

12. TAKING ACTION AND TRACKING PROGRESS

12.1 PRIORITY ACTIONS

The implementation of the Uptown – Douglas Corridor (UDC) Plan will require sustained actions by the public and private sectors over the course of the 20-30 year time horizon of the Plan. While a primary role of this Plan is to provide a framework to guide and evaluate change, this section highlights a number of priority actions that will be undertaken to realize the goals and objectives of the Plan as a whole. These actions mostly relate to items that are within or partially within the control of the District of Saanich.

The policies in this Plan provide clarity with respect to future

objectives in the area, providing a level of certainty to guide investment and evaluate decision points that emerge. Many of those policies specifically related to development processes and associated negotiations.

The following table (Figure 12.1) outlines policy actions and their associated priority levels and assigns leadership to the appropriate department(s) within the District. As determined through the District's annual strategic planning and budget processes actions will be undertaken systematically to implement priority actions of this Plan.

Policy Actions	Policy No.	Lead Department(s)	Priority
Environment and Sustainability			
Explore incentive tools and programs to encourage development of Net Zero Energy ready buildings.	4.1.4	Planning	High
Undertake a feasibility study to assess the potential of developing a district energy system designed for renewable fuels in the UDC.	4.1.6	Planning + Engineering	Low
Explore opportunities to enhance the ecological value of Regina Park (See also Policy 8.2.7).	4.4.4	Planning + Parks	Medium
Prepare an inventory of supported planting materials for development projects that reflect the principles of Naturescape and includes drought-resistance and native species.	4.4.6	Planning + Parks	Medium
Land Use			
Undertake analysis to enable the development of a structured amenity system for obtaining contributions in the UDC and Saanich as a whole.	5.6.6	Planning	High
Establish a General Amenity Fund to collect contributions for the purpose of implementing improvements in the UDC area	5.6.7	Planning + Legislative Services	High
Work with the Capital Regional District to expand opportunities to front active uses along the Galloping Goose Trail.	5.8.4	Planning + Parks	High
Pursue the development of pocket parks or plazas along the Galloping Goose Trail, including at the intersection with Dupplin Road (See also Policy 8.3.3).	5.8.5	Planning, Parks + Finance	Medium

Figure 12.1 Priority Actions

Policy Actions	Policy No.	Lead Department(s)	Priority
Transportation and Mobility			
Acquire connections for walking and cycling, as identified on Map 6.2 to achieve overall network connectivity.	6.1.1	Planning, Engineering + Parks	Medium
Improve travel across major roads through adding signals at locations on Map 6.2.	6.1.3	Engineering	Low
Work towards establishing sidewalks on both sides of all streets.	6.2.1	Planning, Engineering + Parks	Low
Establish an alternative transportation reserve fund for the UDC specifically for developing pedestrian and bicycle facilities.	6.2.7	Planning + Engineering	Low
Implement the Active Transportation Plan's Long-Term Bicycle Network, as identified on Map 6.4.	6.3.1	Engineering	Medium
Create a separated bike facility through the Municipal Campus site to connect the Lochside Trail to the Douglas Bike Connector.	6.3.5	Engineering	Low
Support BC Transit in the creation of a landmark multi-modal transit hub at the intersection of the Lochside Trail and Galloping Goose Trail.	6.4.2	Planning + Engineering	Medium
Collaborate with BC Transit to improve bus stop facilities including: new and upgraded shelters, street furniture, lighting and real-time display of passenger information.	6.4.6	Engineering	High
Review and update parking requirements in the Zoning bylaw with the intent to lower parking requirements in the UDC, immediately following the adoption of this Plan.	6.6.4	Planning	High
Prepare an inventory of existing parking restrictions and utilization rates to inform development of a parking management strategy.	6.6.7	Planning + Engineering	Medium

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Significant Streets			
Develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) which identifies agreed upon design and development approaches for Significant Streets that reflect the UDC context and policy directions.	7.1.3	Planning + Engineering	High
Pursue options to reduce lane widths on Douglas Street to dimensions consistent with accepted standards for urban arterial streets.	7.2.2	Engineering	High
Implement a complete street design on Douglas Street.	7.2.3 + 7.2.4	Planning + Engineering	Low
Work with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) to analyze feasibility of reducing the one-way section of Blanshard Street to three lanes.	7.3.2	Planning + Engineering	High
Implement a complete street design on Blanshard Street	7.3.3 + 7.3.4	Planning + Engineering	Low
Implement a complete street design for Vernon Avenue.	7.4.1 + 7.4.2	Planning + Engineering	Medium
Implement a complete street design on Ravine Way.	7.5.1 + 7.5.2	Planning + Engineering	Low
Explore adding a new connection to the Lochside Trail from Ravine Way.	7.5.3	Planning, Parks + Engineering	Medium
Implement a complete street design on Oak Street.	7.6.1, 7.6.2 + 7.6.3	Planning + Engineering	Low
In collaboration with the business community, support temporary closures of Oak Street for festivals or other community celebrations.	7.6.7	Planning, Parks + Engineering	Ongoing
Strengthen the pedestrian connections to the existing Uptown Boulevard where Oak Street and Saanich Road intersect, including through paving, wayfinding and intersection design.	7.6.8	Planning + Engineering	Medium
Implement a complete street design on Audley Crossing.	7.7.1, 7.7.2 + 7.7.3	Planning + Engineering	Low

