



# TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

## Engagement Summary #3 Draft Policies and Networks

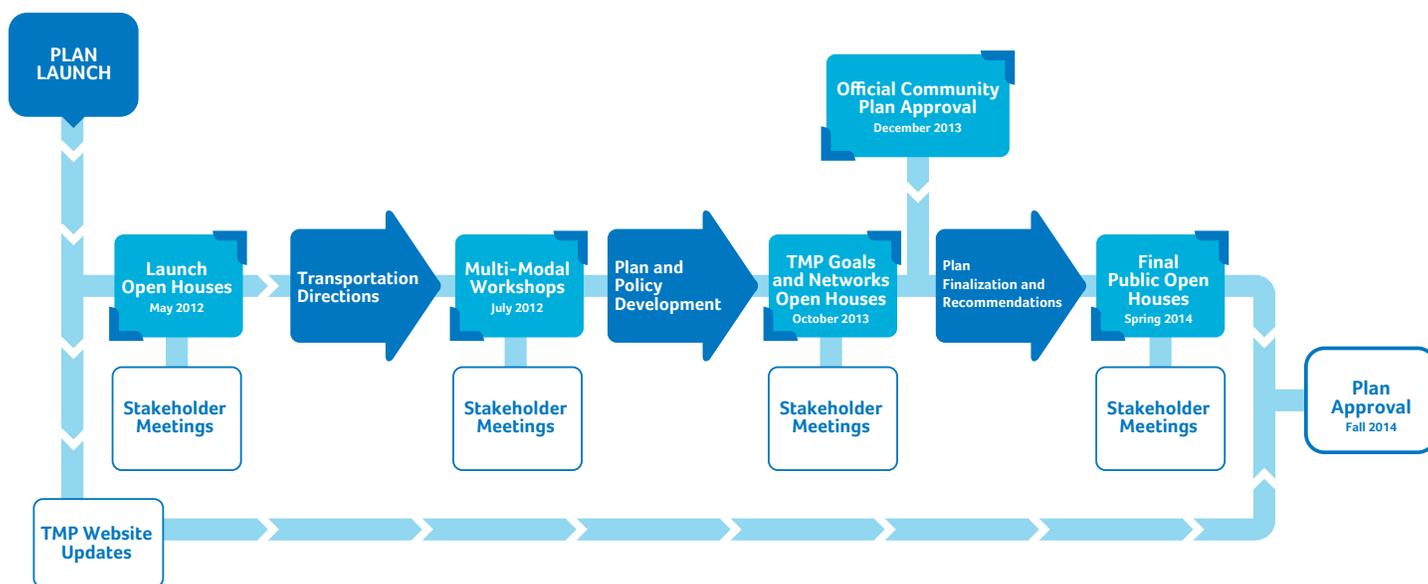
This document summarizes stakeholder and public engagement for the third phase in the development of Regina's Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The objective of this third phase of engagement was:

- To update the public and stakeholders on the progress of the TMP;
- To present the draft goals and policies and receive input on priorities and suggested refinements to the policies; and,
- To present and receive feedback on draft roadway, transit, and cycling networks.

This report provides a review of the events and activities in this phase of the TMP and summarizes the key themes of input received.

### WHERE ARE WE NOW?

This summary represents the conclusion of the third stage of public and stakeholder engagement for the TMP. The engagement process for this and previous phases is shown in the exhibit below. The project team is now working towards finalizing the TMP, which will be made available for public review in Fall 2014.



## ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

### Public Open House

The purpose of the public open house held during this phase of engagement was to present the draft policies and transportation networks to the public. The open house included a combination of approaches to inform residents and receive input, including:

- information panels to provide background on the process, context, and draft content of the plan;
- project team members available to answer questions and record input; and,
- traditional comment forms to provide detailed comments and allow residents to map their ideas.

The open house was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Cornwall Centre.

The open house was well attended with approximately 360 members of the public attending throughout the day. Some attended specifically for the open house while others were passing by while at work or shopping.

A “TMP at a glance” handout was also provided for those who wished to review and provide comments at a later date.

