information sessions around Abbotsford. Through the entire TTMP, there were over 1,400 touch-points and interactions with the public to help shape the development of the plan.

Quotes:

"I'm extremely pleased by the recognition our City has received from the Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers. Our new Transportation and Transit Masterplan is one key piece of the City's work to plan for a population of 200 thousand residents. As the hub of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford will continue to focus on building our vision of a vibrant economy and complete community."

Henry Braun
Mayor, City of Abbotsford

Associated Links:

Transportation and Transit Masterplan:

https://www.abbotsford.ca/city_hall/plan_for_200K/plan_for_200K_-_transportation.htm#STAGE4

TTMP Project Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nh9faD-zVcA&feature=youtu.be>

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