



What is an Active Transportation Master Plan?

An Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) is a long-term plan intended to improve walking, cycling, and other modes of active transportation. The main objective of the ATMP will be to make active transportation a more attractive option in Markham.



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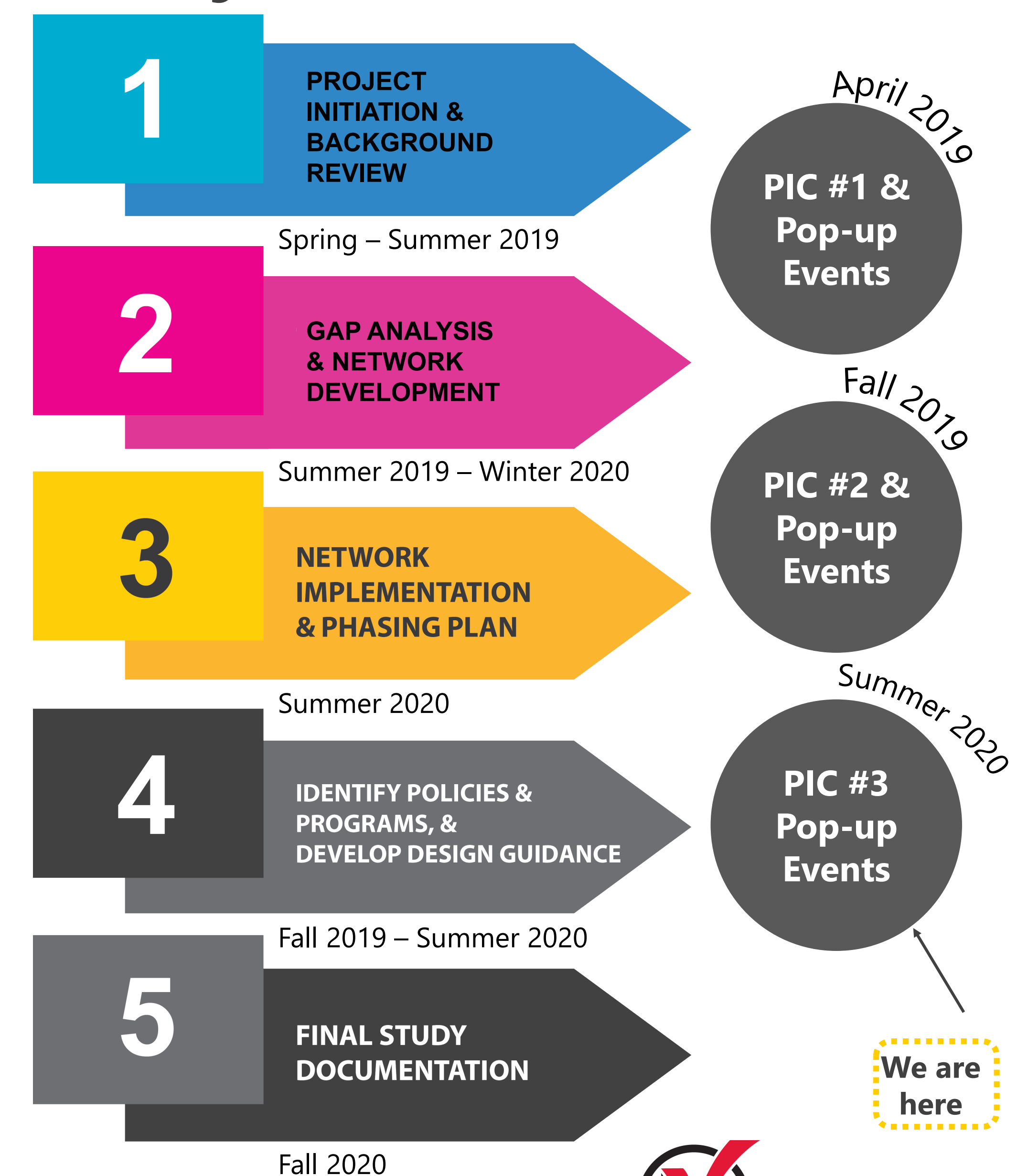