### Stakeholder Sessions

For this phase of engagement, meetings and drop-in sessions were held with four stakeholder groups:

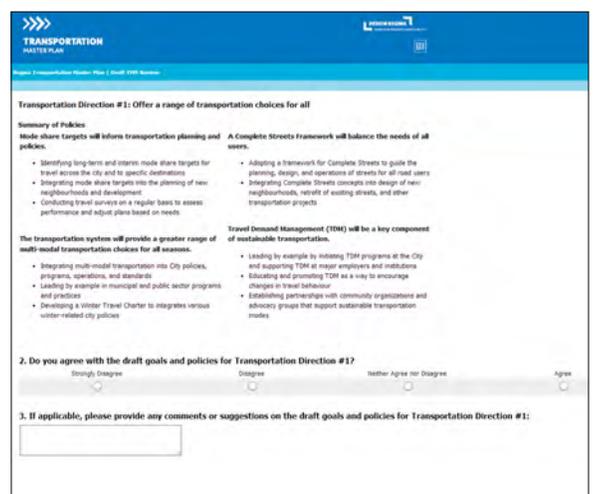
- Community and Multi-modal Stakeholders
- Knowledge Corridor Representatives
- Regional Stakeholders
- Homebuilders and Community Developers

The focus of these meetings was to present the draft policies and transportation networks and provided an opportunity for discussion, in-depth review, and feedback. A total of 33 attendees were present at the stakeholder sessions.

### Online Engagement

The draft policies and networks were also available through the Design Regina website and residents were invited to provide feedback through an online survey. The survey was publicized on the TMP section of the Design Regina website and through the Design Regina mailing list. Visitors could review the draft policies organized by Transportation Direction, indicate their level of support, and provide comments and suggestions. Visitors could also comment on the draft cycling, transit, and roadways maps.

59 people visited the survey, with approximately 10 respondents completing the survey in full.



## FEEDBACK THEMES

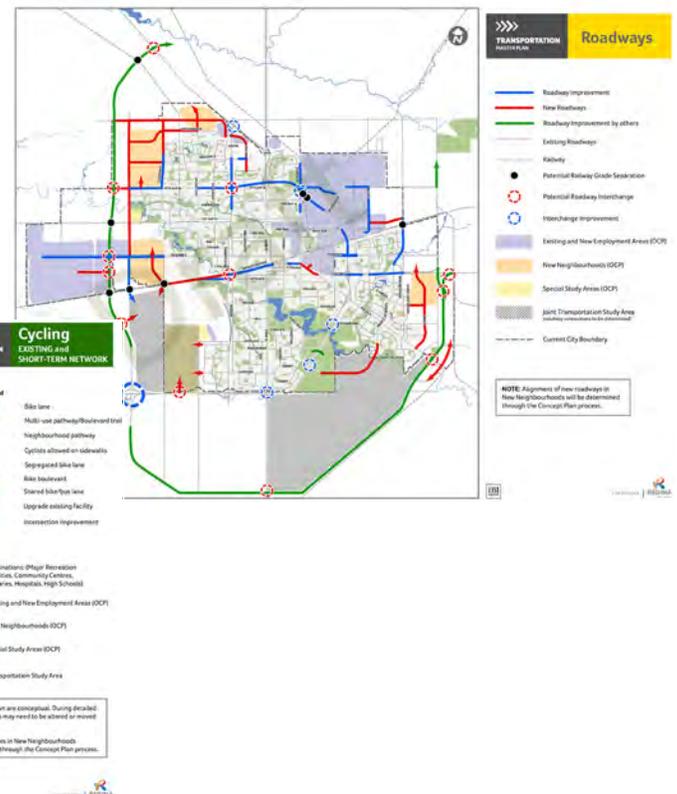
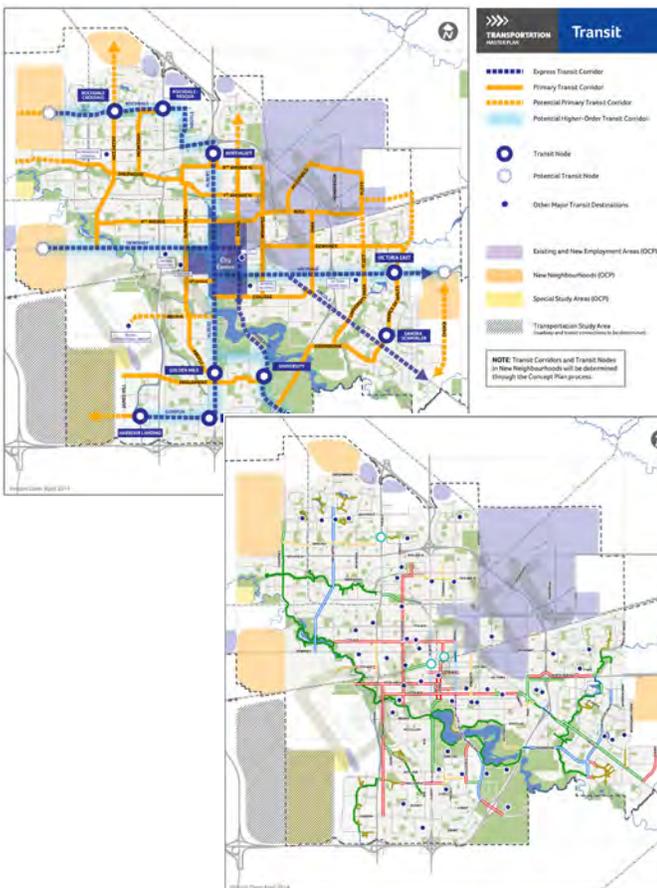
Feedback received during the open house, stakeholder meetings, and online engagement was constructive with positive suggestions for refining the networks and policies. This feedback is helpful for the project team to finalize the policies and networks for the TMP and develop an implementation strategy. Key themes from the feedback that was received are summarized below.

