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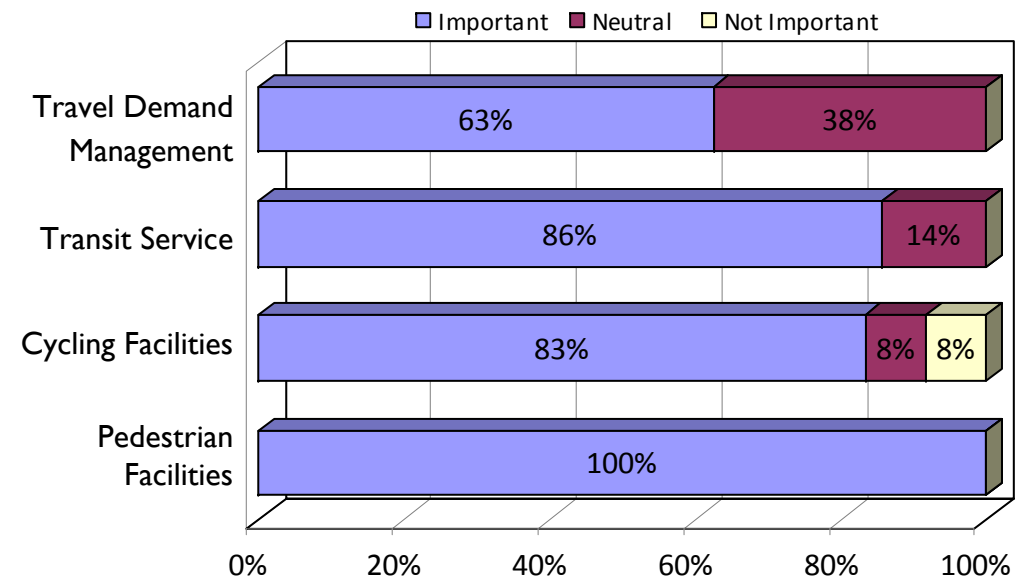
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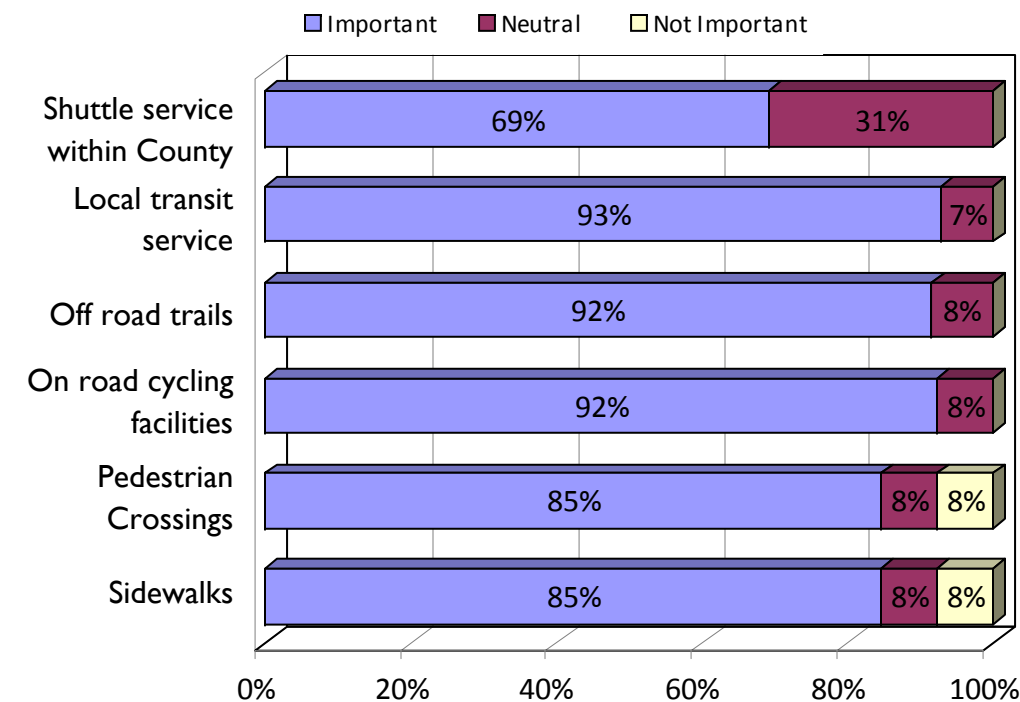
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ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL MODES - Rate the importance of the following alternatives modes and initiatives:



PEDESTRIAN, TRANSIT AND CYCLING MODES - Rate the importance of the following pedestrian, transit and cycling initiatives:



Next Steps

- Explore key issues/opportunities
- Explore aspirations for the different multi-modal transportation components
- Examine alternatives
- Hold next Public Consultation Meeting in fall of 2008
- Develop and evaluate alternative design concepts to satisfy the future transportation demands in the area
- Develop Transportation Implementation Strategy
- Finalize Tecumseh Transportation Master Plan



What is a Transportation Master Plan?

- Establishes the vision for the transportation system of the future
- Set of policies that guide future transportation direction and investment decisions
- Addresses all modes of transportation
- Integrates land use and transportation planning and builds on existing Provincial, County and



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Study Purpose

The Town of Tecumseh has experienced significant growth over the past twenty years. Its current population of approximately 25,000 people is projected to reach approximately 38,000 people by 2024. New development and redevelopment to accommodate this growth is being directed to the approved urban settlement areas of the Town.

