Project Overview

What is the Quadra McKenzie Plan?

The Quadra McKenzie Plan (QMP) is focused on promoting sustainable land use and accommodating new housing and employment growth within well designed Centres, Corridors and Villages (CCV). This plan primarily focuses on the integral relationship between land use and transportation, helping guide change in the area over the next 20-25 years.

The Quadra McKenzie Plan includes the following Centre, Corridor, and Village areas:

- Quadra McKenzie Centre
- Shelbourne McKenzie Centre
- Gordon Head McKenzie Centre (new)
- McKenzie Corridor
- Quadra Corridor
- Four Corners Village

These areas are envisioned to be vibrant, walkable Centres and Villages linked by Corridors with frequent transit service, and all ages and abilities cycling and walking facilities. The QMP will shape the homes we build, the streets we travel on, the parks we play in, and the neighbourhoods we live in.



QMP Project Timeline

The QMP is in Phase 3 of 4. The key objective of this phase is to obtain public feedback on Draft Plan through a variety of community engagement events and a survey. The Draft Plan for Council adoption will be presented to Council in early Spring of 2025.

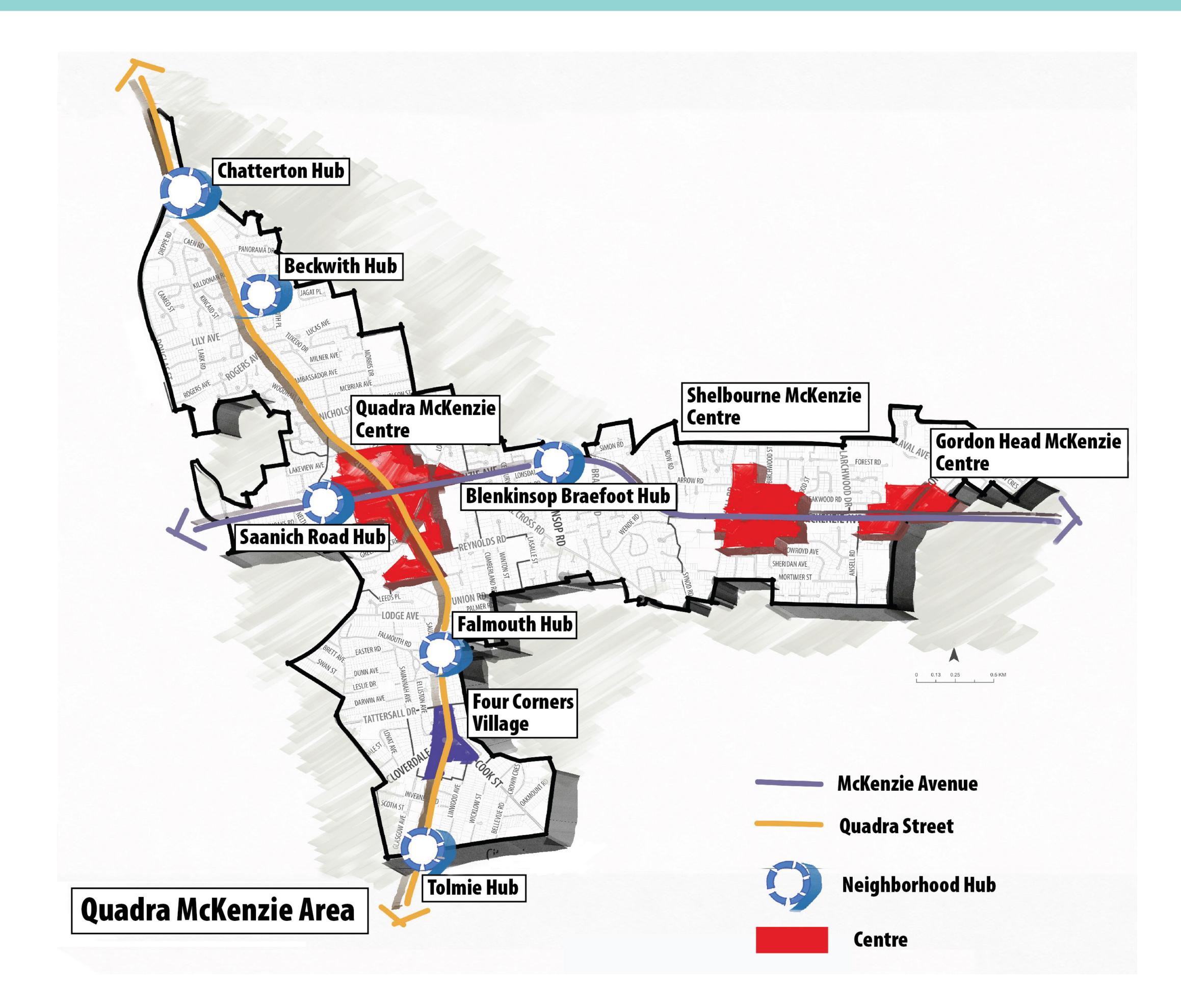








Quadra McKenzie Plan Area









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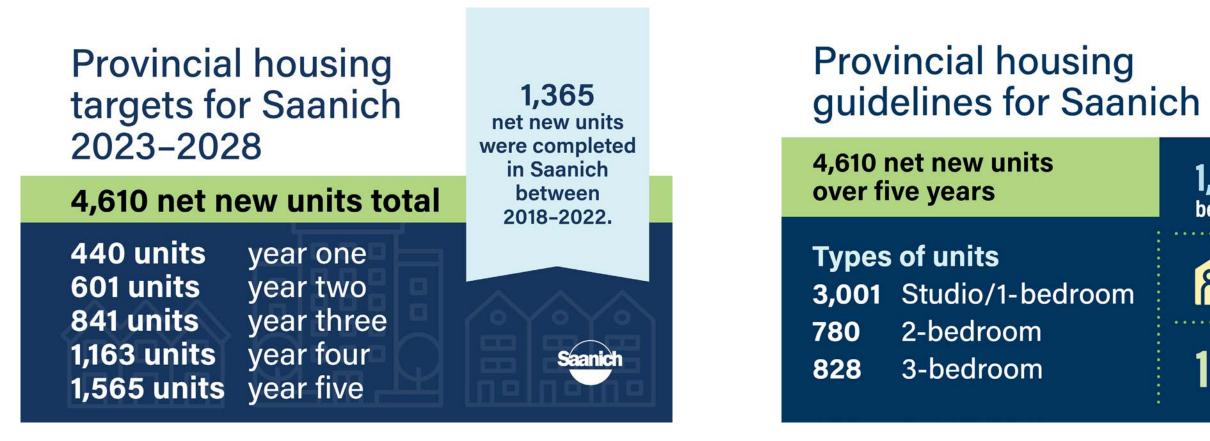
Saanich Official Community Plan (OCP)

The OCP Land Use Directions and Transportation Priorities have direct implications within the Quadra McKenzie Plan Area:

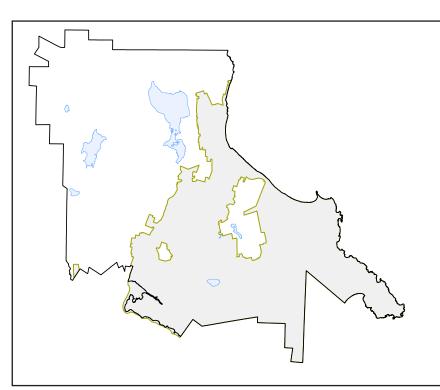
- With ~40% of Primary Growth Areas in Saanich falling within the Quadra McKenzie Plan Area, the project will explore accomodating 1/3 of new growth (~5,000 units over 25 years) directly in this area.
- A key goal of the QMP is to add housing units while making the community more equitable, livable, and walkable.
- Thoughtfully integrating land use and transportation.
- Prioritizing modes within the transportation network based on the Mobility Priority Pyramid (right) by creating exceptional environments for walking and cycling and taking transit to the next level.

