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1.0 Introduction and Background

The Township of Springwater is developing a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) to assess current and future road development within Springwater. This plan will explore solutions that address projected growth until 2041. It will prioritize the secure and efficient movement of traffic within the Township and between its various communities. Moreover, the plan will take into account factors such as active transportation and the smooth movement of goods.

A key component of the study includes consultation with interested stakeholders. This summary report documents the Public Information Centre (PIC), held at the Springwater Township Administration Centre Council Chambers on June 25, 2024. This report summarizes the notification process, the information presented, and the comments received during and after the PIC.

The TMP is being completed in accordance with Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process (Municipal Engineers Association, March 2023) which is approved under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The TMP will follow Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class EA process under Master Plan approach #1 where the Master Plan will identify a strategy for phased improvements and become the basis for future projects identified in the Master Plan. The study will evaluate alternative solutions and recommend transportation strategies and phasing in consultation with the public, agencies, and Indigenous communities.

2.0 Method of Notification

Details of the date, time, location, and purpose of the PIC were published in the Springwater Link Newsletter, distributed by e-newsletter to subscribers on June 5, 2024, and directly mailed to residents in the Township on June 5, 2024. Notification of the PIC was also published on the Transportation Master Plan Project Page on the Township's website, posted to the Township Twitter and Facebook accounts, and mailed or emailed to agencies, municipalities, and Indigenous communities. A copy of the Notice is provided in Appendix A.

3.0 Public Meeting Format

The PIC was conducted as an in-person drop-in style format, with project information displayed around the room and representatives from the Consultant Study Team and Township Staff present to answer questions and discuss the project with interested members of the public. Attendees were greeted upon arrival, encouraged to sign-in, and made aware of the opportunity to provide comments using a printed comment form available at the PIC, or QR code link to a digital comment form, or by contacting the Project

Team with written comments. The PIC information materials were also posted on a project specific webpage for the public to view or download anytime during the PIC comment period from June 26, 2024, to July 25, 2024. Presentation material described the project, provided existing conditions, and identified next steps in the process. A copy of the presentation is provided in Appendix B.

4.0 Participation and Summary of Comments Received

This section provides an overview of the written comments received from participants at the PIC or during the comment period following the PIC. Comments received by July 25, 2024, are included in this PIC Summary Report. A total of six people attended the PIC, excluding the Project Team members and Township representatives. Written comments were received from one member of the public at the PIC, email comments were received from one member of the public, and one comment form was received through the online comment form during the comment period following the PIC. Copies of the comments received are provided in Appendix C.

The comment form asked participants to provide an indication of their interest in the project and any comments on the recommended preferred solution for Roads, Active Transportation, and Transit. Participants were also asked to provide any other transportation concerns or interests the study should consider.

Participant comments are reviewed to provide a better understanding of stakeholder opinions and to provide feedback on the project. The summary of comments received during the PIC is intended to provide an indication of overall shared issues, opinions, and concerns of participants.

Study Interest

Of the three participants, two indicated that they are interested in the project as a resident.

Public Comments Received

A summary of comments along with the Project Team responses is provided in Table 1 below. The summary of comments presented is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of each comment received but is presented as highlights of comments under key themes.

Table 1: Summary of Comments and Responses

THEME	COMMENTS	RESPONSE
<p>Craig Road</p>	<p>Build Craig Road now. Concerns it should have been built two years ago to avoid trucks and traffic speeding past the public school.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
	<p>Looking forward to completion of Craig Road to Highway 27, the longer it takes the more its costs tax payers.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p>Alternative Options</p>	<p>Preference for Alternative 4 - combination of actions makes the most sense given all the growth expected to happen in Springwater.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>
<p>Transit</p>	<p>Enhancing the Linx routes and expanding public transit will help move people around who don't have access to cars.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The TMP study will consider options for enhancing LINX routes as well as opportunities to incorporate other types of transit and micromobility options.</p>
<p>Connectivity & Safety</p>	<p>Need to connect through traffic where motorists detour through neighborhoods from Highway 400, highways 26 & 27.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The TMP study will look for opportunities to address neighbourhood cut-through traffic issues and provide planning recommendations to help keep through traffic on County Roads and out of residential neighbourhoods.</p>
	<p>Need to build trails to connect neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The TMP study will look for opportunities to connect the various settlements in the Township and to ensure connectivity between the recreational trails (identified in the Township's Trails Master Plan) and any active transportation facilities proposed by this TMP.</p>
	<p>Ensure there is capacity on the roads to handle influx of traffic and that they are safe.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The TMP study will look for opportunities to address neighbourhood cut-through traffic issues and provide planning recommendations to help keep through traffic on County Roads and out of residential neighbourhoods.</p>

5.0 Next Steps

Comments received during the PIC comment period will be reviewed for incorporation into the study.

Next steps in the process include:

- Review feedback and incorporate it into the preferred alternative solution.
- Finalize the 2041 Transportation Implementation and Phasing Strategy.
- Draft Transportation Master Plan Report.
- Finalize Transportation Master Plan Report (December 2024).
- Issue Notice of Completion (January 2025).

Following the approval of a preferred alternative, the planning and decision-making process for the study will be documented in the Transportation Master Plan report, prepared for public review and comment for a minimum 30-day review period. A Notice of Completion will be issued following the completion of the Transportation Master Plan.



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Appendix A

Notice of Public Information Centre

Crystal Ferguson

From: Alvaro L. Almuina
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:26 PM
To: Deanna De Forest; Crystal Ferguson
Cc: Gordon Hui; Xinli Tu
Subject: FW: Township of Springwater News

FYI – see 8th bullet.

Alvaro

From: noreply@springwater.ca <noreply@springwater.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 9:01 AM
Subject: Township of Springwater News



Township of Springwater News

6/10/2024 8:58:15 AM

Springwater Newsletter - June

The Springwater Newsletter is delivered via direct mail to homes in Springwater. This edition of the newsletter includes information on:

- [Upcoming Meetings](#)
- [Summer Camp Blitz](#)
- [Water Restrictions](#)
- [Hanging Basket Sponsorship Opportunities](#)
- [Road Construction](#)

- [Tax Billing](#)
- [Career Opportunities](#)
- [Transportation Master Plan Public Engagement Sessions](#)
- [Water & Wastewater Public Engagement Sessions](#)
- [Ward Boundary Review](#)

[June 2024 Newsletter](#)

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Notice of Public Information Centre Township of Springwater Transportation Master Plan

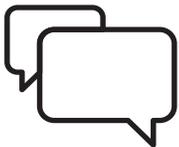
About the Study

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Public Information Centre #2

The second Public Information Centre (PIC) aims to review the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) approach, present received feedback, summarize baseline conditions, assess future needs, and propose alternative solutions with supporting policy recommendations. Your participation is welcome, and you can provide your input during the PIC. Township staff and project consultants from R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited will be available in a drop-in format to discuss the study and answer your questions. For more information, visit: www.springwater.ca/TransportationMasterPlan



Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers - Township Administration Centre
2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, Ontario

To provide comments or to request additional information, please contact either of the following project team members:

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Personal information submitted is being collected pursuant to Section 8 and 11 of the Municipal Act and will be used to update the Township's Transportation Master Plan. Personal information submitted will become part of the public record unless it is requested that the personal information remain confidential. Questions regarding the collection of this information and how it is used may be directed to the Public Works Department, Township of Springwater, 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, ON L9X 1A8, 705-428-4784. This document will be available in alternate format or with communication support upon request. This notice was first issued June 5, 2024.