In order to accommodate the projected growth and to meet the transportation needs of the community, the Town of Tecumseh has initiated a Transportation Master Plan that will establish sustainable integrated transportation strategies that consider all modes of travel (automobiles, transit, cycling, walking). Dillon Consulting Limited has been retained to assist the Town in this undertaking.

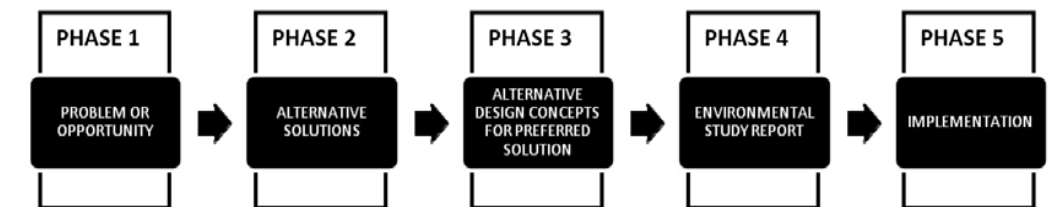
The study will provide the Town with the strategies and policy directions to manage transportation needs safely, effectively, and cost efficiently while providing Tecumseh residents with a range of transportation choices to meet their needs. Ultimately, the Tecumseh Transportation Master Plan will result in a more liveable community that supports the mobility needs of its residents, businesses and visitors in both the rural and urban areas.

under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The study results can serve as direct input into any subsequent Environmental Assessment studies that may be deemed appropriate. The Tecumseh Transportation Master Plan will define the problems and opportunities, consider and evaluate solutions, and identify an optimum transportation system within the Town of Tecumseh for the 2021 horizon year.

Study Approach

This study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process (MEA, amended 2007), which is an open public transparent process

The Master Plan process allows for the development of long range plans which integrate the infrastructure requirements for existing and future land uses with environmental assessment planning principles including public and agency consultation.



Goals and Objectives of the Transportation Master Plan

Specific goals and objectives of the Tecumseh Transportation Master Plan are to:

- Develop a Transportation Master Plan that will address the current transportation issues and develop a long term strategic plan that contributes to the long term transportation sustainability of the Town;
- Encourage an integrated multi modal transportation system that provides for public transit, cycling and pedestrian modes in conjunction with vehicular traffic;
- Identify a public transit plan that meets the needs of the community and will encourage a mode choice shift from automobile use to transit use; and
- Explore opportunities to reduce dependency on the automobile through Travel Demand Management measures.

Transportation Principles

Transportation should be based on a proper balance between providing transportation alternatives, protecting the natural environment, enhancing economic competitiveness, and fostering a healthy, equitable society.

The development of key transportation principles will provide a basis for a **Transportation Vision** which in turn will guide the development of transportation strategies and policies.



Sustainable Multi Modal Transportation Principles



Long Term Transportation Vision



Achievable and Implementable Transportation Master Plan



Draft Transportation Principles for Tecumseh

Principle 1: Plan new development with an appropriate level of mixed use and higher densities to create an environment where there are opportunities for **Transportation Choices**



Principle 2: Promote Active Transportation through the integration of walking, cycling and other non-auto modes as **Alternative Travel Modes**



Principle 3: Develop a strategy that would allow for the promotion of a transit service that conveniently and affordably serves where people need to go, both locally and inter-regionally, and promotes an **Integrated and Accessible Transit System**



Principle 4: Make **Reducing Travel Demand** a priority in the Town, emphasizing Travel Demand Management alternatives such as ride sharing, carpooling, telecommuting, flexible work hours, etc.

Principle 5: Promote **Cost Effective New Technology** to improve the urban mobility of goods and people

Principle 6: Maintain and improve the road system to **Make the Best Use of the Existing Transportation Infrastructure**

Principle 7: Ensure transportation decisions **Protect and Respect the Environment**

Principle 8: Foster **Political Support** for transportation solutions that recognize the needs of Tecumseh as well as adjacent communities.



Highlights of the Public Consultation and Visioning Session

The following is a summary of the main themes and topics expressed as feedback from the Public Consultation and Visioning Session:

- ⇒ Expressed need for a **Public Transit System** within the Town of Tecumseh;
- ⇒ Expressed need for integrated **Cycling and Pedestrian Facilities** to be provided for recreational and commuting purposes;
- ⇒ Identified a need for **Regional Connectivity of Cycling and Pedestrian Facilities**;
- ⇒ Concern about **Traffic Congestion** on main streets and required **Road Improvements** to resolve current congestion issues;
- ⇒ Identified a need to assess the **Level of Service and Safety** at major intersections within the Town; and
- ⇒ Expressed a need for the **Promotion of Active Transportation and Healthy and Sustainable Communities**.



Summary of Public Feedback

The following is a summary of the results from questionnaires distributed to members of the public at the Public Information Centre (June 26, 2007) as well as the Visioning Session (July 16, 2008). The questionnaire reviewed the importance of topics related to general transportation issues, alternate modes of travel and specifically covered some transit, pedestrian and cycling issues.

GENERAL TRANSPORTATION - Rate the importance of following issues:

