

## Vital Signs Perceptions Survey 09/072011

### Getting Around - Transportation

#### Public Transit Service / Car Pool

- public transport stuck in cycle of not enough people using then decrease availability; it is not conducive enough for people to use for people getting to work yet
- A better bus service to parts of the city and area
  - A better public transit
  - A keep expanding public transport
  - A Great question! I haven't given it much thought. More ride sharing?
  - A Efficient transit
  - A awareness and campaigns to get people on the bus and riding bikes or walking
  - A More frequency on public transit.
  - A needs a better bus system especially in area when elderly live and currently no bus availability in some
  - A Incentives to give up or do less driving. i.e. better bus schedule and smaller buses
  - A Bus system needs to have longer hours in the evening
  - A more public transportation
  - A Public transit is poor, not having service at night really effects getting home after drinking
  - A smaller but more frequent buses
  - A More individual transport for seniors at a reasonable cost
  - A bus transit is terrible
  - A Middleton Mountain is neglected when it comes to public transport
  - A bus routes need to go in both directions, not just one.
  - A There needs to be a more frequent transit system between municipalities in the OK Valley - user pay
  - A Smaller city buses with more pick-up times and locations
  - A need more bus availability throughout the city
  - A increase in public transit
  - I would like to see more bus transit and have it go up Silver Star Road. We have a lovely ski/summer resort and no way to get there if you don't have a car! Also, if people want to drink at restaurants or parties at night, there is no bus service to take them home, so they get in their cars and make our roads
  - A Improvements are noted, but there's still a long way to go. For example, there is no public transportation to Foothills, where I live, and no safe bike path to town either.
  - A even though numbers or riders seem low now, I think bus routes should be increased to rural areas and
  - A keep buses going to UBC-O with connections from all around North Okanagan for students
  - A restore bus services on east hill to original set up
  - A Improve transit routes and better serve outlying areas like BX and Coldstream
  - A more public transit
  - A Public transit needs to increase the hours.
  - A Extended bus hours would be great. Ending when they do is embarrassing.
  - A public transit to the foothills
  - A Better transit, more routes, more frequent schedules
  - A Limited scheduling for buses
  - A Buses to outlying areas
  - A have never used the bus system, seems to meet most needs.
  - A Transit is very limited in schedules and routes
  - A poor transit to the outlying areas
  - A take the politics out of bus routes - rural Coldstream does not need a bus route
  - A more public transit on weekends
  - A support public transit and alternative transportation more consistently and financially
  - A it is overbuilt now--we need smaller busses
  - A Increase transit system

- A Increase the frequency of public transit
- A direct downtown bus movement looping the major loop frequently, densify downtown,
- A the public transit options are poor - it's cheaper to drive than buy a bus pass
- A use smaller buses and have more routes or times. we don't need full size buses for vernon.
- A better transit access
- A Phone up "on call" transit for those who cannot get to the bus stops.
- A encourage the use of green transportation
- A less emphasis on cars, parking, SOV's
- A especially proud of the bus to UBCO
- A more "green space" bus routes
- A better promotion of transit services, driver education, and enforce clearing sidewalks in winter

### Traffic Flow

- B One way traffic on 32nd and 27th.
- B Take truck traffic off of one or both 32 st and 27 st. Build truck route.
- B Increase dedicated and signalled left-turn lanes on major throughfares (e.g., along Hwy 97)
- B Make Hwy 97 and 27th St one way streets, middle 2 lanes for straight ahead and each outer lane for R
- B Stop blocking all turn lanes with beautification themes. Move traffic again. We don't go downtown at all
- B due to lack of left and right turning lanes.
- B I think the downtown core needs to be revamped for traffic patterns
- B roads through residential areas should be traffic-calmed, e.g. Husband Road, like West Kal road
- B 32nd Street is a nightmare especially during busy seasons. The numerous left hand turns off of it is a
- B big, big cause of congestion. Left turn lights are too short in a slot of cases on other streets.
- B more traffic calming
- B too many bike lanes that few use and too much construction at the same time on adjacent roadways.
- B What about 29th St.?? That was delayed for far too long
- B The traffic on 43rd Avenue (speeding is incredible) especially the crosswalk at 20th...I fear someone will
- B die...we need a 4 way stop here...would slow traffic and provide better safety as people do not push the
- B better traffic plans for vehicles to get places quickly
- B Traffic issues on 27th and Hwy 97 needs to be lightened
- B poor highway access at major intersections
- B Traffic congestion is terrible; One way the downtown streets; more left-turn lights (eg 30st/30ave)

### Access to Facilities / Events / Shopping

- Although for sports, like soccer, is not friendly to low income single parent families, especially those who
- C have more than one. "Inner city" sport for families.
- C most shopping is at the far end of the city, beyond car transp. for seniors
- C More parking downtown.
- C Make more accessible to people with disabilities
- C eliminate Sat parking meters to encourage downtown shoppers
- C This may already be done, but increased public transit around big events. Also more public awareness
- C the road up to Silver star is over used. It seems criminal that some kind of bussing or park and ride is
- C not implemented by the city, especially during the skiing season when there is a constant stream of traffic
- C Coldstream does have extensive bike paths, but there is a poor connection between the downtown core
- C and major recreation areas like Kal Beach. The Polson trail should be extended right to the beach
- C Parking for beaches is limited on hot days. BC parks does not allow boat trailer parking overnight for
- C those who want to enjoy overnight sailing on your boat. We want to encourage tourism at our lakes but
- C invest in opportunities for alternatives for a more diverse population

