



Active Commute

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What's new in sustainable travel

Shape Whitehorse's Workplace Travel Guide



The City is developing a **Workplace Travel Guide Framework** to make sustainable commuting easier and more rewarding for employers and employees. Workplaces are key to reaching the City's goal of 40% sustainable commute trips by 2040. By supporting walking, cycling, transit, and carpooling, we can create a healthier, more connected, and climate-friendly Whitehorse.

We want your input! Complete our short survey to share what helps or hinders sustainable commuting at your workplace. Your feedback will help design practical tools and recommendations that support active and shared travel across the community.

Who should complete the survey?

Managers or staff familiar with commuting, HR, facilities, or sustainability practices are best suited to respond. All departments are encouraged to participate and note their department in the survey.

Next Step: Indicate in the survey if you'd like to join the Focus Group Workshop on November 25, for managers, HR, and administrative staff involved in Transportation Demand Management (TDM) decisions.

Survey closes November 10.

Take the Survey



Chainwhip: Building Community, One Bike at a Time

Chainwhip, Whitehorse's volunteer-run community bike space, wrapped up a standout season — welcoming more riders than ever and strengthening partnerships with Kwanlin Dūn First Nation, Council of Yukon First Nations, Yukon Women in Trades and Technology, and local schools.

With expanded storage and growing community support, Chainwhip continues to make cycling accessible to everyone. Open until October 31, the space offers affordable bikes, DIY maintenance, and hands-on workshops, guided by the belief that no one should be turned away.

This winter, the team plans to host indoor workshops and work toward hiring a dedicated staff member next spring.

Get involved: Volunteer, donate, or learn more at chainwhip.xyz or follow [@chainwhipbikes](https://www.instagram.com/chainwhipbikes) on Instagram.



Safer, More Connected Streets

The City delivered key upgrades this fall to make travelling around Whitehorse safer, easier, and more connected. Highlights include:

- Millennium Trail repairs near Robert Service Campground
- Hoge Street rail crossing improvements
- Hamilton Boulevard Trail enhancements near McIntyre Drive
- New permanent trail counters on Hamilton Boulevard, Riverfront, and Pine Street to help plan active travel routes
- 23 new bike racks installed across the urban core

Pedestrian safety also received a boost with the upgrade of crossings on Hamilton Boulevard at Heron and Lazulite Drive, featuring bright LED flashers on side-mounted signs for enhanced visibility. In collaboration with the Downtown Residents Association, the Wood Street and 6th Avenue crosswalk received fresh paint to further improve walkability and neighbourhood safety.

To protect vulnerable road users, speed limits are being reduced to 40 km/h in residential areas and 50 km/h along sections of Hamilton Boulevard. Additional traffic-calming measures — including speed cushions, curbs, and cul-de-sac barriers — are being installed city-wide.

Together, these projects advance the City's **Vision Zero Safe Mobility Action Plan**, creating streets that are safer and more accessible for everyone. Learn more: engagewhitehorse.ca/traffic-calming
Comments: engineering@whitehorse.ca



Explore Whitehorse's New Interactive Trail Map

Whitehorse now has its first online interactive trail map, making it easier than ever to plan your next ride, walk, or commute. The map showcases all City-maintained trails, complete with details on surface type, difficulty, and permitted uses — and displays real-time advisories, closures, and detours so that you can plan accordingly.

Start exploring the trails that connect our wilderness city: whitehorse.ca/trails Feedback: trails@whitehorse.ca



Transit: More Comfort, Better Service, Lower Emissions

This fall, the City improved its transit network with nine new bus shelters at high-use stops, including Porter Creek Secondary, Second & Ogilvie, and Hamilton & CGC/Valleyview Walkway — making waits safer and more comfortable.

New fares introduced on July 1 help sustain reliable, accessible service for all riders. Under the **Modernized Transit Route Plan**, the City is improving reliability, coverage, and ridership — supported by incentives like:

- Discounted passes for City employees and families
- Subsidized or free passes for students, schools, and NGO clients (in partnership with Yukon Government)

Choosing the bus instead of driving can reduce per-passenger emissions by up to two-thirds ([World Resources Institute](#)) and save households thousands each year ([Canadian Public Health Association](#)). Together, these

efforts support a safer, cleaner, more connected Whitehorse, aligned with our Vision Zero and Climate Action Plan goals.

Learn more: whitehorse.ca/transit Comments: transit.services@whitehorse.ca



Active Commute Month: What We Heard

You showed up in a big way this May! Over 900 participants, 54 teams, and 4,000+ trips — a huge display of community spirit and sustainable travel. You loved the leaderboards, team camaraderie, and motivation to stay active, with 80% planning to return next year.

We heard your feedback and we're on it:

- Clearer trip-logging tools
- Improved mobile and website usability
- More social engagement
- A refined points system that better rewards effort and distance

Mark your calendars: Active Commute Month 2026 launches this May — bigger, smoother, and even more fun! Learn more: activecommutewhitehorse.ca Comments: sustainability@whitehorse.ca.



Share the Road Safely

With shorter daylight hours, it's more important than ever for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians to stay alert and look out for one another.

Quick reminders:

- **Be visible:** Wear bright or reflective gear and use bike or jacket lights
- **Be aware:** Stay alert — look, listen, and anticipate the movements of others
- **Cross safely:** Use marked crosswalks and make eye contact before crossing

- **Light up:** Cyclists must use a white front light, red rear light, and wear a helmet
- **Follow the rules:** Cyclists and motorists obey the same traffic laws

Brush up on safe road habits—review the [Yukon Driver's Basic Handbook](#) and help keep Whitehorse's roads safe for everyone.

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