Four Decades of Integrating Land Use and Transportation in Metro Vancouver
A look back to visions of the past, what we’ve achieved, and plans for the future

Regional Planning Committee

Map of the Month

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This poster depicts a long history of land use and transportation planning in the region. Adopted in June 2014, the Mayors’ Council Vision for Regional Transportation is a significant achievement in consensus-based decision-making. The Mayors’ Council Vision sets out the high priority transportation investments in the region for the next decade. What may be more remarkable is how consistent the Metro Vancouver region has been in its prioritization to connect communities with high quality transit and to foster higher-density urban growth in transit-oriented locations.

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In the 1976 Livable Region Proposals to today’s regional transit system, and to the Mayors’ Council Vision, one can’t help but be encouraged. Similarly, the stalwart commitment to directing urban development to Urban Centres and Frequent Transit Development Areas, enshrined in Metro 2040, also stems back to the 1976 plan and the 1996 Livable Region Strategic Plan.

Looking ahead, actualizing the land use growth patterns set out in Metro 2040 will be contingent on upcoming decisions to fund and proceed with implementing the Mayors’ Council Vision.

1986 Livable Region Vision for Metro Vancouver

The Livable Region 1976/1986 Proposals envisioned a network of town centres throughout the region connected by high quality transit.

1968 Greater Vancouver Regional District took on the role of regional planning

population: 1.0 million

1976 The Livable Region 1976-1986 Proposals to Manage the Growth of Greater Vancouver

population: 1.2 million

1986 population: 1.4 million

1996 The Livable Region Strategic Plan was adopted

population: 1.9 million

1999 TransLink created

population: 2.0 million

2011 Metro Vancouver 2040 Shaping our Future

adopted by the Metro Vancouver board

population: 2.3 million

2012 population: 2.4 million

2013 Regional Transportation Strategy Framework adopted

2014 Regional Transportation Investments: A Vision for Metro Vancouver adopted

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2026 Potential completion of Mayors’ Council Vision

population: 2.8 million

2040 population: 3.4 million

Together, Metro 2040 and TransLink’s Regional Transportation Strategy Framework are linking growth management with investments to the regional transportation system.

2012 Urban Centre and Frequent Transit Network

2026 Mayors’ Council Vision for Metro Vancouver

Regional Transportation Investments: A Vision for Metro Vancouver is the Mayors’ Council vision for high priority transportation investments to support the implementation of Metro 2040.