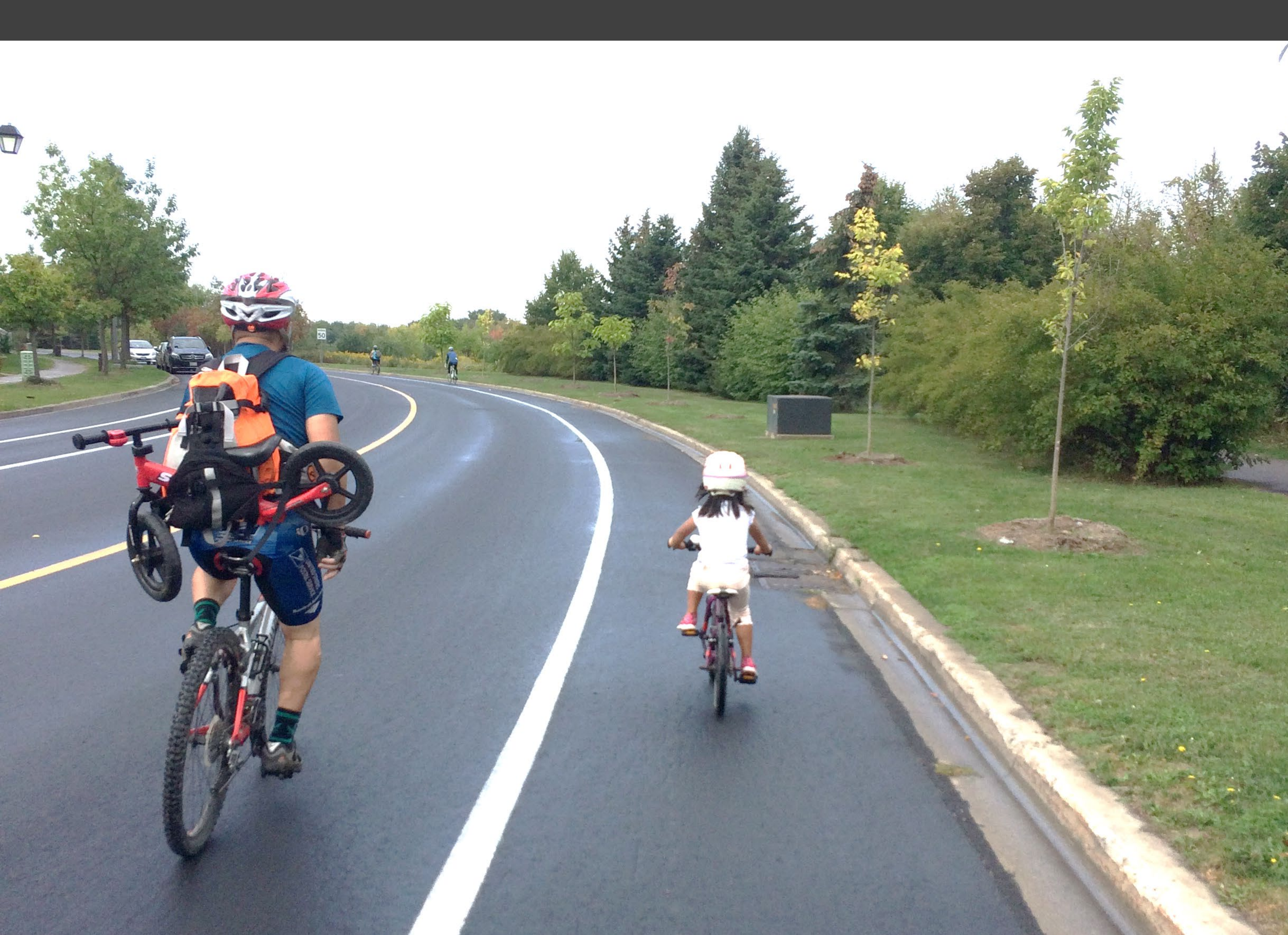
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Study Process





A vision for active transportation in Markham...

Input received at various public consultation activities and stakeholder workshops was used to develop a vision statement. The new proposed vision for active transportation in Markham is:

“ People walking and cycling in the City of Markham feel safe, encouraged and have a sense of community.

Networks are comfortable, accessible, safe, convenient and connected, and provide access to key destinations and transit.

