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City Launches Public Consultation on Strategic Transportation Plan Update

Maple Ridge, BC: On May 14, 2021, the City of Maple Ridge launched the public consultation phase of the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) Update.

Work on the STP will address ways in which people move throughout the community, including driving, public transit, cycling and walking. The goal is to present Council with an inclusive, sustainable and forward-thinking plan.

"The STP advances some big priorities for Council, including reducing congestion on our roadways, improving transit access and lowering GHG emissions. It's the roadmap for the future of transportation in our community and we encourage all residents to participate in this important engagement process," said Mayor Morden.

The City has engaged Urban Systems, a regional consulting firm, to assist with plan development and public engagement. In addition to a survey and virtual open houses for Maple Ridge residents and the business community, Urban Systems will reach out to important stakeholder groups directly to ensure a diversity of views are captured. All engagement activities will respect COVID-19 public health guidelines.

The City has launched a landing page for the project at <u>mapleridge.ca/2557</u>. This page will provide background information, updates on the plan development timeline, as well as the survey link. In addition, there is a mapping exercise where residents can share their ideas on how to improve road networks, walking, cycling and transit facilities.

The public survey will be open until May 31, 2021. If you have a question about the survey or would like to arrange for a printed copy, please email <u>engineering@mapleridge.ca</u>.