



The draft Regional Plan positions streets as public spaces for all users, not just vehicles. It encourages walking, rolling, cycling and public transit as options to driving. The draft Plan supports and updates the actions of HRM's Integrated Mobility Plan, which guides the implementation of bus lanes, walkways, bike lanes, streets and parking innovations.

What's in the Draft Plan?

Managing Congestion

Building new roads and highways encourages more people to live farther out and drive longer distances, creating more traffic congestion. As HRM's population continues to increase, some new roads will be needed to accommodate growth, but most development will include accessible transit, sidewalks and bikeways to nearby shops and services.

Moving Transit

Rapid Transit will support development of Complete Communities within a convenient walk to Bus Rapid Transit and ferries, offering frequent, all-day, accessible service. New ferry routes will link downtown Halifax and Bedford, Larry Uteck and Shannon Park.

Improving Corridors

Strategic multi-modal corridors for walking, rolling, cycling, transit and automobiles will improve safety, connect communities and manage congestion in the city and suburbs. Strategic spines of paved highway shoulders, along with multi-use trails and sidewalks in key village centres, will enable rural residents to walk, roll or cycle more safely.

Managing Parking

Programs and regulations will encourage shared parking, ride sharing and car sharing. Reduced parking requirements will ease housing costs and environmental impacts.

More information on this topic is contained in Chapter 7 of the Draft Plan.



Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) is seeking feedback on the Draft Regional Plan (released June 2023). This Topic Summary provides a broad overview of objectives and policies contained in the Draft Plan. For further details, speak with a staff member or consult the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan is available online and in Halifax Public Libraries.

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