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Appendix B

Display Boards Presentation

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Transportation Master Plan



Public Information Centre (PIC) #2

June 25, 2024



Welcome

Provide Your Input



Public input is an important part of the Class EA process

Stay Informed



Visit the Township website at springwater.ca for more information.
For updates, follow **Township of Springwater** or **@springwatertwp** on social media.

Contents Summary

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Overview

Springwater Transportation Master Plan

- A long-term plan to develop a transportation network that accommodates and evaluates the impact of growth and travel patterns to 2041

Township Travel Characteristics

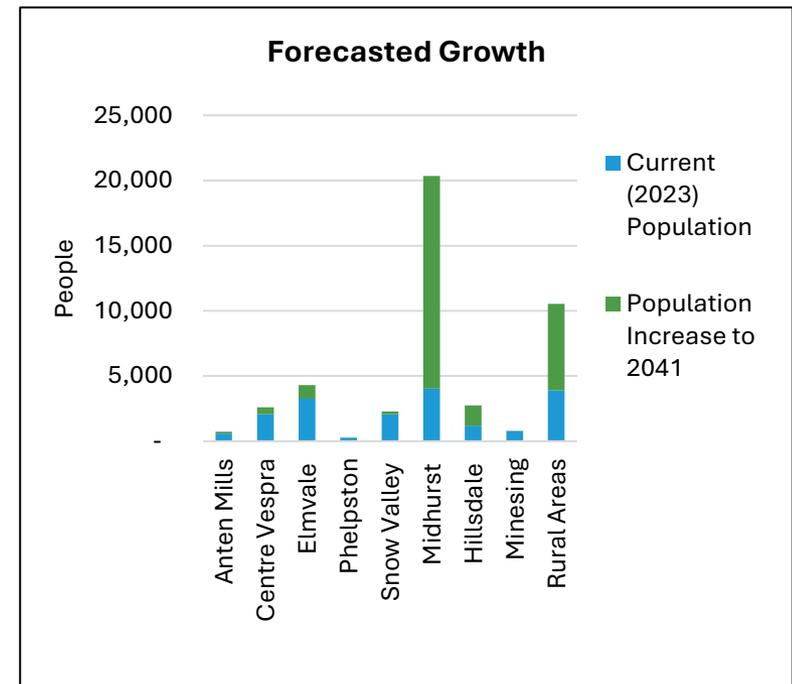
- More than 80% of daily Township trips are external travel to/from the Township
- 94% of Township residents commute to work in a car
- Primary destination of Springwater-based trips (outbound) is the City of Barrie
- Primary destination of inbound trips is southwest central Springwater (Midhurst / Snow Valley)

Collision Review

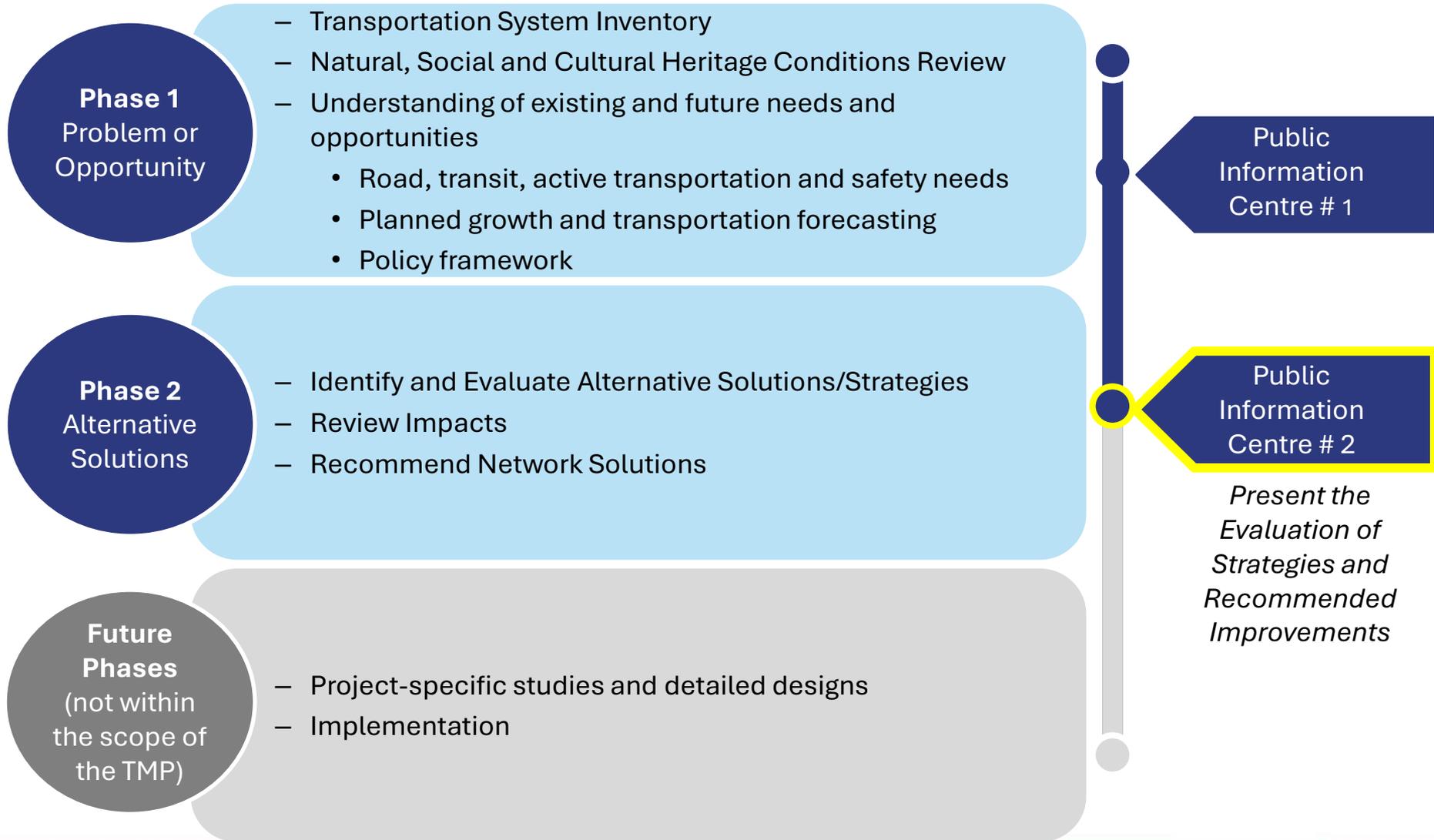
- Nearly 3,000 collisions reported between 2018-2022
- More collisions reported at major road intersections and highly trafficked areas

