

# Connecting Courtenay

## Cycling Network Plan

February 4, 2019

Courtenay City Hall



# Agenda

- Plan Overview
  - Existing Conditions
  - Opportunities
  - Guiding Principles
  - Proposed Cycling Network  
(*short, medium and long-term*)
- Bike BC: Grant Opportunity
- Discussion



# Vision & Guiding Principles: Master Transportation Plan *Supported by Community*



## VISION

*The City of Courtenay supports a transportation network that **prioritizes connectivity and access to daily destinations** and, through a balanced approach to transportation planning, **provides everyone with safe choices in their mode of transportation.***

- Design **streets to be complete** and support all modes.
- Make **walking, cycling and transit** more attractive.
- Increase **accessibility** for people of all ages and abilities.
- **Support planned growth** and increasing travel demands.
- **Recognize safety, mobility, accessibility and affordability** in identifying transportation improvements and evaluating alternatives.
- **Defer the need for major infrastructure** through land-use, investment in non-auto modes of transportation, and maximization of existing infrastructure.
- Ensure that the **transportation investments support other goals** (i.e. land use, recreational, social, environmental and economic).

# Supporting Policies

- **OCP**
- **Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw**
- **Comox Valley Regional Growth Strategy**
- **Comox Valley Cycling Plan**
- **Comox Valley Sustainability Strategy**