### Implementation and expectations

As the TMP is nearing completion, many comments centered around plan implementation and managing expectations for the future. Residents were excited by many elements of the plan and wanted to ensure the City pursues actions in the TMP in a way that will be sustainable long-term. Balancing durability and affordability of infrastructure will be key. There was also an understanding among attendees that as a growing city, expectations for travelling in Regina will need to change. Travelling by some modes may take a little longer in the future, but by maximizing use of the existing roadway and balancing the needs of all modes, residents of all ages and abilities will have improved transportation options.

### Four seasons for all modes

Attendees again highlighted that Regina is a winter city and wanted to ensure that the City plans for all four seasons. Residents support improvements to walking, cycling, and transit but highlighted concerns with feasibility and how to make these modes attractive and safe during winter months. Providing more transit shelters, shortening wait times for transit service, ploughing some on-street bikeways while using others for snow storage, and ensuring walkways are cleared of snow would provide greater transportation choices for residents year-round. In particular, attendees noted the need for increased promotion and enforcement of snow clearing policies for residents, businesses, and public facilities to support year-round accessibility.



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## KEY FEEDBACK THEMES

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### Improved transit service

Many attendees supported the need for improved transit for all users – this included increased service, improved trip-planning resources and amenities, and continued improvements to accessibility. Feedback on the transit network, organized around transit corridors and nodes, was generally supportive and a number of attendees were pleased to see the identification of potential higher order transit corridors to inform future transit planning and investment.

### Land use and transportation

Feedback was generally supportive of the increased focus on coordinating land use and transportation planning as Regina grows. There was overall support for creating better roadway connections both within neighbourhoods as well as between neighbourhoods. Increasing safety for all modes, including reducing traffic speeds within neighbourhoods, was also highlighted by some.



### Neighbourhood renewal

Attendees were interested in policies and actions in the TMP that directed balanced investment in improving local roads with major roadway projects. Common feedback included the need to improve transportation infrastructure in existing communities through both preventative maintenance as well as reconstruction. Filling pot holes and improving sidewalk quality were seen as important short-term actions.

### Roadway improvements

Continued progress by the City and province towards development of the Regina bypass was welcomed by many attendees. While some expressed concern that particular high-traffic roadways were not identified for short-term improvements, development of new roadways that will provide additional connections and reduce congestion were supported.

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## NEXT STEPS

With the feedback from the public, stakeholders, and internal workshops, policies, actions, and implementation strategies are being finalized as part of the TMP, which, along with revised transportation networks, will be completed in summer 2014.

The final plan will be made available for public review online at [DesignRegina.ca](http://DesignRegina.ca) in advance of presentation to City Council for approval in fall of 2014.