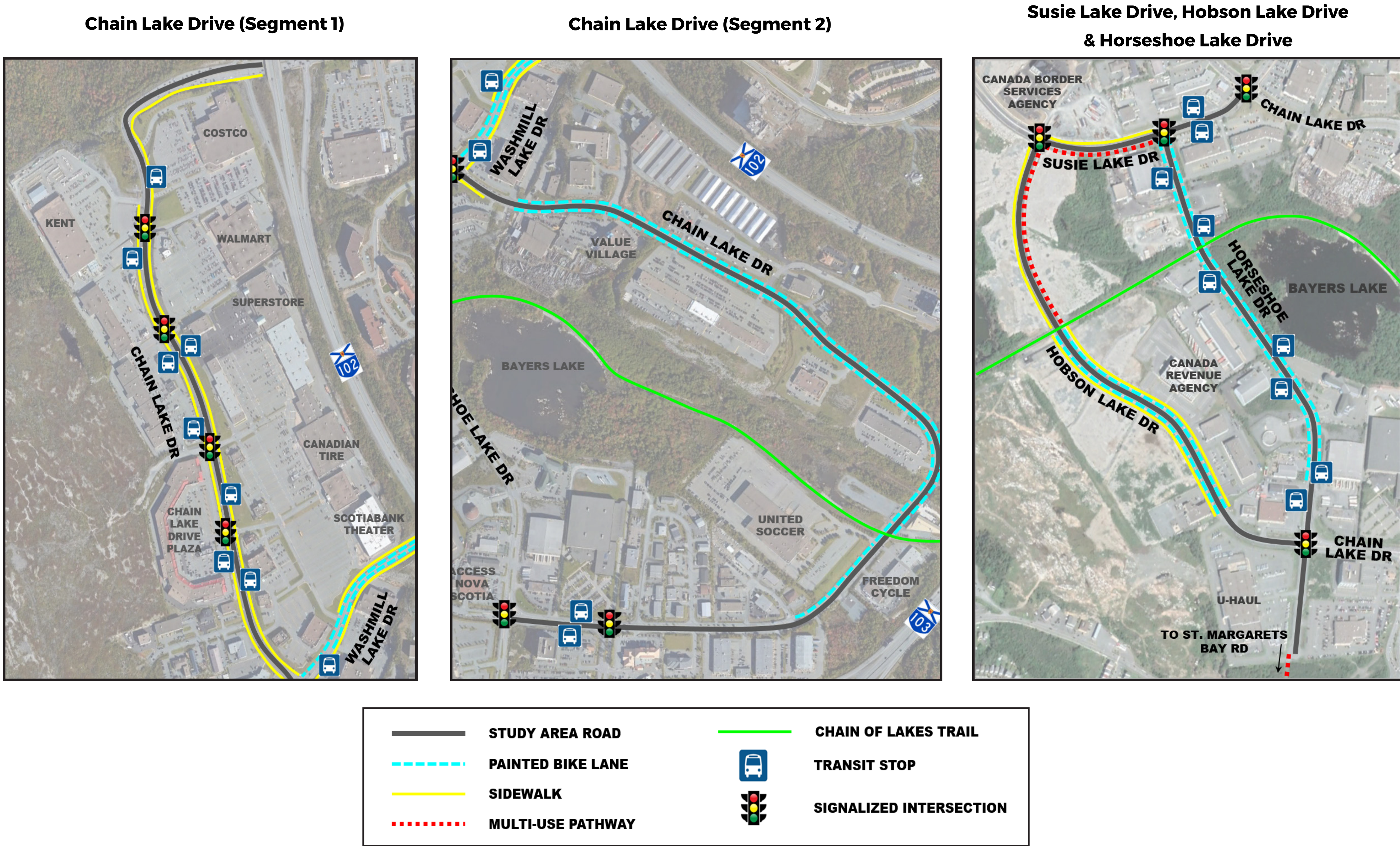


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THE BIGGER PICTURE

HRM is working to create more opportunities for mobility that encourage physical activity and healthy lifestyles for people of all ages and with a variety of physical abilities (All Ages and Abilities – ‘AAA’). Installing active transportation infrastructure (e.g. sidewalks, bikeways, multi-use pathway, crosswalks, etc.) has the potential to significantly increase non-auto modes of transportation (i.e. reduce trips made by vehicle). HRM’s Active Transportation Priorities Plan aims to double all trips made on foot and by bicycle by 2026. In order to achieve this goal, HRM must provide a connected network that provides direct and convenient access to important destinations. HRM’s Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) identifies the need to establish a core bikeway network in the Bayers Lake Business Park and how AT facilities can improve connectivity between Bayers Lake Business Park and surrounding areas such as, Residential communities (Beechville, Clayton Park West, Fairview), Ragged Lake Business Park, and Long Lake Provincial Park. Making it easy, convenient and safe for residents to choose walking or cycling will be the key to success.



THE PROJECT

WSP (engineering consultants) are currently working with HRM to develop a plan to close the gaps in the AT network, improve walkability and provide bicycle infrastructure that connects streets in the study area on, Chain Lake Drive, Hoseshoe Lake Drive, Suzie Lake Crescent, Hobsons Lake Drive, to other key destinations.

The project involves the following elements:

- Determine the Critical Gaps in the AT Network.**
Purpose: Close the gaps in the AT network where there is anticipated high demand for pedestrian and cycling facilities.
- Determine the preferred route(s) and ‘AAA’ options to fill the Critical Gaps in the AT network.**
Purpose: Create a link in the ‘AAA’ cycling network, Great Trail and the Blue Route while promoting cycling trips around the Municipality.
- Assess the feasibility of AT concept design options.**
Purpose: Prioritize concepts relative to need and the opportunity to be combined with other potential projects in the area.

PROJECT NEXT STEPS

- Select preferred bikeway route and crossing locations
- Prepare concept design options for the preferred AT route
- Public Open House & Pop-Up Engagement (Round 2) - Planned for Fall 2020

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