Provincial Housing Legislation

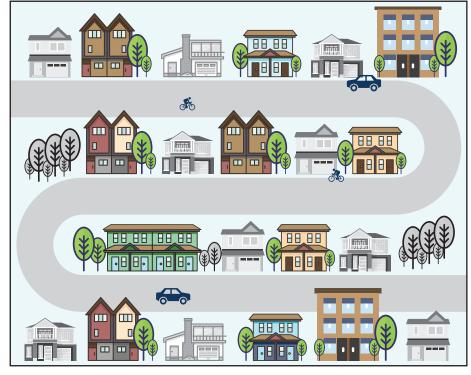
A key element to the success of the QMP will be to ensure the goals, objectives and policy outcomes are well-integrated with and informed by other parallel District, Regional and Provincial initiatives that are currently underway, including newly released Provincial Housing Legislation.



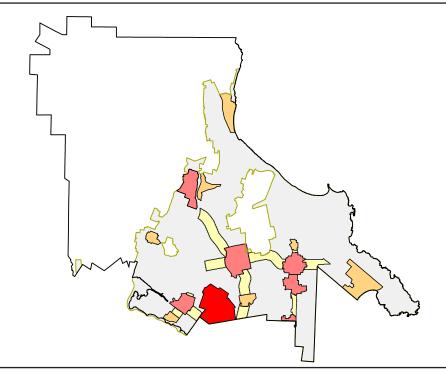


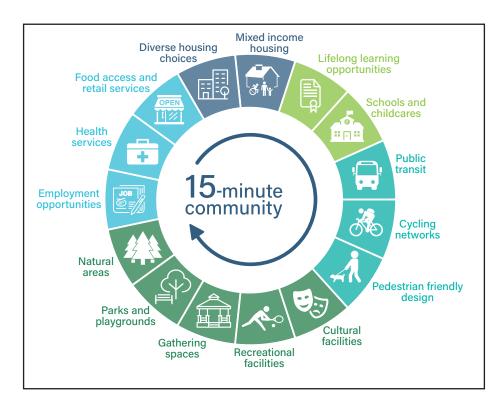


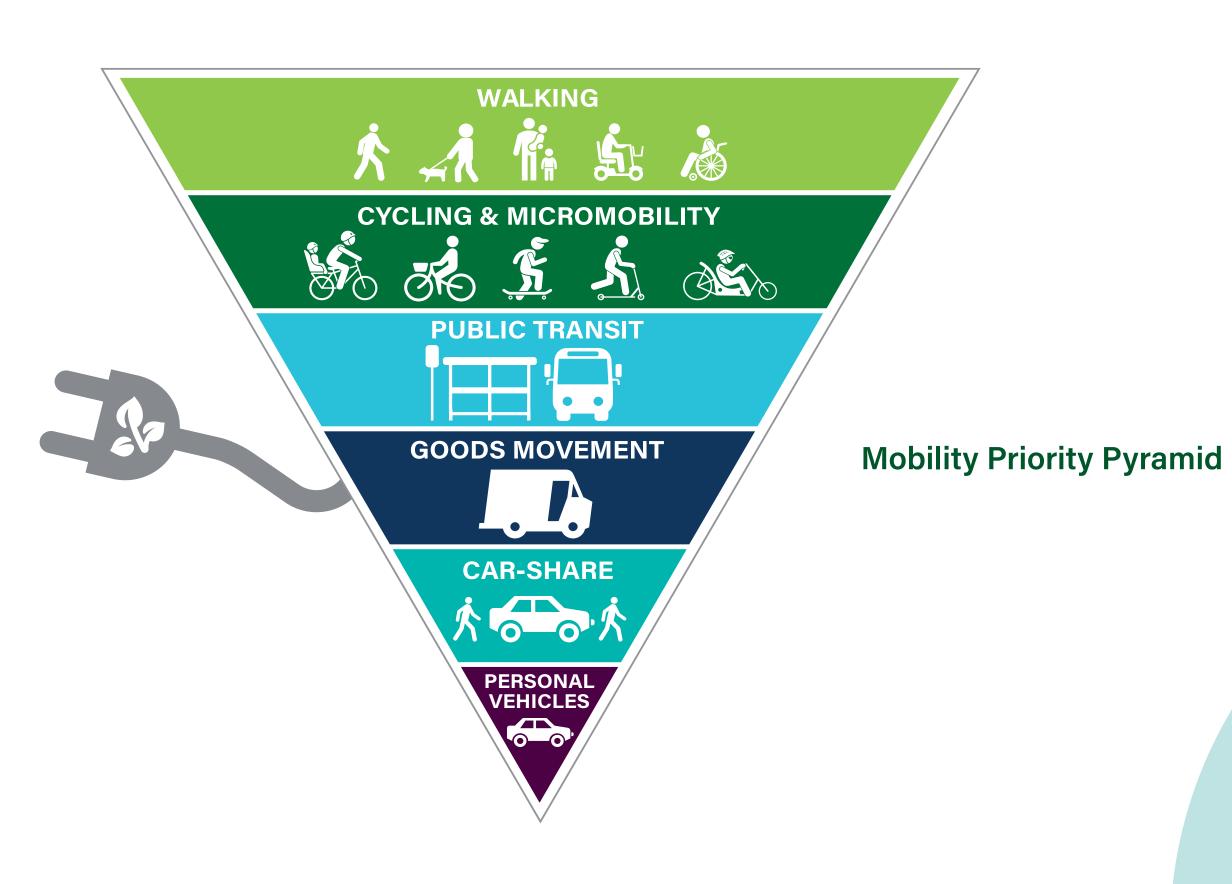
Maintain the Urban **Containment Boundary**



Expand Housing Diversity in Neighbourhoods









Accommodate most New **Development in Primary Growth Areas**

Make Saanich a 15-min Community



Key Plan Goals



A. Land Use

Implement the Centre, Corridor and Village growth management framework to build compact, liveable, accessible, sustainable, and climate resilient communities with places to live, work, come together, and move around.



B. Transportation & Mobility

Redesign McKenzie Avenue and Quadra Street as complete streets that accommodate all modes and uses and prioritize improvements to active transportation and transit networks to support car light living, create more vibrant public spaces and improve safety and accessibility.



C. Housing Diversity, Affordability and Supply

Expand the range of housing options, types, tenures, and affordability levels through the plan area and pair with convenient access to transit, active transportation, services and amenities.



D. Public Realm & Open Space

Support community livability by providing a walkable network of parks, trails and open spaces and strengthening public realm areas to support the gathering and movement of people, with a focus on enhancements to McKenzie Avenue, Quadra Street and within community nodes.







Key Plan Directions

Implement Rapid Transit on the McKenzie Corridor

Redesign McKenzie Avenue to provide high quality, efficient transit service that aligns with mixed-use commercial Hubs and active transportation options.

Connect the University of Victoria to urban Saanich

Introduce a new Centre at Gordon Head Road and McKenzie Avenue and implement land use, transportation and public realm changes that integrate the UVIC campus with Saanich.

Introduce Corridor Hubs to expand walkable 15-minute neighbourhoods

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Support community-focused Corridor Hubs that provide commercial services, accessible public spaces and multimodal connections to improve walkable access to daily needs.

Expand housing in locations near high frequency transit

Provide opportunities for more housing options to be located within walking distances of high frequency transit corridors to support car light living.







Use density incentives to obtain desired community outcomes

Trial a pilot density bonus system that incentivizes housing affordability and diversity, urban forest, environment, heritage, public realm, private amenity space and 15-minute community outcomes.

Celebrate the Lochside Trail as a community asset

Support the integration of diverse housing opportunities near recreational parks to promote more equitable access to amenities.



Provide greater housing diversity near parks

Enhance the role of the Lochside Trail as a community amenity, public space and regional transportation route.

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Enhance Quadra Street as a Complete Street

Redesign Quadra Street as a complete street with enhanced transit, cycling facilities, sidewalks and treed boulevards integrated with pedestrian-oriented land uses.

Revitalize the Saanich Operations Centre with a greater mix of uses

Redevelop the Saanich Operations Centre as a modern facility with a greater mix of uses and public realm improvements to serve community needs.



