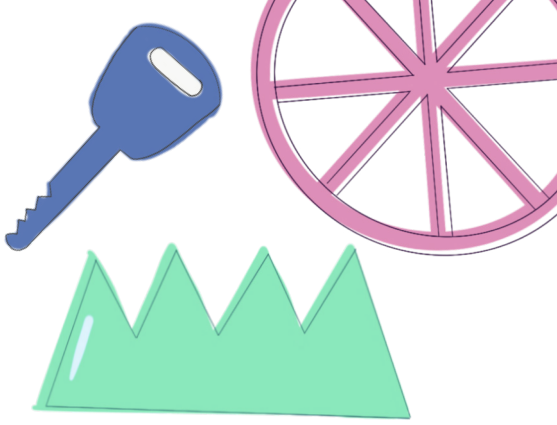
STANLEY PARK MOBILITY STUDY

Project Update



The Vancouver Park Board is undertaking a Mobility Study to create new ideas and analyze options for improving access into and through Stanley Park. The Study is a long-range plan that will provide recommendations for potential implementation or for further exploration to ensure equitable access for one of Canada's most well-loved parks into the future.

A focus of the Study is to consider "green" transportation modes and examine the potential opportunities and challenges of different approaches to reducing private vehicle traffic in the face of increased visitation from tourism and urban densification. Mobility options will be analyzed based on data collection of existing conditions, analysis on travel patterns in the park, and the guiding principles and criteria developed from engagement with stakeholders and the public.

Project Background

It is a pivotal point in the Stanley Park's history. Demand on the Park is higher than ever before (with 18 million visits estimated in 2021). As visitation numbers increase, it is critical to determine the Park's capacity to handle more visitors while aiming to preserve the natural qualities of the Park that everyone values. Meanwhile, people's modes of transportation are shifting. More people are walking, rolling, or cycling to and through the Park, while private vehicle traffic has continued to decline over the past 40 years. The careful study and development of creative solutions with the community is needed to meet the transportation demands of visitors. Otherwise, there will be increasing traffic congestion, greater environmental degradation and inequitable access to the Park.

We need to carefully study and develop creative solutions with the community to meet the transportation demands of visitors and protect the park for everyone long into the future.

The goal of the Stanley Park Mobility Study is to improve experience by exploring options that increase access to and movement around the park, while reducing private vehicle traffic. It is a high-level study that investigates a diverse range of options from parking to cycling to transit and everything in between. A potential future bike lane on Park Drive for example, is only one of many options being explored.



The outcomes of this Study will help support and inform future planning work, including the Stanley Park Comprehensive Plan, a long-range plan and 100-year vision for the Park currently underway in partnership with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

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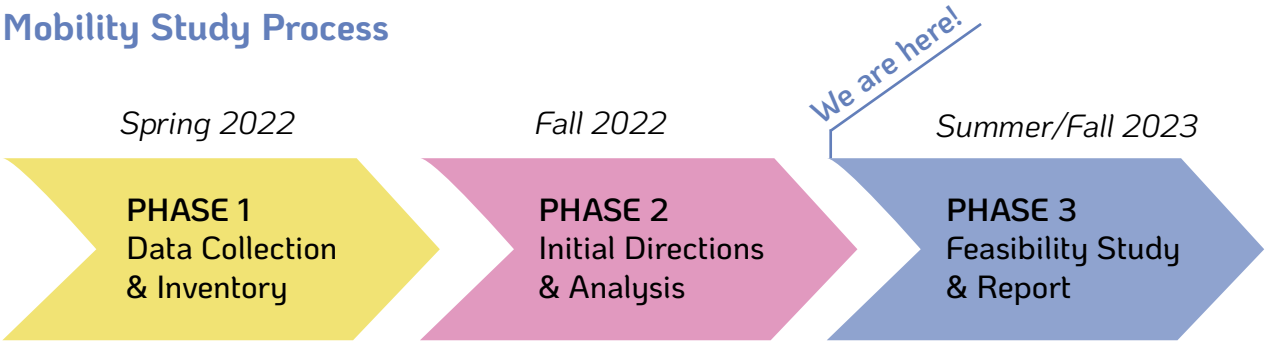
Mobility Study Process



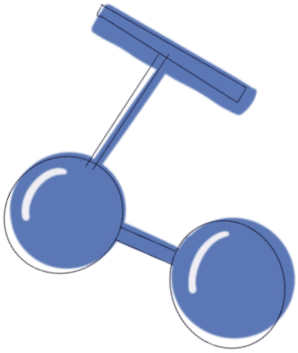
From April to July 2022, the Vancouver Park Board led Phase 1 and 2 of the Study which included technical analysis of mobility and visitor use data, economic modelling, research on comparable parks and approaches to mobility, and two rounds of public and stakeholder engagement.

These phases of engagement were focused on understanding the many ways people use and value Stanley Park which informed the foundational values and guiding principles that govern the Mobility Study. The following values and principles were presented and adopted by the Park Board on July 19th, 2022:



Foundational Values
- Reconciliation
- Equity

Guiding Principles
- Accessibility
- Safety
- Climate Action + Environmental Protection
- Enhanced Park Experience
- Flexible + Resilient System
- Economic Vitality
- Connected Transportation Network

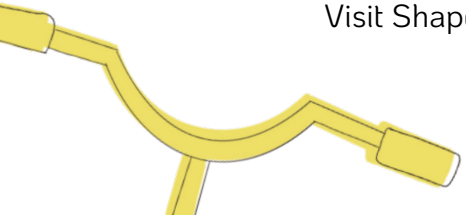


Values, principles, and their criteria will determine the evaluation framework for mobility options. This will help staff assess different options for improving access to Stanley Park while supporting a reduction in private vehicle traffic.

Public Engagement

To include and reflect the diversity of people who use or want to use Stanley Park, there will be many ways for community members to get involved and provide input during this next phase. Public engagement activities will launch later this Fall and will include park pop-ups, an open house, and a public survey. This will be combined with engagement activities that allow specific community groups to share their input and unique experiences.

All feedback received will be considered. At every stage, the project team will reflect what was heard back to the community and detail how feedback has been integrated into the development of mobility options and their evaluation.



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