Growth Forecasts

- Springwater is forecasted to more than double in population by 2041
- Most of the allocated growth is taking place in Midhurst



Study Approach and Status



What We Heard



Consultation Event

TAC #1

Oct. 5, 2023

PIC #1

Dec. 7, 2023

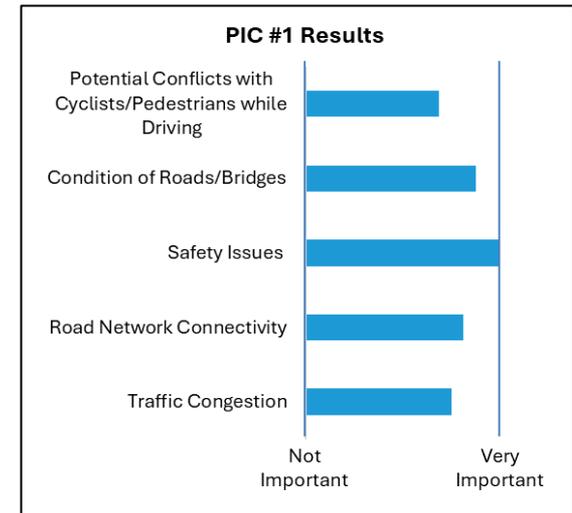
Council Presentation

March 6, 2024



Key Themes of Discussions and Feedback Received

- Cut-through traffic through the Township
- Simcoe County Transportation Master Plan completion and recommendations
- Accommodating planned development
- Lack of sidewalks within settlement areas
- Speed reductions
- LINX Transit servicing
- Safer home to school routes for children
- More opportunities for active transportation



Future Road Assessment

Roads

Active
Transportation

Transit



2041 Forecasted Level-of-Service (LOS) During the Evening Peak Hour

Projected Travel Demand

- Roads identified to experience constraints consist primarily of County/Provincial roads, including Wilson Dr and Bayfield St/Highway 26
- Constrained Township roads include Finlay Mill Rd/Wattie Rd and some roads within the Midhurst Secondary Plan area (subject to ongoing studies)
- Approximately 40% of trips using roads within the Township are pass-through

Needs and Opportunities

- Road widenings
- Alternate road connections / new road links
- Intersection safety improvements
- County road uploads

Future Road Outlook

Planned Road Improvements to 2041

(Identified from the Midhurst Class EA)

- Craig Rd extension to CR 27
- St. Vincent St extension to Park Trail
- Collector network within Midhurst
- Wilson Dr widening
- Finlay Mill Rd center turn lane
- Forbes Rd widening
- Russell Rd widening
- Anne St Snow Valley to Highway 26

Roads

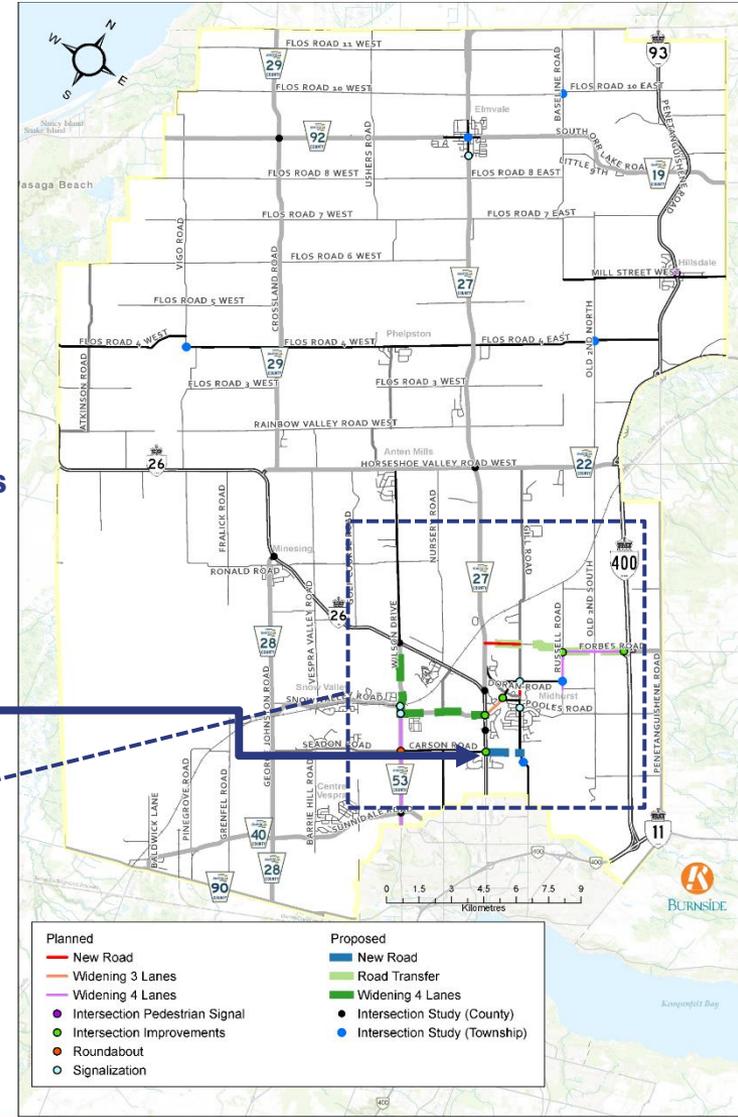
Active Transportation

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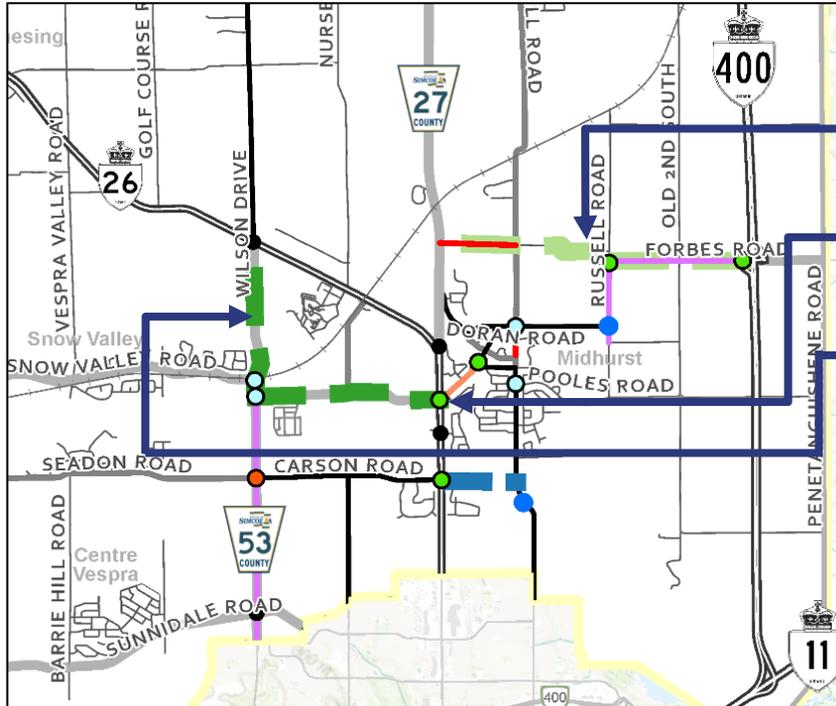
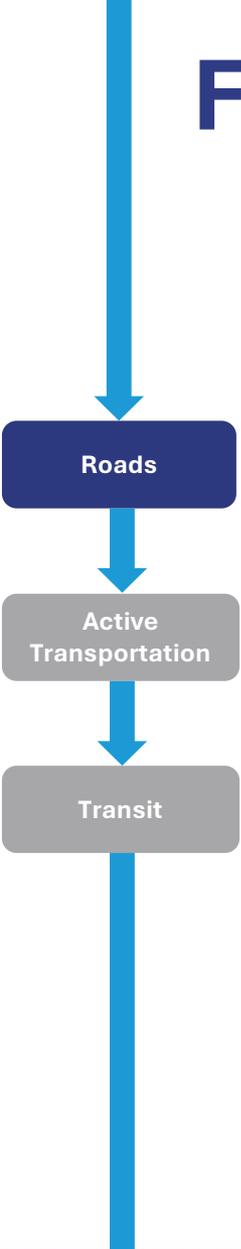
Additional Township Road Improvement Opportunities

Road	From	To	Improvement
Phelpston Bypass	Marsh Rd	Leo Marley Way	Consideration of Alternate Route for Future Investigation
Carson Road Extension	CR 27	St. Vincent St	New Road

Intersection study proposed for 6 locations under Township jurisdiction



Future County Road Outlook



Simcoe County Road Improvement Opportunities

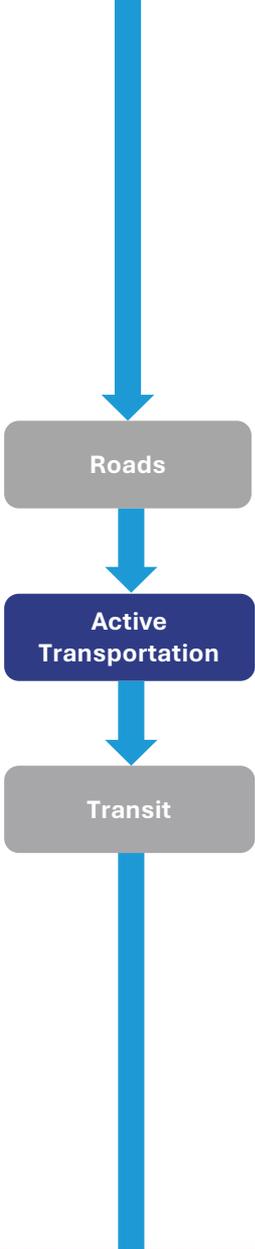
Road	From	To	Improvement
Forbes Rd	CR 27	Highway 400	Transfer to County
CR 43 (Snow Valley Rd)	CR 53 (Wilson Dr)	CR 27	Widening to 4 Lanes
CR 53 (Wilson Dr)	Snow Valley Rd	Highway 26	Future Study *

* The Simcoe County TMP recommends that this road be investigated as part of a future study by 2051 or beyond. It is recommended that this investigation be conducted earlier.

Intersection study proposed for 7 locations under County jurisdiction

Future AT Assessment

Active Transportation (AT) Route Identification Process



Reviewed Existing and Planned AT Network

- Reviewed proposed AT links from the County Trails Strategy and Township (draft) Trails Master Plan
- Identified improvements to address network gaps



Identified Corridors with existing AT Demand

- Reviewed routes with higher cycling activity
- Identified opportunities for dedicated facilities

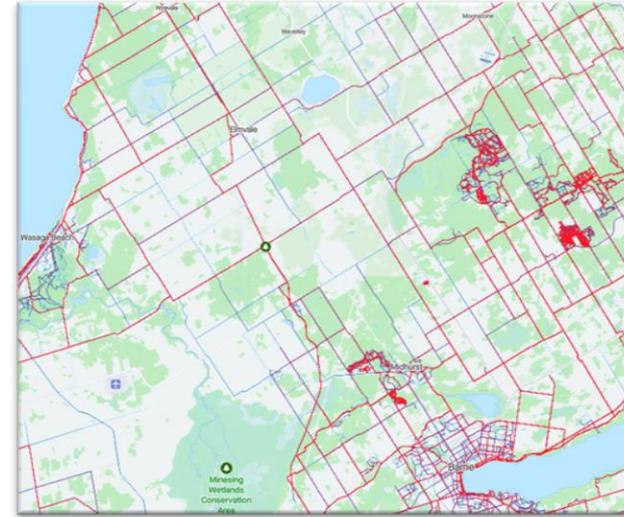


Assessed Potential to Service Key Destinations

- Identified key destination points and neighbourhoods
- Improved connections between these points



Identified Additional AT Opportunities



STRAVA Cycling Heat Map

- Scenic Routes / Corridors
- Sidewalk prioritization strategy
- Minimum bicycle parking requirements as part of new developments