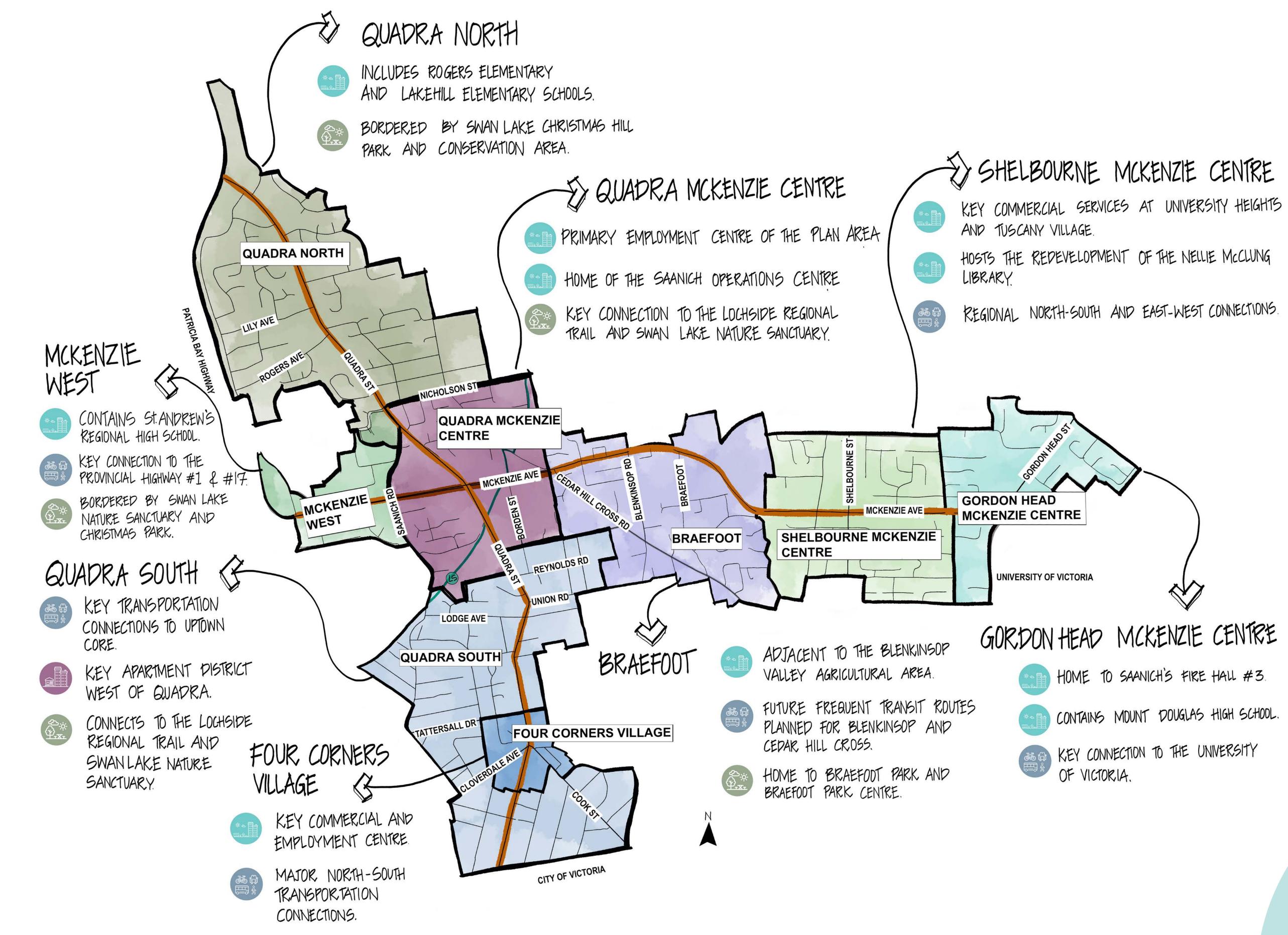








Plan Sub Areas

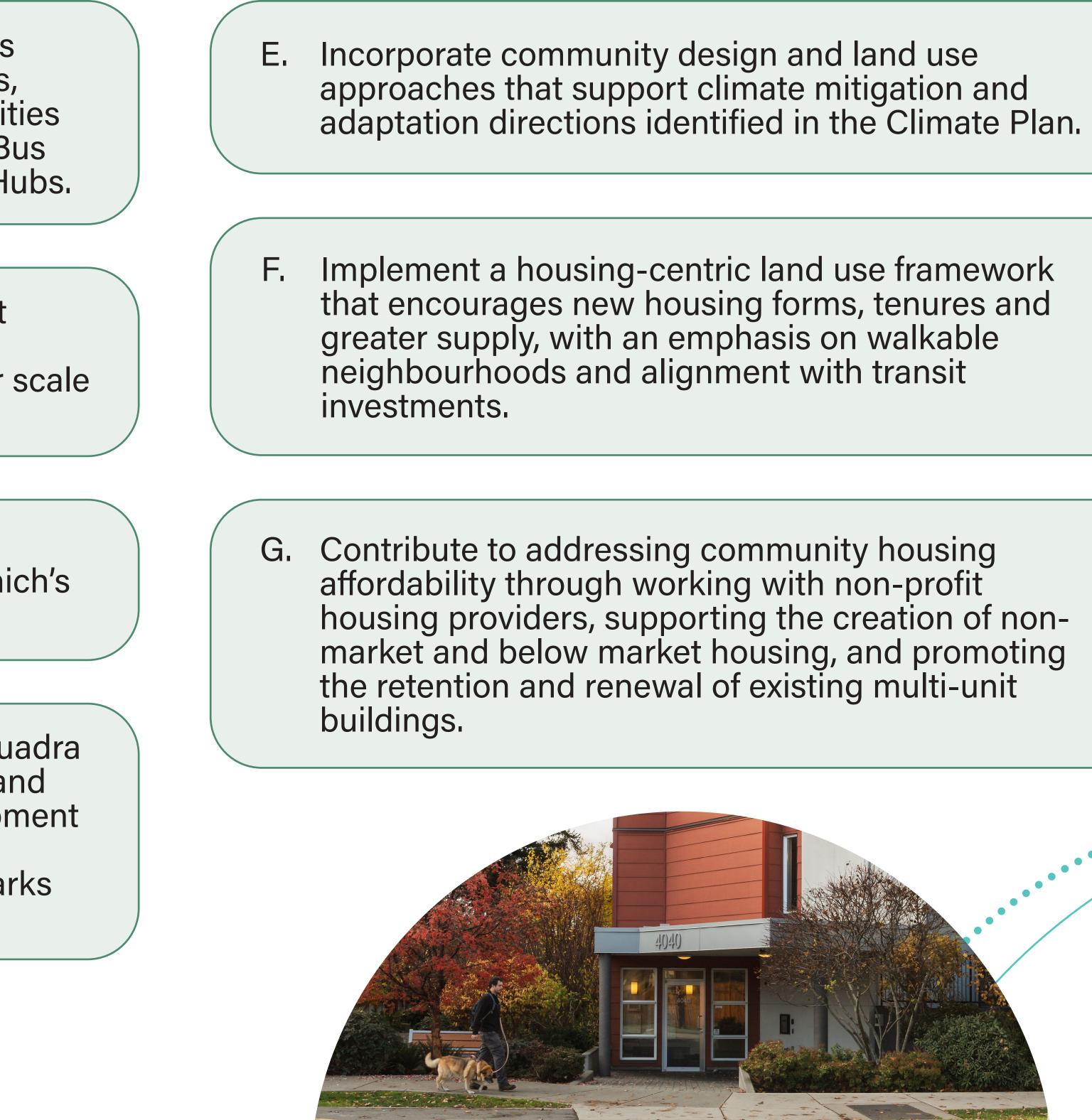




Land Use Overview

OBJECTIVES

- A. Expand housing and employment opportunities alongside economic opportunities and services, focusing the greatest building height and densities within Centres and Villages, near future RapidBus stations, along Corridors, and within Corridor Hubs.
- B. Transition down the scale of buildings in height and density from the focal points of Corridors, Centres, Villages, and Corridor Hubs to smaller scale development at the periphery of the plan area.
- Expand the mix of land uses and foster the development of Corridor Hubs to support Saanich's transition to 15-minute Communities.
- D. Strengthen the local and regional role of the Quadra McKenzie Centre through expanding housing and employment options, integrating the redevelopment of major sites, aligning transportation network improvements, and developing a network of parks and other social infrastructure.









Centre Core

Description	Centres are intended to meet a broad range of community and regional commercial and service needs and contain significant employment and housing opportunities and transportation options. Each Centre will offer higher densities to provide vibrant pedestrian-oriented places, open spaces and high-quality urban design. The Centre Core designation provides an opportunity for the greatest concentration of densities in the QM area.					
Use	Predominantly multi-unit residential, commercial mixed-use, institutional or commercial, limited opportunity for light/ultra-light industrial, and significant park/public open spaces.					
Building Type and Form	High-Rise multi-unit residential and commercial mixed-use buildings. Mid-Rise buildings supported for large site redevelopment.					
	Large sites should include a variety of building forms to break up sites, provide new access, accommodate public open space and activate multiple frontages.					
Street Interface	Residential buildings should include ground-oriented units with direct access, frontages, and views to the street or lane.					
	Street-level commercial units should provide a range of smaller frontages that animate the street					
	Buildings fronting the Lochside Regional Trail should be set back to enable safe access and an engaging interface.					
	Mid-Rise: 6 I 11 High-Rise: 12 I 18					
Height (storeys) Base Maximum	On larger sites, a range of building heights is desirable to enable transitions, responding to multiple frontage contexts and site compositions.					
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	Centre					
Description	This land use designation is only found within the Quadra McKenzie Centre and is intended to transition between the Centre Core, where the greatest density is envisioned, and Corridor or other lower density designations. These areas will offer animated and walkable urban environments, providing the continuation of significant employment and housing opportunities, supported by high-quality urban design, engaging public spaces and frequent transit.					