# Sustainable Mode Share Targets (OCP)



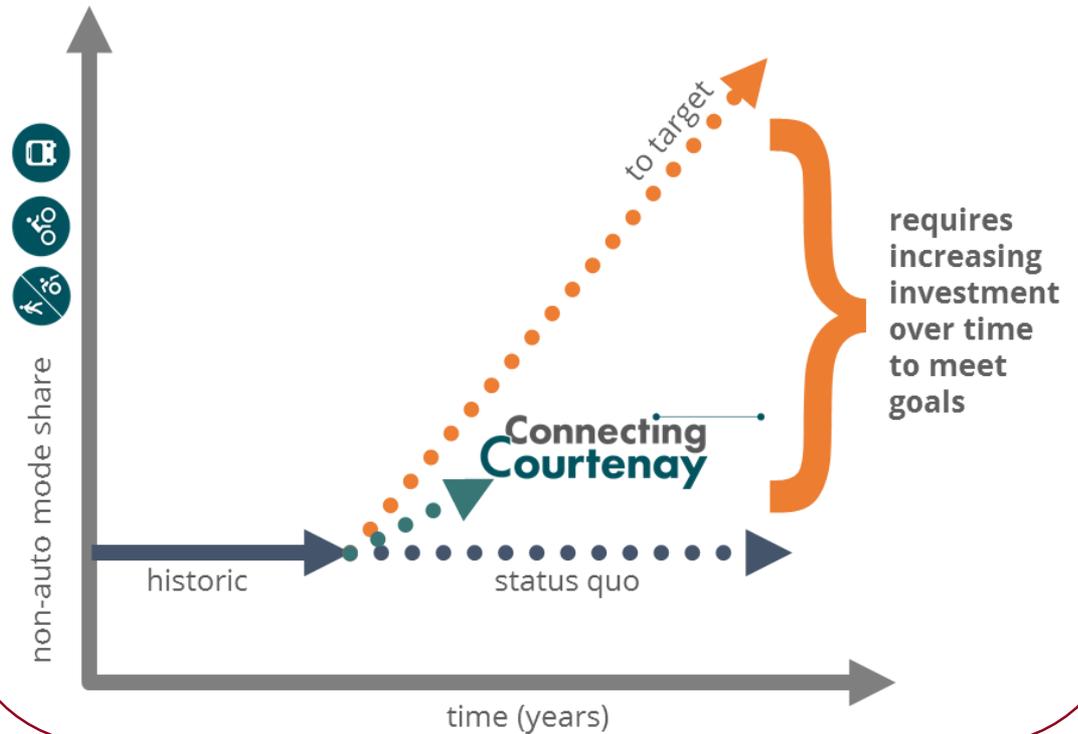
## Walk, Bike & Transit Targets

30% by 2038

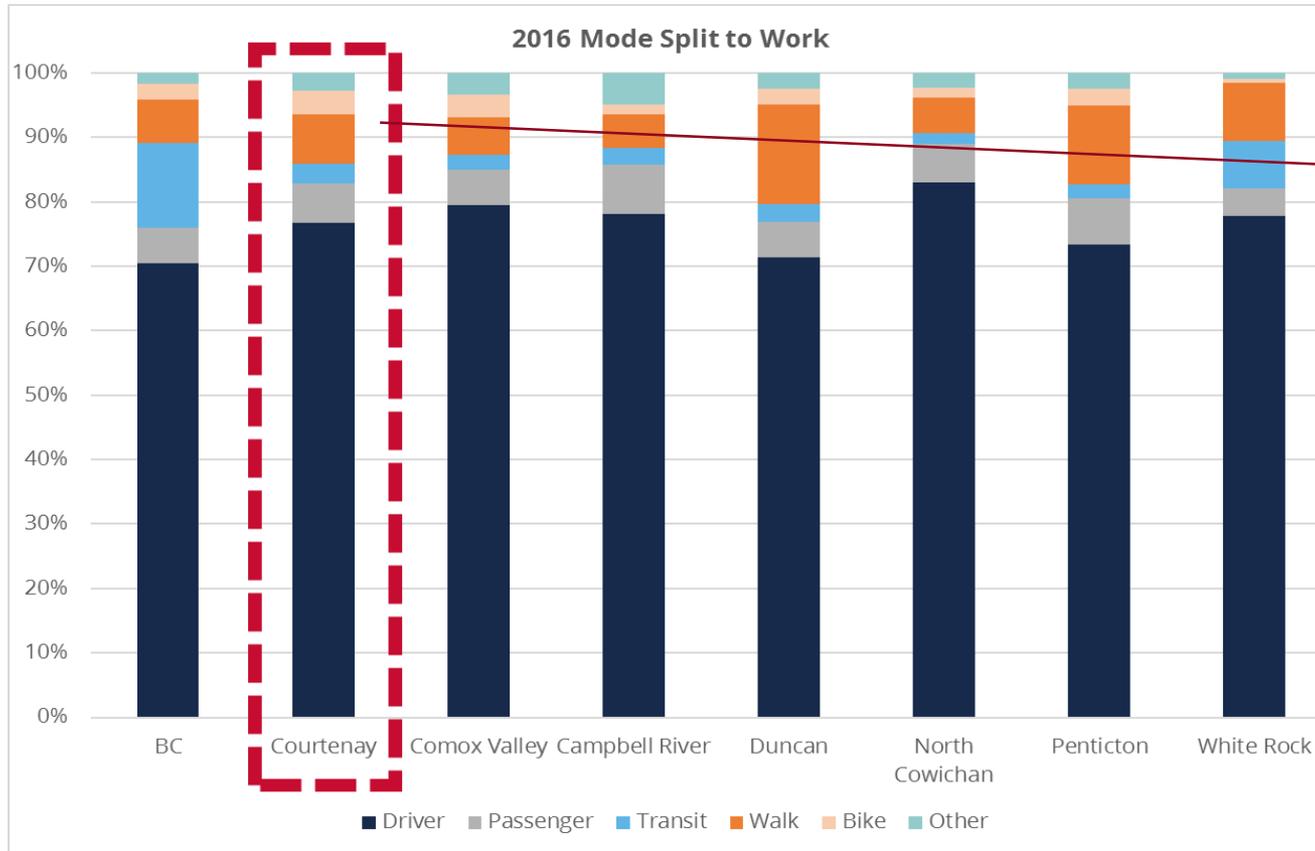


15% Today

## Increased Investment



# Mode Share Comparisons

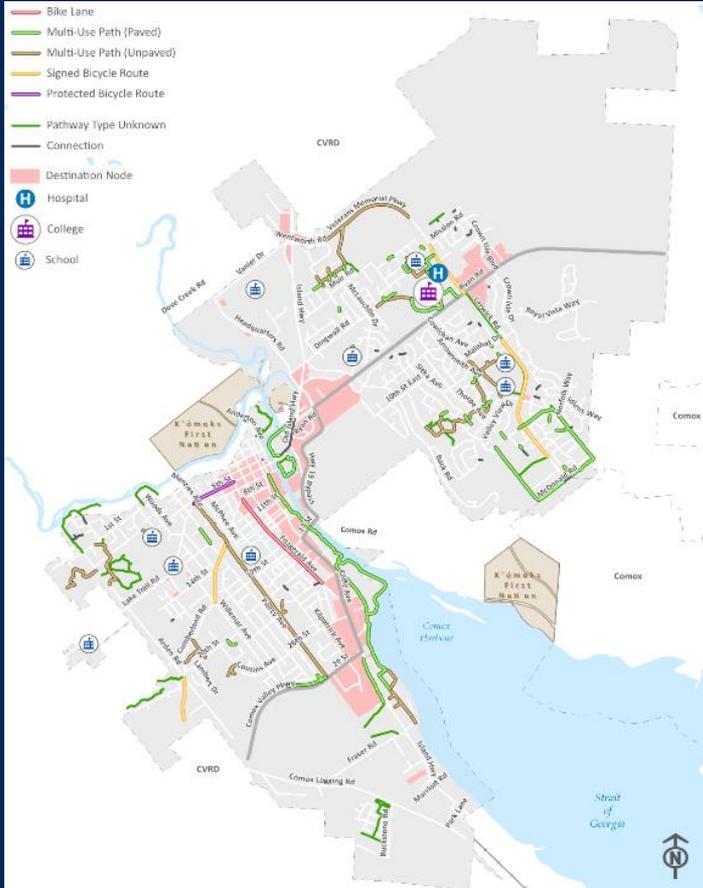


## COURTENAY

**Sustainable Modes (15%)**  
 8% walk  
 4% bike  
 3% transit

**Car (85%)**

# Full Network



## Full Build-Out Bicycle Network



# Guiding Principles

- Build on existing momentum
- Create new spines that connect key destinations and focus on safety and comfort for all ages and abilities
- Supplement the spine routes with a network that used local street bikeways and existing and planned trails to access a broader area
- Ensure new roadways provide for all modes