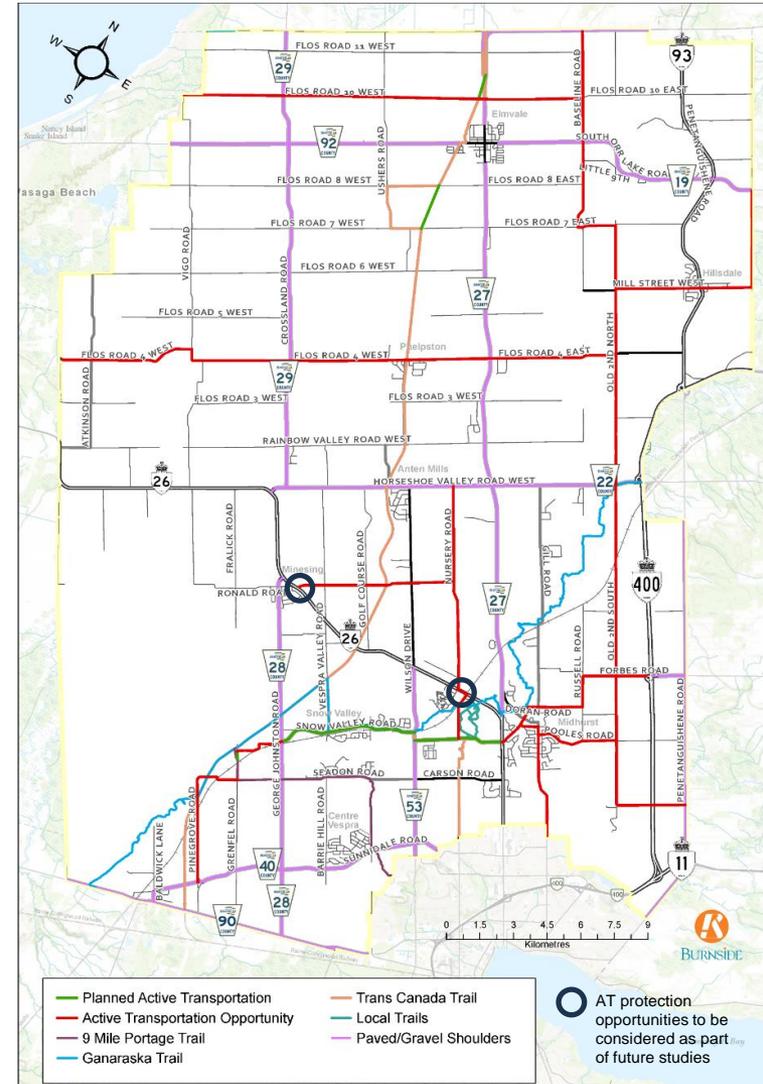
Future AT Outlook

Planned Active Transportation (AT) Improvements

- North Simcoe Rail Trail (NSRT) connection between Flos Rd 7 and Flos Rd 8, and near Elmvale
- CR 43 (Snow Valley Road) on-road cycling facility between CR 28 and Highway 26
- Trans Canada Trail facility improvements
- New trails recommended from the draft Township Trails Master Plan

Additional AT Improvement Opportunities

- 
 Connections between settlement areas
- 
 Connections to key destinations
- 
 AT facility types to be determined based on a function of operating speed, volume and context



Roads

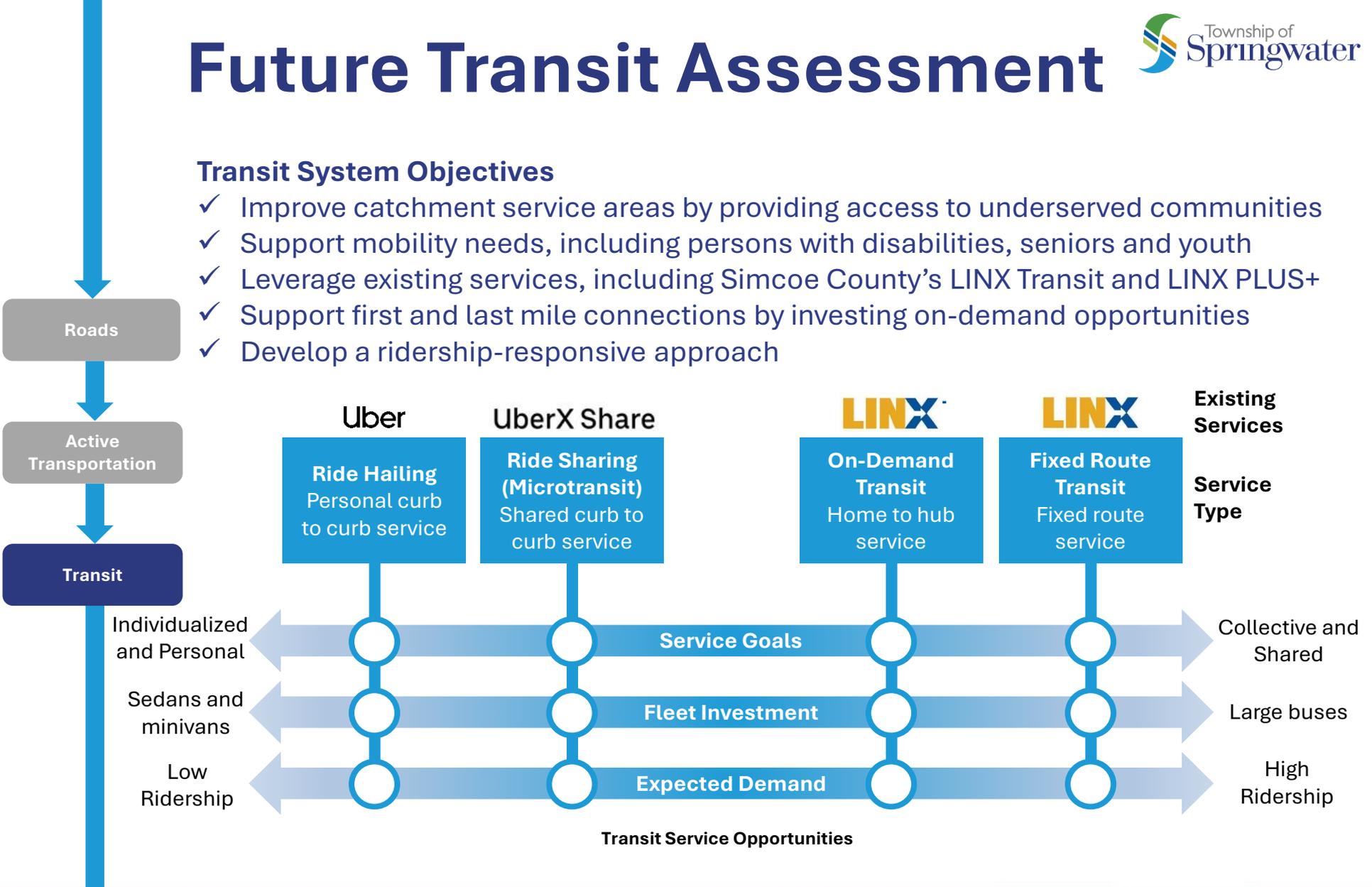
Active Transportation

Transit

Future Transit Assessment

Transit System Objectives

- ✓ Improve catchment service areas by providing access to underserved communities
- ✓ Support mobility needs, including persons with disabilities, seniors and youth
- ✓ Leverage existing services, including Simcoe County's LINX Transit and LINX PLUS+
- ✓ Support first and last mile connections by investing on-demand opportunities
- ✓ Develop a ridership-responsive approach