Use	Predominantly mixed use, residential and institutional or commercial, with consideration of live/work units at grade. Integration of public open spaces on site.					
Building Type and Form	Mid to High-Rise multi-unit residential and commercial mixed-use buildings.					
	Buildings with active commercial frontages at grade.					
Street Interface	Residential buildings should include ground-oriented units with direct access, frontages, and views to the street or lane.					
	Street-level commercial units should provide a range of smaller frontages that animate the street.					
Height (storeys) Base Maximum	Mid-Rise: 6 I 11 High-Rise: 12					
Density (FSR) and Density Bonusing	2.0 - 4.0 FSR					

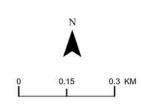
Density Bonusing

Corridor

	Corridor					
Description	Primarily residential areas that offer a broad range of housing within walking distance of rapid / frequent transit stops. Includes locations along McKenzie Avenue and Quadra Street, as well as sites at the periphery of Centre and Village areas. Areas have high quality urban design, public open spaces and limited local-serving retail. Connect Centres, the Village, Corridor Hubs and major destinations.					
Use	Predominantly multi-unit residential, with limited commercial-retail or live/work units at grade and complemented with park/public open spaces.					
Building Type and Form	Primarily mid-rise multi-unit residential with a ground-oriented residential and commercial. Multiple buildings forms including apartment, townhouse and stacked townhouse are encouraged on larger and/or challenging sites.					
Street Interface	Ground oriented units should have direct access, frontage and views to the street or lane.					
	Street-level commercial units should provide a range of smaller frontages that animate the street.					
	Buildings fronting the Lochside Regional Trail should be set back to enable safe access and an engaging interface.					
Height (storeys) Base Maximum	Low-/ Mid-Rise: 3 I 6					
Density (FSR) and Density Bonusing	1.5 - 3.25 FSR					

	Corridor Hub				
Description	This designation is intended to establish new clusters of small- scale urban mixed-use Hubs to offer local services to adjacent neighbourhoods including commercial-retail, community uses (i.e., daycare), office (limited), and well-integrated housing supported by high-quality urban design, accessible public spaces and new multi- modal connections.				
Use	Predominantly commercial mixed-use buildings that incorporate accessible public open space.				
Building Type and Form	Mid-Rise buildings with commercial at grade.				
Street Interface	Active commercial at grade. Commercial units at grade should provide a range of small frontages that animate the street.				
	Residential buildings should include ground-oriented units with direct access, frontage and views to the street or lane.				
Height (storeys) Base Maximum	Mid-Rise: 6 I 8				
Density (FSR) and Density Bonusing	1.5 - 3.5 FSR				