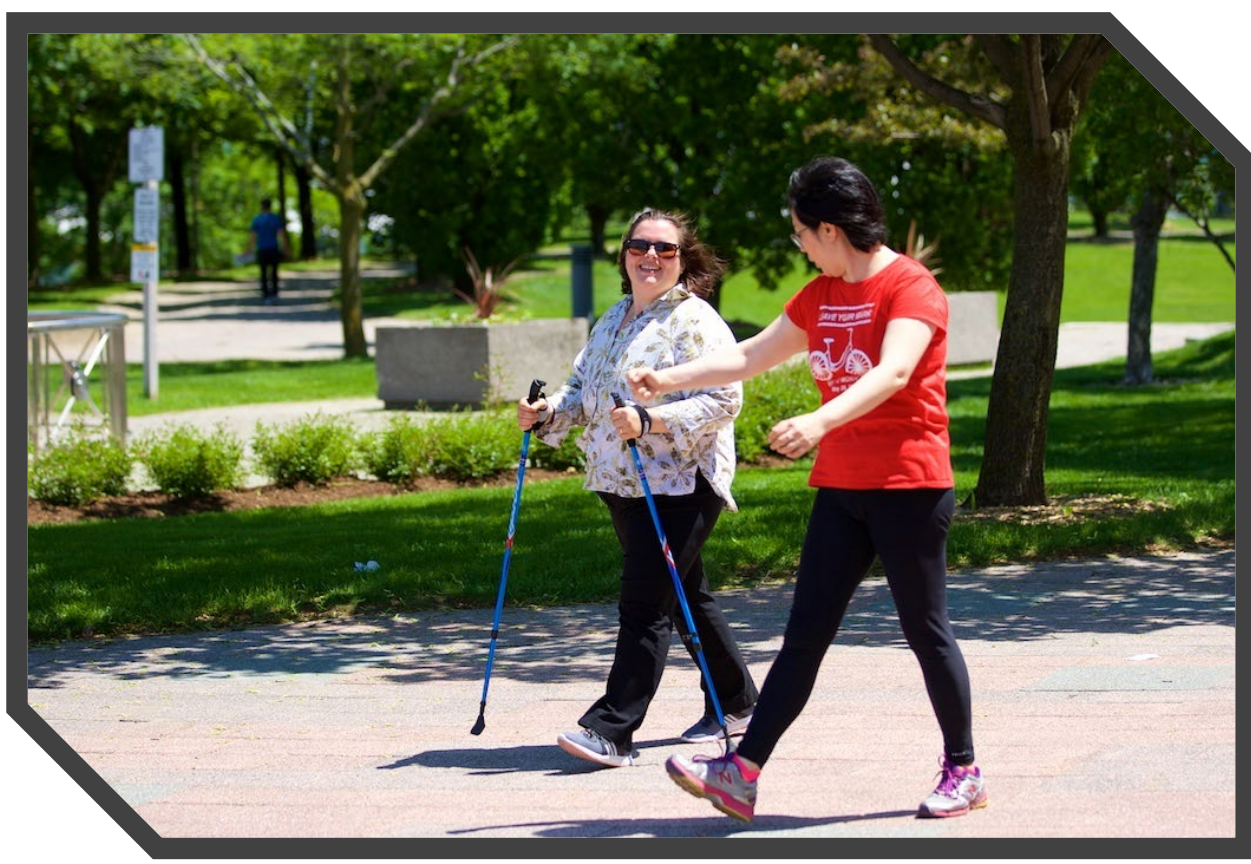
Through an on-going culture shift and investment, active transportation is seen as an effective mode of transportation and a competitive alternative to driving for short trips.”



ATMP recommendations are structured around four key themes:

Pursuing Pedestrian Network Improvements

Recommendations under this theme are provided to enhance pedestrian safety, provide better connections for people travelling on foot, and promote walking as a more attractive option in Markham.



Sample Key Recommendations

- ✓ Continue to fill sidewalk gaps along collector and arterial roads at an accelerated rate through the Sidewalk Network Completion Program.
- ✓ Implement a program to address Pedestrian Priority Area recommendations on an on-going basis.
- ✓ Continue to implement accessibility upgrades at signalized intersections.
- ✓ Consider traffic calming measures and vehicle exclusion zones near school sites to encourage walking & cycling to school.

Connecting & Enhancing the Cycling Network

This theme aims to overcome barriers related to the cycling network. It focuses on cycling infrastructure improvements and expansions to make cycling a more viable option for people of all ages and abilities.



Sample Key Recommendations

- ✓ Implement upgrades to existing cycling facilities to enhance pavement markings, signage and overall comfort.
- ✓ Identify intersection upgrades to enhance pavement markings & signage, provide continuity through intersections and improve the ease of crossings.
- ✓ Implement cycling facilities along a priority network within a 5-year horizon to significantly improve the connectivity and appeal of the cycling network over the short-term with a focus on all-ages and abilities facilities.

Let us know your comments on the proposed cycling network maps!



Encouraging & Engaging our Community

This theme focuses on strategies to promote a shift in travel behavior towards active modes of transportation. Strategies may include providing educational programs and community outreach activities that support and encourage residents to try walking or cycling!



Sample Key Recommendations

- ✓ Expand the Active Travel to School Pilot program to other school locations throughout Markham.
- ✓ Support and expand the role of Markham Cycles Hub.
- ✓ Continue to support the growth of Markham Cycling Day and explore the expansion of Markham Cycling Day into a broader open streets program.
- ✓ Develop a cycling data collection program to support a “State of Cycling Report”.

Let us know your ideas for recommendations online!

Evolving Design & Maintenance

These recommendations are intended to ensure that Markham’s active transportation network incorporates best practices for design and maintenance to ensure that adaptations can be made to improve safety, accessibility, and connectivity of infrastructure and facilities, and reflect Markham’s goals for active transportation.



Sample Key Recommendations

- ✓ Adopt updated cycling facility selection guidance for new land developments.
- ✓ Adopt updated standard cross-sections for new development including various separated cycling facilities such as cycle tracks, protected bike lanes and multi-use paths.
- ✓ Incorporate emerging design practices and guidance for separated cycling facilities and intersection treatments like protected intersection into future design projects.
- ✓ Implement a pilot project to provide a winter cycling spine network to evaluate costs and uptake.