Future Transit Outlook

Previously Planned Transit Improvements

Collingwood-Wasaga Beach-Barrie LINX Transit route (proposed for the short-term)

Additional Transit Improvement Opportunities



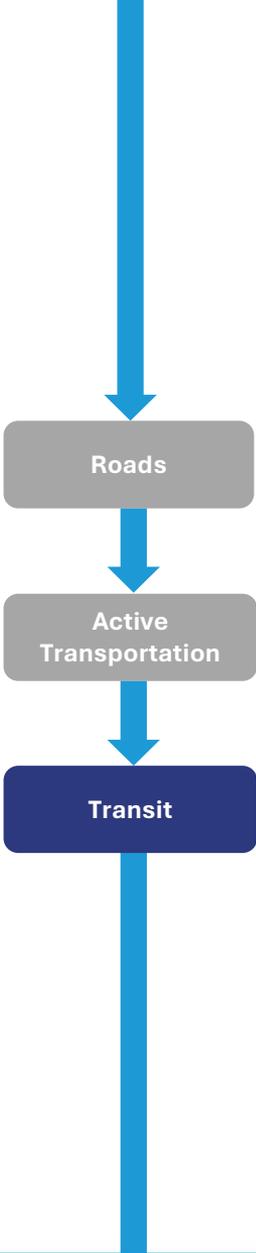
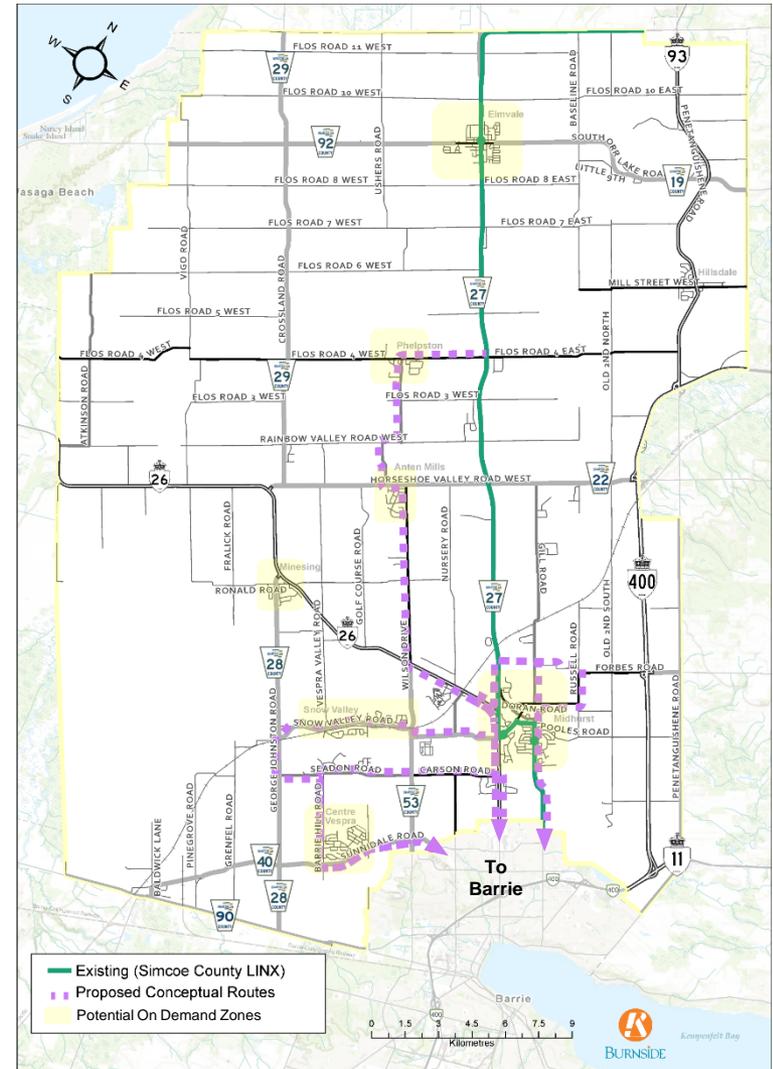
Short-Term

Home to hub on-demand transit to service transit stops and key destinations within settlement areas



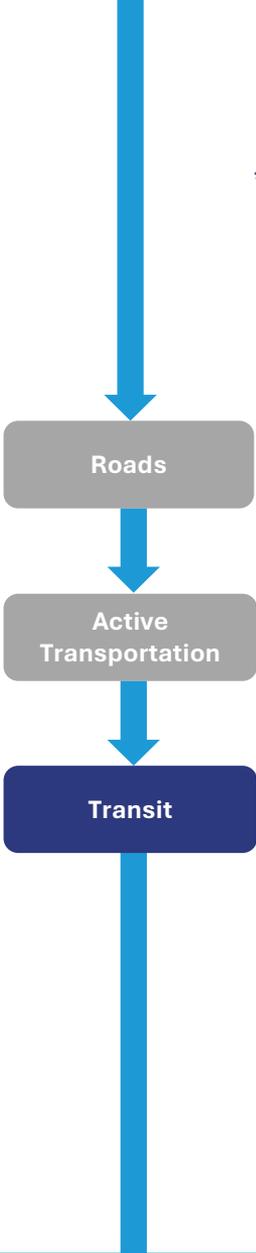
Medium to Long Term

Investigate opportunities to collaborate with Barrie Transit and LINX Transit to extend service to settlement areas, subject to ridership demands