*Identify where, when, and how the City can invest in the development of a comfortable cycling network*





# Bike BC Program

## Grant Opportunity

### Financial assistance

- New infrastructure and upgrade projects that are part of an adopted cycling network plan
- Accelerates the development of cycling infrastructure
- Cycling for transportation purposes

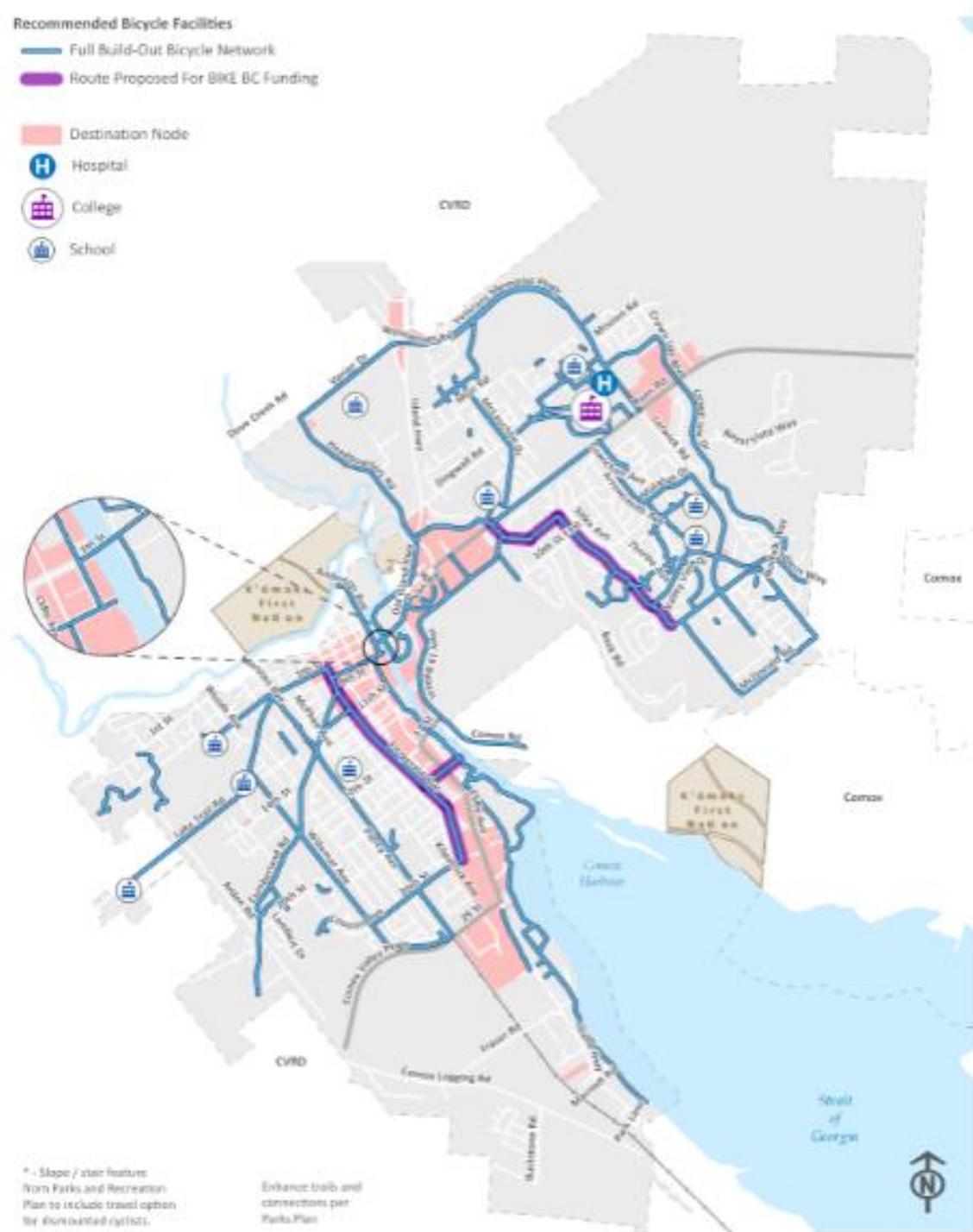
To encourage healthy living and to help address climate change, the Province of B.C. is cost-sharing cycling infrastructure projects with local governments

# Projects for the 2019 Intake

## Initial Project Estimates:

- Fitzgerald Avenue Expansion  
\$310,000
- Hobson Neighborhood Connector  
\$150,000

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## Staff Recommendation

- That Council adopt the Cycling Network Plan, and authorize the application for grant funding for two cycling network projects through the Provincial Government's BikeBC Program.

OR

- That Council not adopt the Cycling Network Plan portion of Courtenay's Master Transportation Plan as presented, and proceed with the finalization of the Master Transportation Plan.

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THANK YOU

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