

*Staff Support to the Active
Transportation Advisory
Committee*

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Presentation Outline

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Active Transportation Vision

- ★ Develop a region-wide, visible & connected active transportation network:
 - ★ On and off road
 - ★ Accommodate existing and future users
 - ★ Promote increase in non-motorised travel
- ★ Network will be supported by:
 - ★ Various programs
 - ★ Various policies and strategies
 - ★ All to encourage active transportation year round



Active Transportation Vision

- ★ The Plan is also envisioned to assist in:
 - ★ Improving the quality of life for both residents and visitors
 - ★ Making HRM one of the most desirable municipalities within North America in which to live, work and visit



Active Transportation Goals

- ✦ Improve conditions & reduce risk for all AT modes and all users
- ✦ Build upon existing & proposed AT & Transit initiatives.
- ✦ Double number of trips by AT modes.
- ✦ Achieve the goals and vision for AT in HRM in 20 years.
- ✦ Adhere to the overall intent of the Regional MPS.



Overview

- ★ One staff liaison to committee
- ★ Provide information to committee
- ★ Pass on information requests to appropriate staff
- ★ Work with Chair, Clerk's office



Traffic and Right of Way Services

- ★ Provide Information and Guidance regarding:
 - ★ Regulatory requirements or restrictions for operations within the public right-of-way as it affects active transportation uses
 - ★ Design standards and requirements
 - ★ Sharing opportunities for expanding the active transportation network



Traffic and Right of Way Services

- ★ Provide support:
 - ★ In advancing active transportation initiatives to the general public
 - ★ Via various activities
 - ★ Educational, promotional and safety campaigns
 - ★ Special events and subcommittees organized by the Active transportation advisory committee
- ★ Attend meetings as required by the Active Transportation Advisory Committee



Design and Construction Services

- ★ Provide information:
 - ★ Approved Design and construction capital budget projects which involve active transportation infrastructure
 - ★ New sidewalks
 - ★ Bike lanes
 - ★ Updates on anticipated construction completion dates
 - ★ Answer general inquiries regarding on-road facilities



Design and Construction Services

★ Other roles:

- ★ Provide design and/or tendering and construction administration services to HRM departments on active transportation projects
- ★ Attend meetings as required by the Active Transportation Advisory Committee



Regional Trails

- ★ Provide information on the “Off-road facilities” as they relate to the active transportation network
- ★ Provide input on the policy recommendations of the Plan with regards to the development of the off-road network as laid out in section 4.6.5



Regional Trails

- ★ Supporting role:
 - ★ To help committee understand the off-road priorities for the next two years
 - ★ Explain annual budget process for off-road infrastructure as it pertains to the Regional Trails program
 - ★ Attend meetings as required by the Active Transportation Advisory Committee



Regional Trails

- ★ Assist committee with information to help advise Council on off-road priorities. Examples include
 - ★ Connect through urban core
 - ★ Complete Trans-Canada Trail
 - ★ Access to and use of trails for a variety of purposes
 - ★ Promote increase in active modes
 - ★ Connections to on-road facilities
 - ★ Recommendations on priority connections and facilities, including to transit terminals
 - ★ Safety