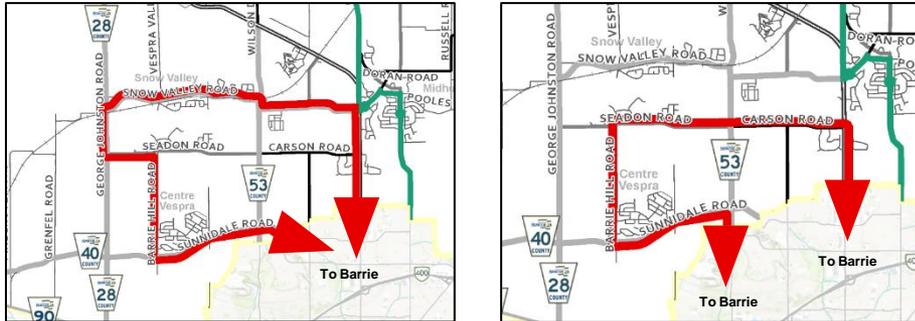


Future Transit Options

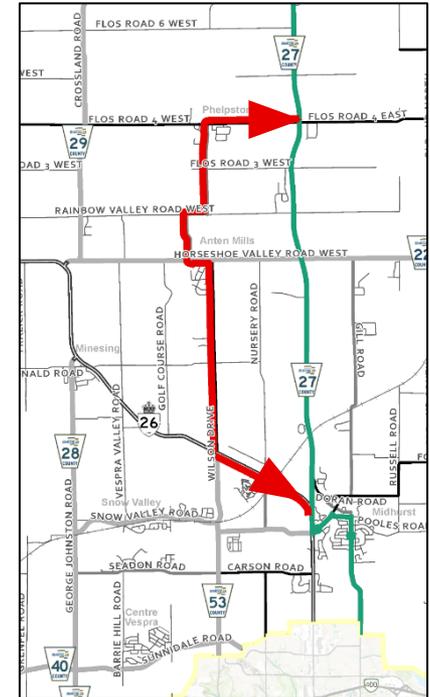
* Conceptual routes subject to future detailed assessment and collaboration with Barrie Transit and Simcoe County / LINX Transit



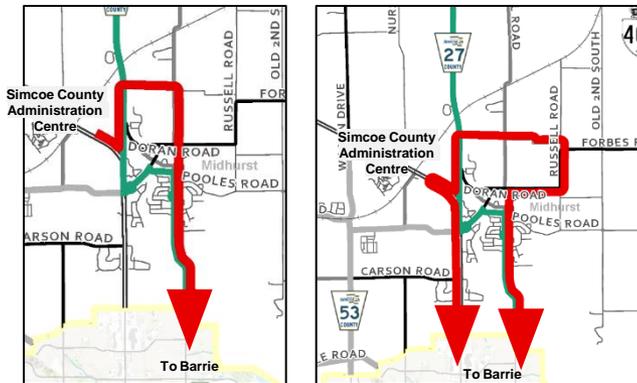
Barrie Transit Conceptual Routes for Centre Vespra and Snow Valley



Simcoe County Transit (LINX) Conceptual Routes



Barrie Transit Conceptual Routes for Midhurst



- Existing (Simcoe County LINX)
- Proposed Conceptual Routes

The Supporting Policies



Sidewalk Policy

- Component of Active Transportation
- Details a prioritization framework for new sidewalks or multi use trails
- Based on majority support of affected property owners



Road Classification Policy

- Updates existing road classifications (arterial, collector, local)
- Establishes appropriate typical widths and locations for cross-sectional elements within the roadway



Speed Limit Policy

- Develop a framework to establish reputable and context-sensitive speed limits



Traffic Infiltration

- Establishes process to assess traffic infiltration through residential areas or hamlets
- Identifies alternate routes to address traffic infiltration

Alternative Solutions

As part of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process, alternative solutions are identified to ensure a wide range of options are explored.

Recommendations are grouped into the alternative solutions below and a preferred solution will be selected based on evaluation criteria and stakeholder input.

“Do Nothing” / Business-As-Usual	Alternative #1	Alternative #2	Alternative #3	Alternative #4
Proceed with all planned improvements (i.e., identified from previous County and Township plans and capital budgets)	Implementation of planned and proposed road improvements	Implementation of planned and proposed active transportation improvements	Implementation of planned and proposed transit improvements	Combination of all road, active transportation and transit improvements

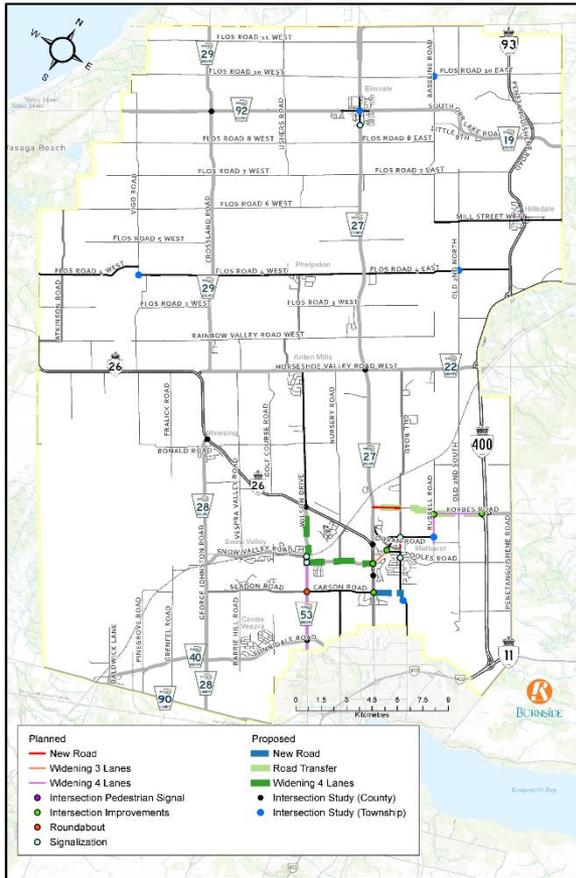
Evaluation Criteria

The draft evaluation criteria below were established, based on planning objectives and the policy scan conducted for this TMP. These criteria will be used to assess the alternatives and pick the preferred solution(s).