### HandiDart

- D accessibility of Handi Dart bus to Regional Districts Areas
- D Wait lists for Handi Dart & taxi saver coupons need to be addressed

- D more services for elderly and handicapped
- D and Handi Dart needs to be re-vamped
- D Disabled transportation unavailable after business hours
- D 200 people waiting for taxi service program for disabled

### **Bike Paths**

- E bike paths should not be on major arteries. too dangerous!
- E notice the number of cyclist increasing. This is good
- E it is increasingly car dependant/oriented. direct/off road bike routes needed
- E Bikers that don't use the bike paths properly and end up on the roadway despite the paths!
- E biking or driving works well
- E Bike paths need to be painted YEAR ROUND, can't see them
- E more of a commuter transit serve better bike lanes and bike facilities
- E more bike paths
- E more bike paths, better transit
- E Continue creating more bike paths/routes
- E teach people how to use the bike lanes -not park on them
- E BIKE PATHS BIKE PATHS BIKE PATHS
- E getting better , bike paths especially
- E more bike paths and greenways and sidewalks
- E continue to advance bike lanes and pedestrian routes, more off-road, routes and connectivity
- E look at European cities use of public bicycles
- E Continue to add bike paths and shared use pathways to existing and new roads as much as possible
- E better bike and walking trails
- E More bike paths with the green pass areas on less busy roads, education on seeing cyclists
- E workplaces need to provide bike facilities for thier employees
- E keep on with the bicycle lane program, more bike parking
- E new bike lanes are great, much safer cycling to work & for fun
- E We are inundated with bicycle paths and really and truly I have not witnessed very many cyclers. We
- E don't all ride bicycles.. More people drive cars!!!
- E more bike paths
- E Keep increasing bike paths, if they are there they will be used
- E Cyclists need to be using the bike paths not the sidewalks or both and with the flow of traffic...this needs
- E provide more places to lock up bikes, encourage or create a "game"for people who do not bike to work
- E continue with developing safe biking lanes
- E more bike paths, walkways...connecting
- E bike lanes end in the middle of nowhere

### **Walking / Biking/ Animal Trails**

- F More dog/people/biking/horse riding trails and maps
- F Provide more walking "streets" in the downtown area
- F People paths are great; but then we don't need sidewalks on the same street.
- F walking and biking paths should be developed from swan lake nursery into the heart of Vernon with
- F picnic facilities and park benches throughout. The same should happen going west towards Okanagan
- F Safe walking routes to hiking trails. Trails accessible without driving.
- F commuter trails planned for new developments, especially to and within commercial areas and malls
- F Walking paths and trails allow dogs on leashes.
- F walking and biking trails away from roads. Think people power first.

### **Government**

- G increased partner involvdmnt regionally
- G Bypass around Vernon.

- G Need bypass to alleviate the traffic concerns.
- G not through middle of town
- G need to address north-south corridor (someone has to have the courage to move this forward)
- G By Pass
- G Schedule road construction during off-peak days/hours/months
- G a north/ south bypass would greatly reduce traffic congestion along 32nd Ave
- Rationalize the street system. It appears to have been designed for maximum confusion with too many bits and pieces of left turn lanes and poorly designed intersection. In fact it gives the impression of
- G growing piecemeal rather than as an integrated whole. The mess that has been created on 20th. St. by
- G Rail system connecting Osoyoos to Armstrong
- G encourage downtown development and living
- G bypass the city
- G OK Landing road is a pain because it is a main artery but only two lanes.
- G no more narrow roads
- G reduce the cities use of cars and trucks - pool use
- G Many roads need general maintenance for pot holes
- G Quicker action on road repairs is crucial.
- G No more roundabouts unless they're bigger
- G Continue to implement transportation strategies
- G more support from local and provincial government
- G Bike paths are looking great, walkways too. As a woman, I still do not feel safe when walking around at
- G More parking
- G Road construction and repairs impeding accessibility and causing congestion
- G Densify - allow buildings taller than 5 or so storeys
- G Need highway around city core.
- G I would take away the parking meters
- G PLEASE DO NOT TIE UP ROADS WITH CONSTRUCTION IN THE MORNING RUSH 7:30 - 8:30
- G facilitate more electric car/bike parking/routes
- G Build a bypass to get rid of downtown congestion
- G better street planning
- G Traffic police
- G Another main artery needs to be developed

### **Scooter / Walker Friendly Sidewalks**

- We are getting better - when speaking with a few people with scooters or wheelchairs; while most areas
- H are accessible - the curbs are rough. When moving up onto the street it is often very rough and jars the

### **Driving Habits**

- I Vernon as horrible aggressive drivers who could care less if they hit you
- I watch the elderly drivers - need re-tests for 75+
- I Better training for drivers to respect others on the road.
- I stop the passing on the right which people think is okay when you are crossing the rd
- I More enforcement of traffic law within the city needs to be done. Poor driving and speeding is chronic.
- I Object to traffic-calming measures in certain residential areas - if speed is a problem have more police
- drop all the money spent on bike paths and use it to upgrade roads for the motoring public