

# Regional Planning **Bulletin**

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## **COVID 19 and Regional Planning**

The Regional Planning team is adapting to new physical distancing measures put in place as part of the COVID-19 pandemic by encouraging staff to work remotely from home and hosting any required meetings by conference call or video conference. Work to develop Metro 2050 and our regular project work continues as planned using the new tools at our disposal. Feel free to continue to connect with members of the Regional Planning team directly or by email to [RegionalPlanning@metrovancouver.org](mailto:RegionalPlanning@metrovancouver.org) which will be redirected to the appropriate staff member.

Stay safe. Practice physical distancing. Wash your hands.

## **Input Needed: Metro 2050 – Regional Growth Strategy Update**

Metro Vancouver is updating *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future*, the regional growth strategy. The updated strategy will be called *Metro 2050* and will extend growth projections to the year 2050, align with Transport 2050, incorporate both a climate and social equity lens, and update the strategy's policy actions.



To help us shape the future of the region, all stakeholders, agencies, partners and residents are encouraged to complete a Comment Form on the *Metro 2050* website.

Please [click here to view the \*Metro 2050\* comment form](#).

## **TOAH Executive Summary Now Available**

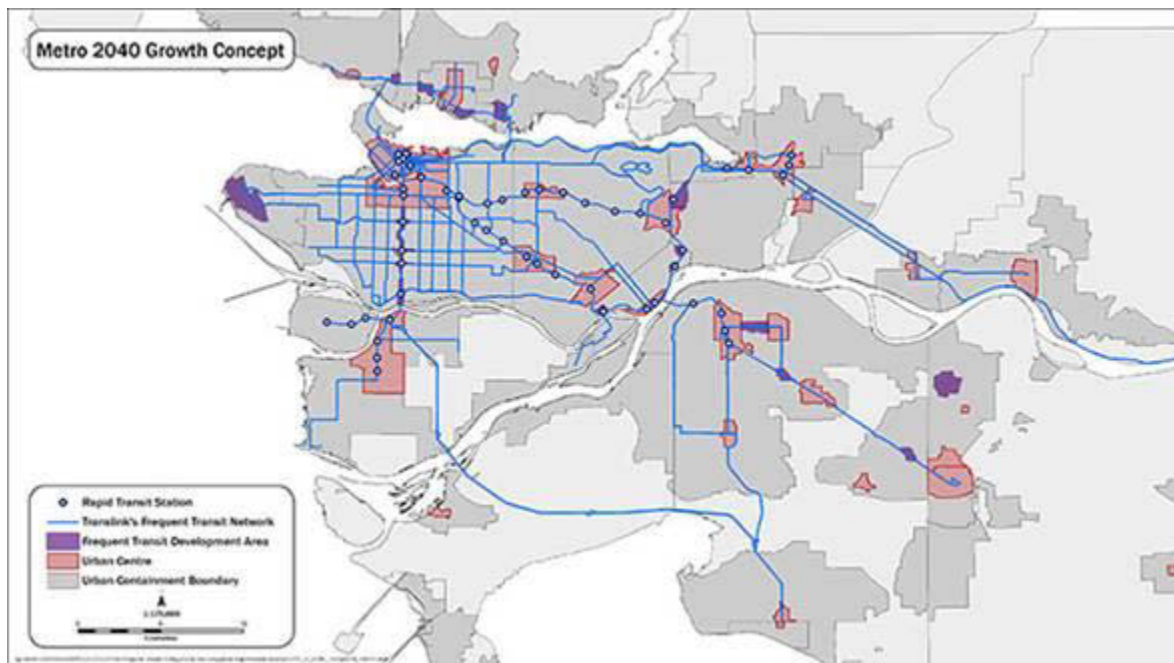
Phase 2 of the award winning Transit Oriented Affordable Housing Study was the culmination of 2 years' worth of research into the challenges and opportunities to increase the affordable rental housing supply near the region's Frequent Transit Network. The TOAH Study was undertaken in partnership with the BC Non-Profit Housing Association, BC Housing, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, TransLink, the Urban Development Institute, and Vancity. We are pleased to share an accessible and visually-appealing [executive summary of the Study's findings](#).

## **New GHG Reduction Targets Approved**



On February 28, 2020, the MVRD Board adopted an amendment to *Metro 2040*, the regional growth strategy, that revises the greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for the region. These new targets reflect a commitment to be a carbon neutral region by 2050, and establish an interim target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030. The amendment replaced the previous greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets contained in *Metro 2040* to be consistent with the *Climate 2050 Strategic Framework* and with the [IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C](#) .

## Recommendations to Improve the Region’s Urban Centres and FTDAs



Regional Planning recently completed a multi-year review of the *Metro 2040* Urban Centre and Frequent Transit Development Area (FTDA) policies in close consultation with member jurisdictions and TransLink. Five Recommendations have been brought forward for consideration in the

development of *Metro 2050*. The full [Summary Report on the Urban Centre and FTDA Policy Review](#), including the recommendations is now available. Regional Planning continues to welcome feedback on any of the recommendations at [regionalplanning@metrovancover.org](mailto:regionalplanning@metrovancover.org) or through the [Metro 2050 comment form](#).



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