

4. The City shall achieve higher transit usage by supporting improvements in service, convenient access and good urban design, including the following:
 - i. minimizing walking distance to planned and existing transit stops through measures such as the provision of walkways, sidewalks and more direct street patterns;
 - ii. connecting transit stops directly to sidewalks and adjacent buildings in the Downtown and Central Waterfront Area;
 - iii. providing bus bays, transit shelters and bus loops with sufficient lighting;
 - iv. directing medium- and high-density urban development to transit corridors;
 - v. creating a system of parking and drop-off facilities for commuters;
 - vi. providing transit service on mid-block collectors;
 - vii. giving priority to pedestrian and cycling access to transit through site plan control by providing access to transit facilities, on-site cycling facilities, and on and off-road trails and cycling routes; and
 - viii. requiring all new development applications to demonstrate the proposal's approach to mobility and transit.
5. The City shall encourage the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley to work with the City to provide a viable transit services for individuals traveling into and within the City.

5.2.5 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

A shift towards active lifestyles and increasing demands for sustainable modes of transportation presents a need for a useful and accessible walking and cycling network in the City. This Plan recognizes that bicycle and pedestrian trails and paths contribute to healthy communities and supports such sustainable modes of travel. The City encourages the development and enhancement of pedestrian and shared use of non-motorized trails and bicycle routes.

It shall be the policy of the City that:

1. The City shall work towards providing safe bicycle and pedestrian paths, both separated from the roadway, on existing and proposed roads, on abandoned rail corridors, and within parks and open spaces, as appropriate.
2. The City shall consider adapting roads to provide safer travel for bicycles and pedestrians on road pathways, where feasible and appropriate.

3. The City shall undertake to complete connections along the Brock Trail, including the Waterfront Trail System, and to interconnect existing walking trails and bicycle paths to the Brock Trail, where feasible and appropriate to provide continuous trail system linkages. Routes should provide continuous access between both the north and south-ends of the City in Neighbourhood and Neighbourhood Development Areas, Parks and Open Space Areas, Institutional Areas, the Downtown and Central Waterfront Areas, and Mixed Use and Commercial Areas.
4. The City shall undertake to complete extensions to the Brock Trail at the west and the north to the Mac Johnson Wildlife Area.
5. The City shall promote accessible and convenient trail systems within a reasonable distance from the all of the City's larger Parks and Open Space Areas and from the Downtown and Central Waterfront Area.
6. The City shall ensure that trail and path systems provide places to sit, and include the use of diverse paving, high quality landscape materials, and pedestrian scaled directional lighting.
7. The City shall promote aesthetically pleasing trail systems, particularly for recreational purposes. Particular attention shall be given to trail systems associated with natural assets including the waterfront, parks, and natural features.
8. The implementation of trail systems shall be feasible given the consideration of the costs and benefits associated with the route selection. This shall take into consideration healthy lifestyles, sustainability, and the quality of neighbourhood character.
9. The City shall encourage the integration of bicycle path and walkway systems into the design of transportation facilities by including facilities such as sufficient and protected bicycle storage areas at places of employment and major community, institutional, educational, cultural and shopping locations, where appropriate.
10. The City shall implement and operate an effective trail system maintenance program.
11. The City shall promote opportunities for public access to the waterfront and the development of a continuous waterfront trail system and open space linkages along the St. Lawrence River.
12. The City shall support the creation of the primary bicycle network as identified on Schedule 5.

5.2.6 RAIL SYSTEMS

The City supports the continuation of a safe and efficient railway network within the City and the rail station as an intermodal facility. Development adjacent to railways shall be carefully controlled to eliminate land use conflicts and ensure the safe and continued operation of the rail line.