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Parks, Open Spaces, Trails and Community Facilities			
Acquire new community park spaces through the DCC program.	8.1.2 + 8.1.3	Planning + Parks	High
Acquire new neighbourhood parks, plaza and public open spaces as a component of larger redevelopment projects.	8.1.5 + 8.1.6	Planning + Parks	Ongoing
Pursue the addition of a plaza space where the Municipal Campus intersects with the Lochside Trail.	8.2.5	Planning, Parks + Engineering	Medium
Work with the Capital Regional District to enhance the Galloping Goose and Lochside Trails.	8.3.1	Planning + Parks	Ongoing
Review recreational programming and facilities in the context of projected population growth for the UDC to ensure they are meeting emerging needs.	8.4.1	Planning + Parks	Low
Work with the School Board to accommodate long-term needs for school facilities in the area.	8.4.6	Planning + Parks	High
Explore the introduction of youth oriented facilities and amenities in Rudd Park.	8.4.8	Parks	Medium
Urban Design			
Integrate the Urban Design Principles and Framework into the development of updated Development Permit Area Guidelines.	9.1.2	Planning	High
Develop a wayfinding strategy for the UDC area.	9.1.10	Planning + Engineering	High
Social and Cultural Well-Being			
Undertake and regularly update a Saanich Housing Needs Assessment.	10.2.3	Planning	High / Ongoing
Explore the introduction of cultural facilities in the UDC, including through the redevelopment of larger sites or as the component of new park spaces.	10.3.3	Planning	Medium / Ongoing
Economic Vibrancy			
Support the development of a Business Improvement Association for the UDC.	11.2.1	Planning	Medium
Include sites of heritage significance as part of a wayfinding framework and promote heritage walking tours in the area.	10.4.9	Planning	Medium

12.2 MONITORING AND EVALUATION STRATEGY

A monitoring and evaluation strategy has been developed to help guide the implementation process of this Plan. The policies contained in the Uptown-Douglas Corridor (UDC) Plan will be monitored semi-regularly to ensure their effectiveness and adaptation to changing conditions. To ensure that this Plan remains a useful and relevant framework for the UDC, amendments arising from the monitoring process will be brought forward to Council for consideration, where appropriate.

A primary objective of this Plan is to assist in achieving the overall goals of the Official Community Plan (OCP). By tracking the key indicators, an assessment will be provided that not

only shows how many actions are being accomplished, but also the general progress towards the achieving the goals and objectives of the OCP. Through implementation of the UDC Plan, key OCP objectives, such as accommodating growth in Centres and Villages and improving options for walking, cycling and public transit, will be advanced.

The monitoring and evaluation strategy identifies a series of key measurable indicators. These indicators are not intended to be comprehensive, but rather to provide a general sense of whether progress is being made towards the goals and objectives of this Plan.

Theme	Indicator	Baseline	Metric	Desired Trend	Source
Environment+Sustainability	Canopy cover/urban forest	10.9% (2011)	Percent of canopy cover	Maintain or Increase	CRD Mapping
Environment+Sustainability	Developments/buildings that exceed Step Code		Percentage of new developments that exceed Step Code	Increase in proportion over time	Tempest/Staff Research
Land Use	Multi-family developments (with 2+3 bedroom units)		Percentage of new 2 and 3 bedroom units	30% of new multi-family development	Tempest/Staff Research
Land Use	Rental housing		Number of new rental units	Increase	Tempest/Stats Canada
Land Use	Industrial lands	20.72 ha	Total floor area of industrial	Maintain or Increase	Staff Research
Land Use	Population	4.35%	Annual population growth rate	3X the Saanich Average	Stats Canada
Land Use	Employment	2%	Annual employment growth rate	2X the Saanich Average	CRD/Stats Canada
Transportation + Mobility	Alternate transportation (walking, cycling or transit/day)	24%	Proportion of all trips by transit, walking, cycling (journey to work)	Increase	CRD/Stats Canada

Figure 12.2 Monitoring Indicators

Theme	Indicator	Baseline	Metric	Desired Trend	Source
Transportation + Mobility	Transit ridership (Douglas Street/day)	approx. 30,000 per day	Total number of transit trips in area	Increase	BC Transit
Significant Streets	Complete Street		Number of blocks (with listed improvements)	Increase	Saanich Engineering
Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Community Facilities	Galloping Goose/Lochside Trail		Amount of trails upgraded (metres)	Increase	CRD
Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Community Facilities	Parkland	6%	New parkland by area (ha)	Increase	Tempest/Staff Research
Urban Design	Public Open Space (e.g. public plazas, squares, parkettes, parks)		Number of publicly accessible open spaces	Increase	Tempest/Staff Research
Social and Cultural Well-being	Affordable and non-market housing		Number of new non-market units	Increase	Tempest/Staff Research
Economic Vibrancy	Total number of employees and employers	650 employers 9,500 employees	Number of employers and employees	Increase	CRD/Staff Research
Economic Vibrancy	Total assessment value		Total assessed value of all properties	Increase	BC Assessment