Legend

Centre Core (High-Rise)

Centre (Mid-Rise)

Corridor (Mid-Rise)

Village (Mid-Rise)

Corridor Hub (Mid-Rise)

Urban Townhome (Low-Rise) Public Park Mixed Institutional Mixed Employment (Industrial) Agricultural Commercial VIII Special Site (see subareas sections) QMS Study Area Neighbourhood Apartment (Low-Rise) Other Policies/Zoning Neighbourhood Townhome (Low-Rise)

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Future Land Use Framework

	Village			
Description	Four Corners Village is reimagined as a vibrant and accessible Village that introduces a variety of housing choice, a broad range of community services, and is supported by active transportation options, high-quality urban design and engaging public spaces.			
Use	Predominantly mixed use, residential and institutional or commercial with consideration of live/work units at grade, integrated with parks and public open space.			
Building Type and Form	Mid-Rise mixed-use buildings with commercial at grade.			
	Buildings with commercial uses at grade should engage the street through active uses, appropriate setbacks and design treatments.			
Street Interface	Residential uses should include ground-oriented units with direct access, frontage and views to the street or lane.			
Street Internace	Commercial at grade should provide a range of small frontages.			
	Large sites should include a variety of building forms to break up sites, provide new access, accommodate public open space and multiple active frontages.			
Height (storeys) Base Maximum	Mid-Rise: 5 I 11			
Density (FSR) and	1.5 - 4.0 FSR			

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Density Bonusing

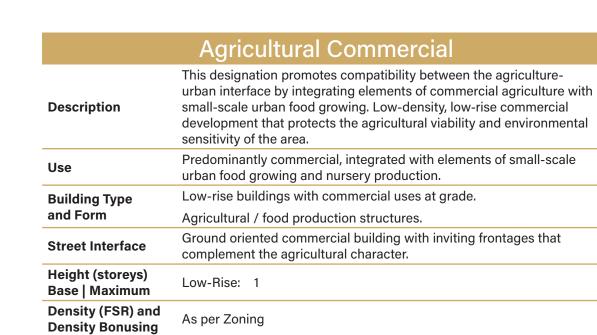
	Neighbourhood A			
Description	This designation is found primarily use areas that are walkable and w amenities, frequent transit, parks, typologies will be up to 4 storeys i residential forms.			
Use	Predominantly multi-unit residenti spaces. Limited opportunity for co			
Building Type and Form	Apartment, Townhouse, Stacked 1 Housing			
Street Interface	Residential buildings should inclue access, frontage and views to the			
Street interface	Commercial units at grade should animate the street.			
Height (storeys) Base Maximum	Low-Rise: 3 I 4			
Density (FSR) and Density	1.0 - 2.75 FSR			

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	Neighbourhood To			
Description	Neighbourhood townhome design of the Quadra McKenzie area, be ecosystems of Swan Lake and C typology will allow for a transition higher density urban development			
Use	Predominantly multi-unit resider units at grade.			
Building Type and Form	Townhouse, Stacked Townhouse Houseplexes			
Street Interface	Residential buildings should incl access, frontage and views to th			
Height (storeys) Base Maximum	Low-Rise: 3-storeys			
Density (FSR) and Density Bonusing	0.6 - 1.2 FSR			



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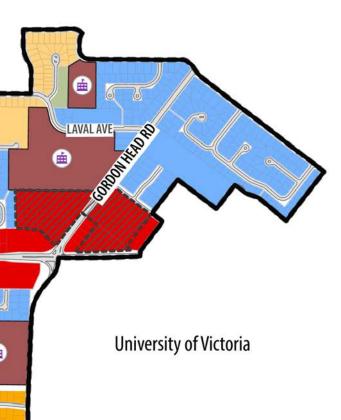
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This designation promotes compatibility between the agricultureurban interface by integrating elements of commercial agriculture with small-scale urban food growing. Low-density, low-rise commercial



Urban Townhome					
Description	This designation is generally found in low rise transition areas near Corridors and offers a variety of housing choices in areas that are connected to urban services and transit, but in locations that are primarily residential and less impacted by busy transportation corridors.				
Use	Predominantly multi-unit residential with consideration of live/work units at grade.				
Building Type and Form	Townhouse, Stacked Townhouse, Rowhouse, Courtyard Housing, Houseplexes				
Street Interface	Residential buildings should include ground-oriented units with direct access, frontage and views to the street or lane.				
Height (storeys) Base Maximum	Low-Rise: 3				
Density (FSR) and Density Bonusing	0.8 - 1.6 FSR				

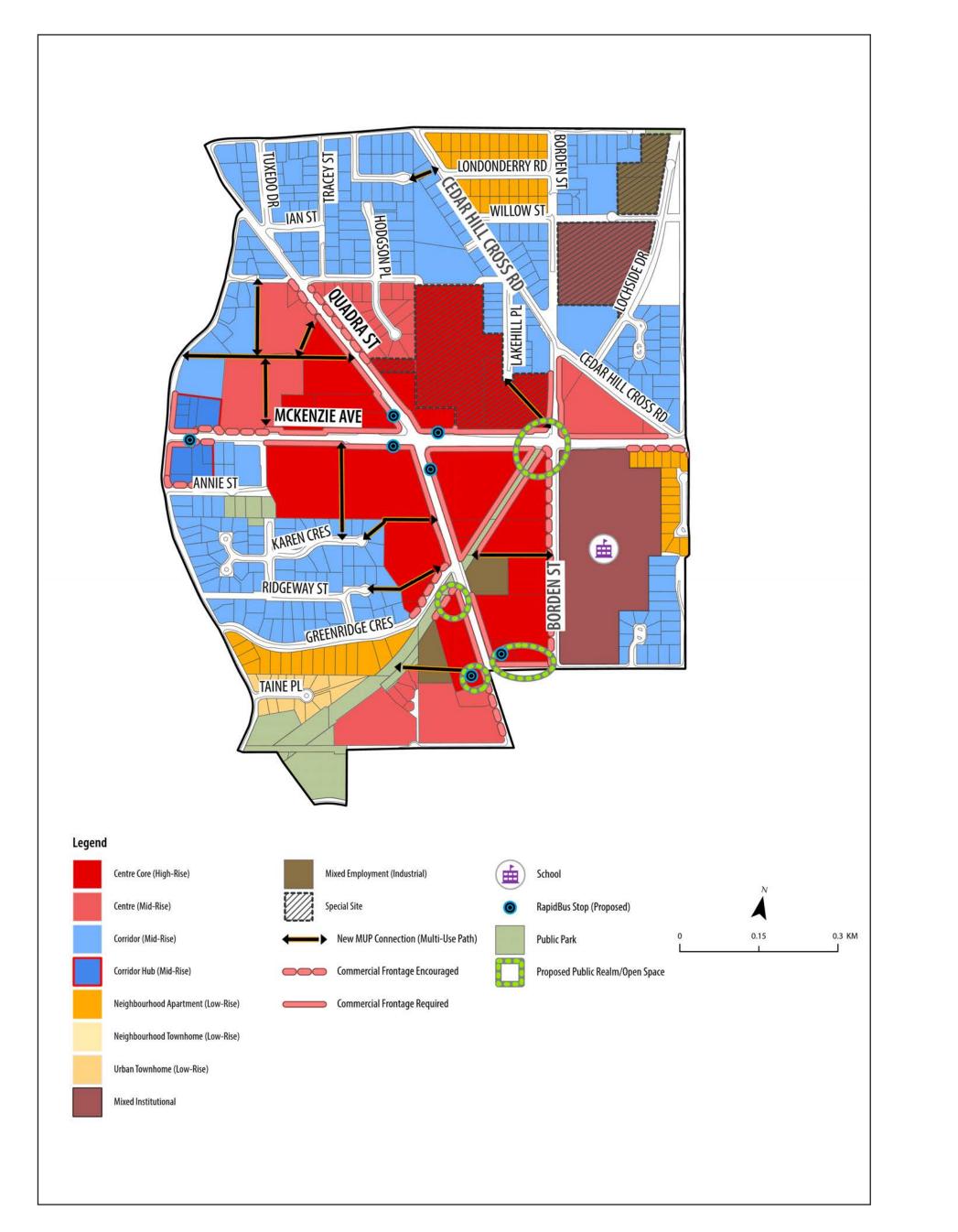
	Mixed Institutional
Description	Mixed Institutional lands provide community services, foster community vibrancy and offer local employment. These areas are critical to the success of Primary Growth Areas, as they provide residents with the necessary services for local and regional growth through education, public services, and recreation. Building forms and heights dependent on function and adjacent land use designations.
Use	Predominantly institutional, including education, public assembly, recreation and public utilities / services. Non-market housing. Park. Consideration for residential, commercial or light industrial as an ancillary use.
Building Type and Form	Mix of building forms depending on use and adjacent land use designations.
Street Interface	Active institutional or mixed institutional at grade with direct access, frontage and views to the street or lane.
Height (storeys) Base Maximum	Dependent on function and in consideration of adjacent land uses.
Density (FSR) and Density Bonusing	Site specific – Generally consistent with adjacent land use designations