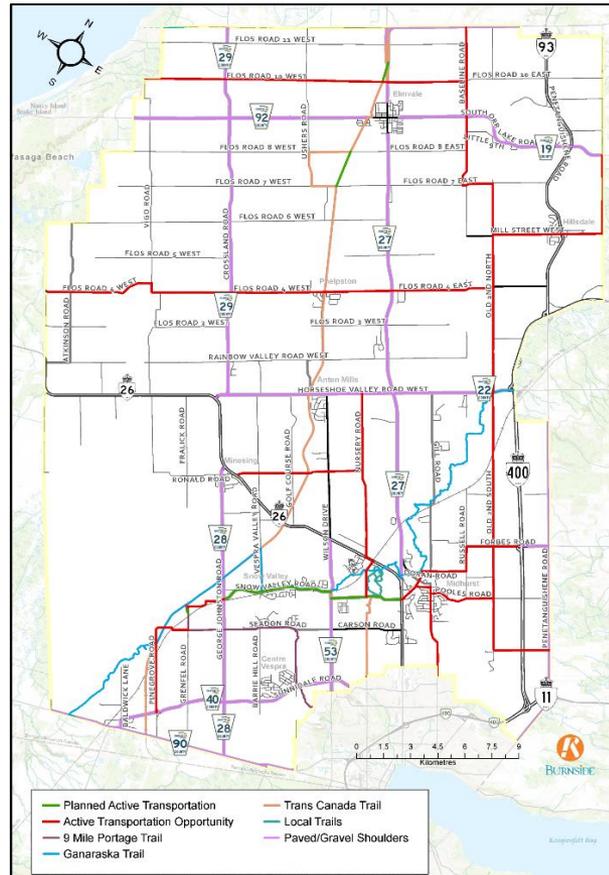
Evaluation Criteria and Supporting Indicators	“Do Nothing” / Business-As-Usual	Alternative #1 (Roads Focused)	Alternative #2 (Active Transportation Focused)	Alternative #3 (Transit Focused)	Alternative #4 (Combination of All)
Transportation Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improves capacity and reduces delay Supports connectivity 	√	√√√	√√	√√	√√√√
Transportation Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protects vulnerable road users Provides viable alternative mobility options 	√	√	√√√√	√√√	√√√√
Supports Township Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigates effects of climate change Creates healthy communities and supports economic development 	√	√	√√√	√√	√√√√
Environmental Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce greenhouse gas emissions Minimizes impact to environmental features 	√√	√	√√√√	√√	√√√
Cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimizes Township capital and operating/maintenance costs 	√√√	√√	√√	√√	√

Recommended Preferred Solution

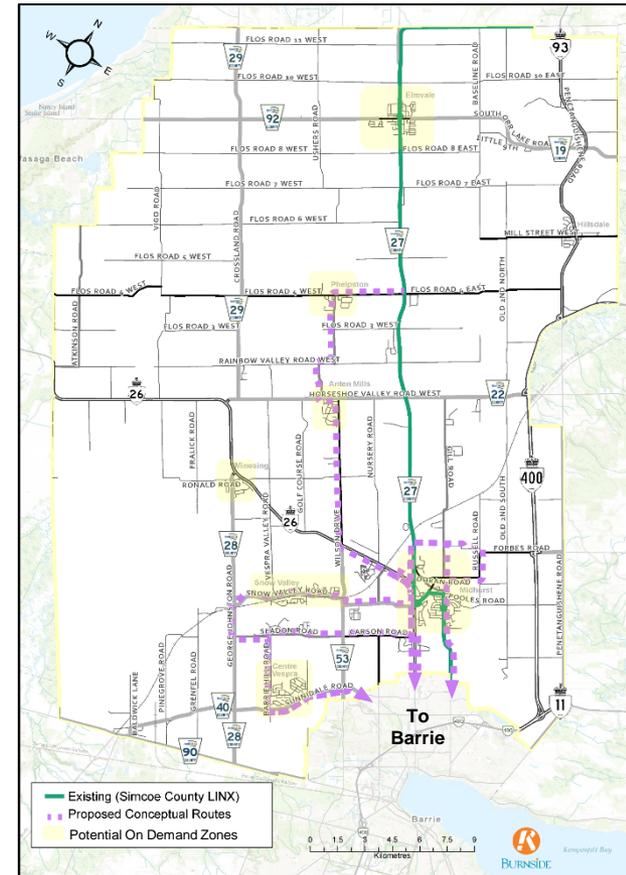
The results of the preliminary evaluation for alternative solutions indicate that the preferred solution is **Alternative #4 – Combination of All**, which consists of all the improvements shown below.



Road Improvements



AT Improvements



Transit Improvements

Recommended Preferred Solution

The TMP is proposing a balanced, equitable transportation system, that will include a combination of road, active transportation and transit improvements, as well as policies to support a safe and efficient roadway network.

Please provide your comments/thoughts

Place a sticky note, or write directly on the board



Next Steps

1. Confirm Preferred Solution
2. Finalize the 2041 Transportation Implementation and Phasing Strategy
3. Post draft Transportation Master Plan for public review and comment
4. Council Approval (Fall 2024)
5. Study Completion (Targeted for Fall 2024)

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

Please fill out a comment form, or scan the QR code:



For ongoing project updates, visit www.Springwater.ca/TransportationMasterPlan. The PIC boards will be posted for review and comment until **July 23, 2024**.

A summary of comments received by **July 23, 2024**, along with Project Team responses, will be detailed in a Public Information Centre Summary report posted on the Township's website.

If you have any additional questions / comments, please contact:

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Appendix C

Comment Sheets

Looking forward
to the completion
of Craig Road to
Hwy 27.

The longer it takes
the more it costs
tax payers.

Get it done!

Crystal Ferguson

From: Alvaro L. Almuina
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 7:16 AM
To: Crystal Ferguson; Deanna De Forest
Cc: Xinli Tu; Gordon Hui
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Please add to our PIC 2 comments...
A.

-----Original Message-----

From: Springwater Transportation Master Plan <tmp@springwater.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 5:21 PM
To: Alvaro L. Almuina <Alvaro.Almuina@rjburnside.com>
Subject: FW: Transportation master plan

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 7:23 AM
To: Springwater Transportation Master Plan <tmp@springwater.ca>
Subject: Transportation master plan

EXTERNAL EMAIL. Please check sender.

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live at [REDACTED]. The last time I voiced my concerns regarding a transportation plan was 20 years ago and those concerns were not listened to then. So I am not sure what good it is to write you, but here it goes.

Build Craig Road now!! Not in one or two years, now. It should have been built two years ago, which would have avoided the hundreds of trucks that speed through the village and are now passing the public school daily. I could go on, but like I said above, no one listened last time, so I am likely wasting my time again. If you are genuinely interested in my concerns and want me info, please contact me.

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

View results

Respondent

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Anonymous

09:22

Time to complete

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1. I am: (please check all that apply)

- Resident
- Employee in Springwater
- I have business interests in Springwater
- Other

2. Please identify your age group.

- under 18 years old
- 18-34
- 35-49
- 50-64
- 65 years and older
- prefer not to answer

3. Please provide your comments and thoughts on the recommended preferred solution for Roads, Active Transportation and Transit.

Alternative 4 - combination of actions makes the most sense given all the growth that is expected to happen in Springwater. We need roads to handle the influx of traffic and you want to build trails to connect neighborhoods. Enhancing the Linx routes and expanding public transit will help move people around who don't have access to cars.

4. Are there any other Transportation concerns or interests the study team should consider?

Through traffic where motorists detour through neighborhoods from Highway 400, highways 26 & 27. Ensure there is capacity on the roads and that they are safe