Mixed Employment					
Description The intent of the Mixed Employment designation is to support retention and encourage new employment opportunities that a unique mix of commercial and light industrial services to are primary growth.					
Use	Predominantly commercial and light/ultra-light industrial with consideration for limited residential.				
Building Type and Form	Low – to Mid-Rise buildings				
Street Interface	Active commercial or light/ultra-light industrial at grade required.				
	Units at grade should provide a range of frontages.				
Height (storeys) Base Maximum	Low to Mid-Rise: 4 I 6				
Density (FSR) and Density Bonusing	Site specific –Generally consistent with adjacent land use designations				

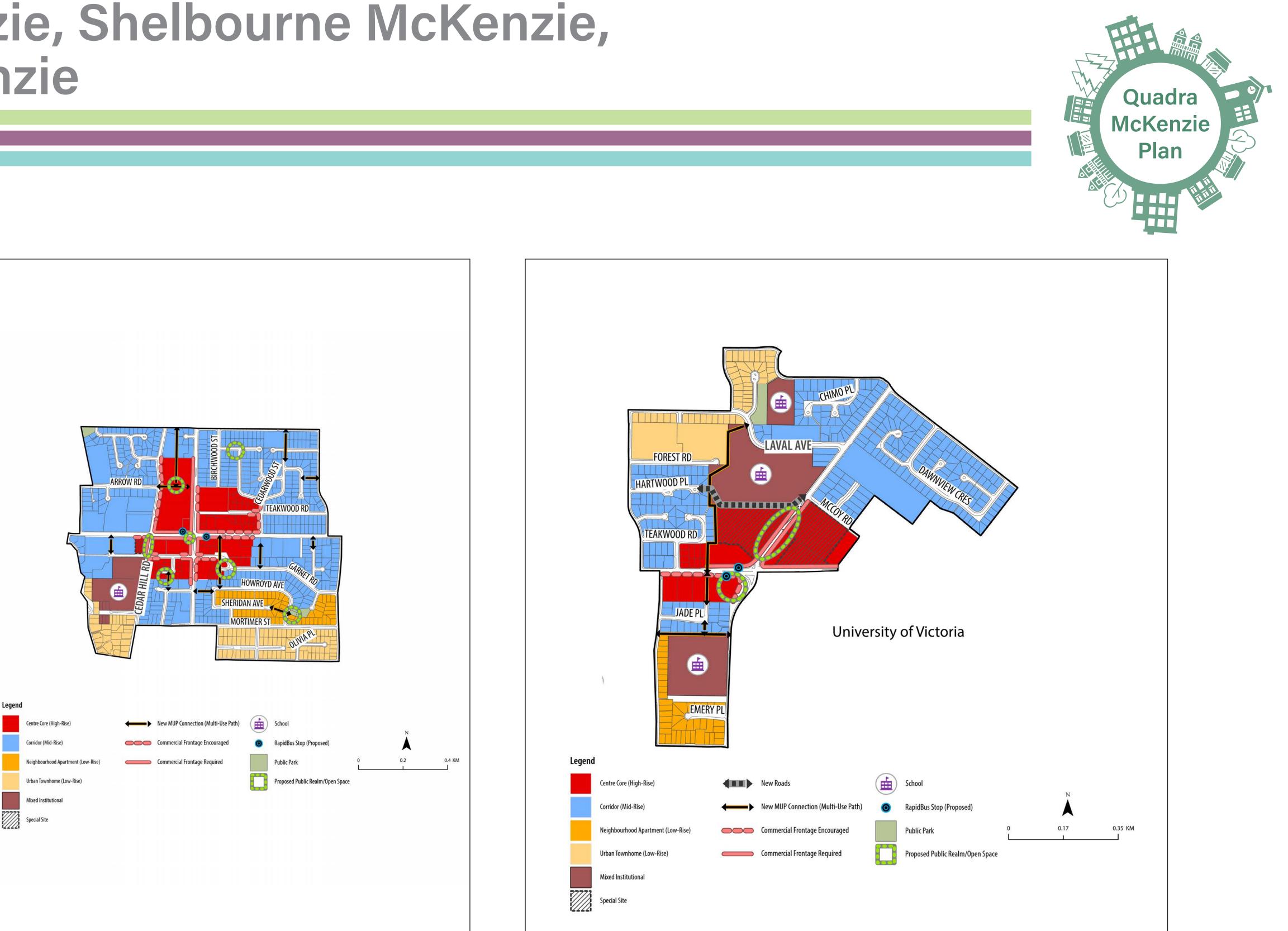


Centres: Quadra McKenzie, Shelbourne McKenzie, and Gordon Head McKenzie

Legend



Quadra McKenzie Centre

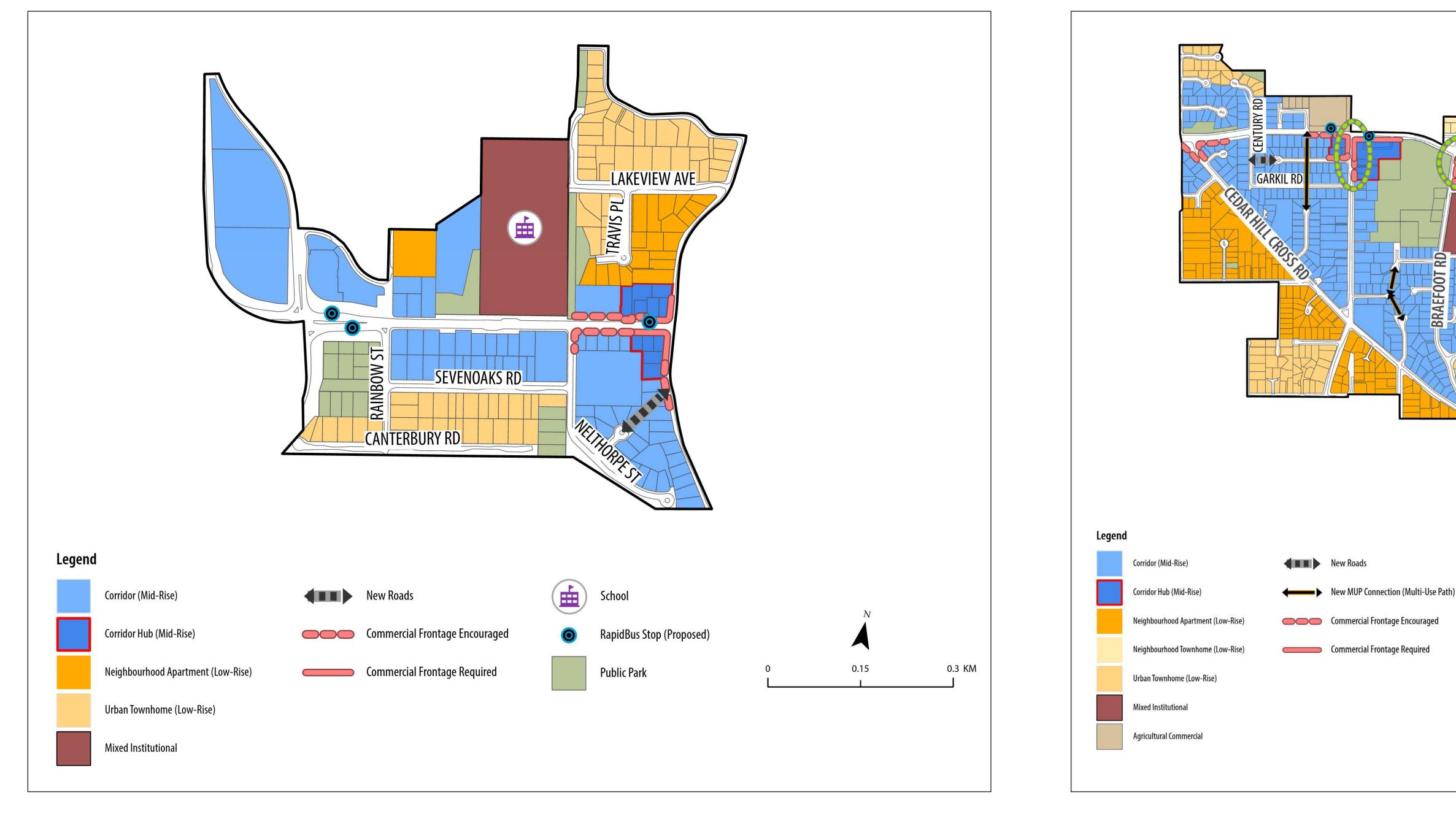


Shelbourne **McKenzie Centre**

Gordon Head McKenzie Centre



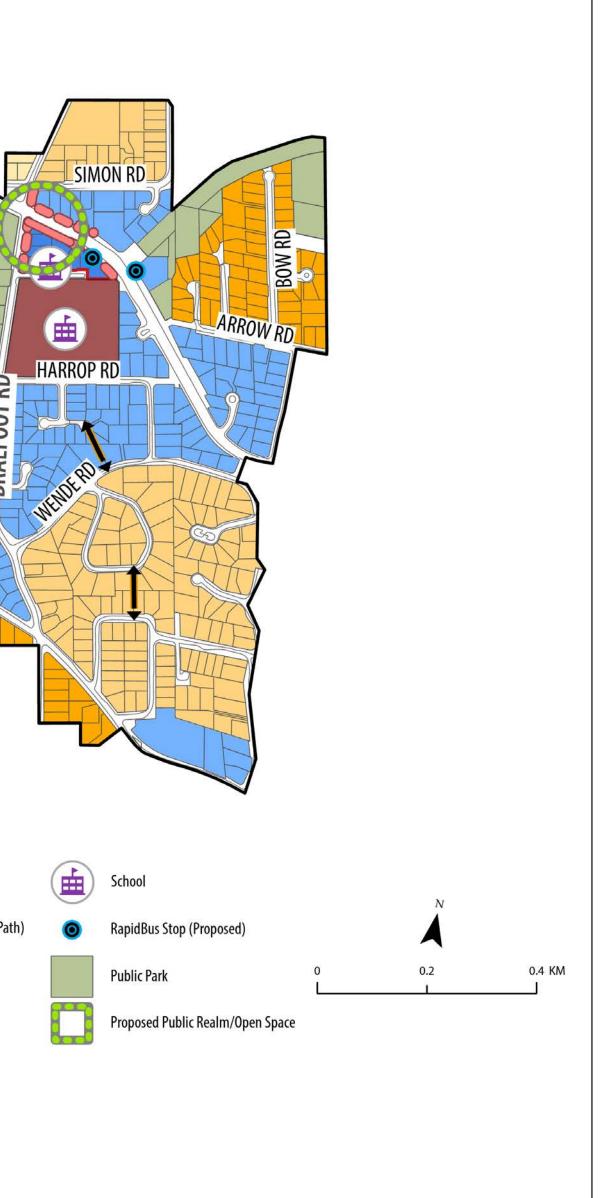
Sub Areas: McKenzie West and Braefoot



McKenzie West

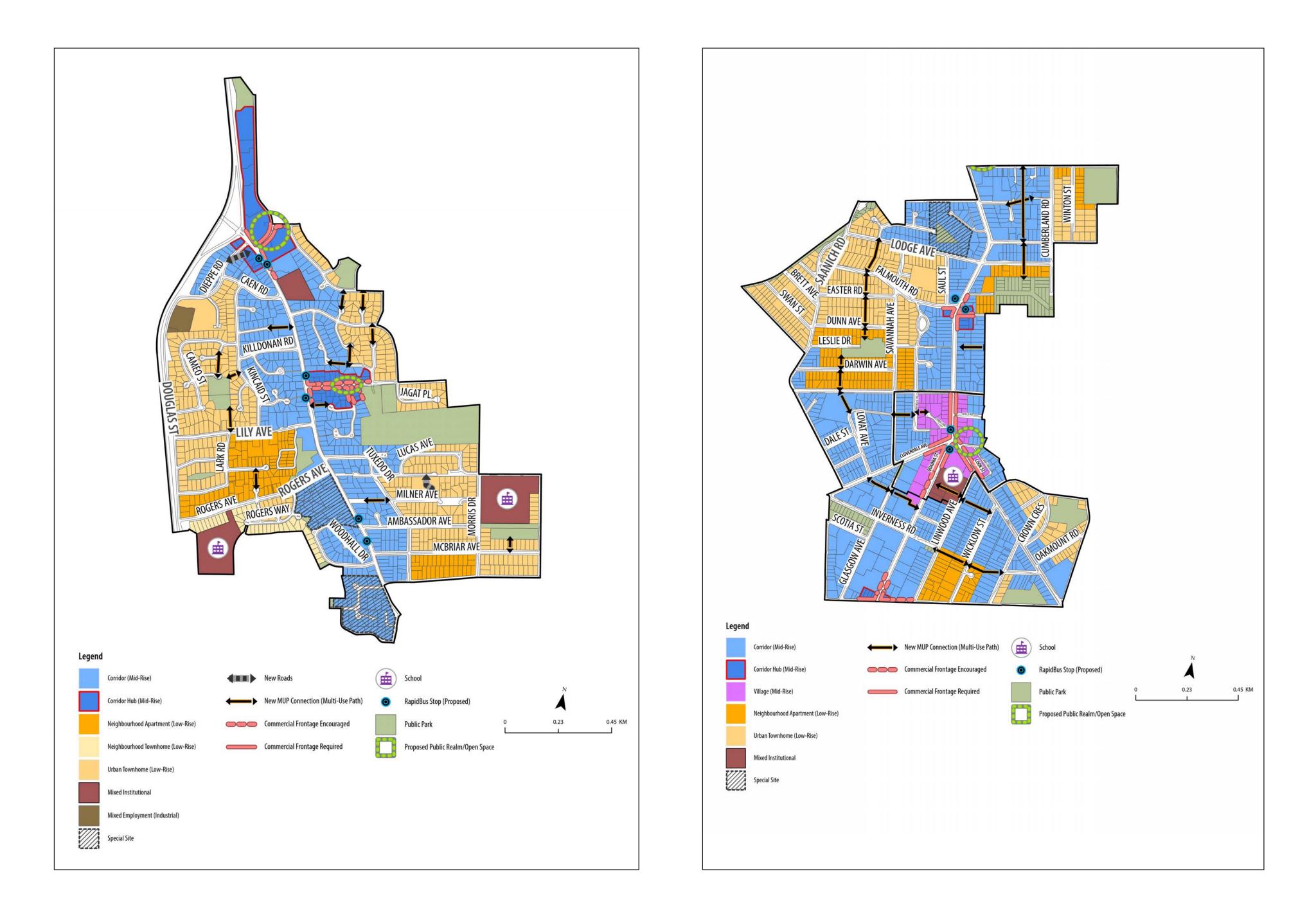








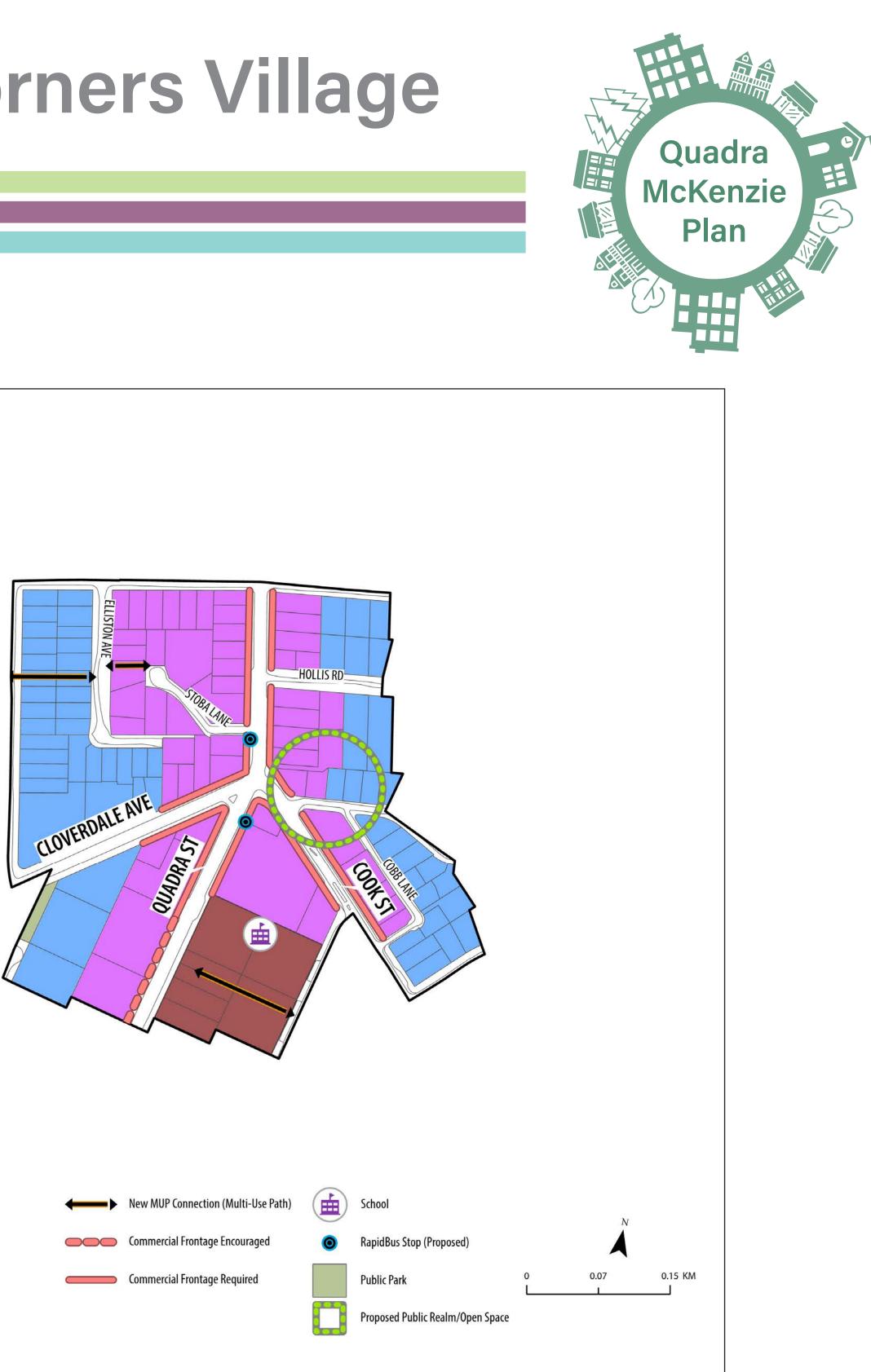
Sub Areas: Quadra North, Quadra South and Four Corners Village



Quadra North

Legend	
	Corridor (Mid-Rise)
	Village (Mid-Rise)
	Mixed Institutional

Quadra South



Four Corners Village



Pilot Density Framework

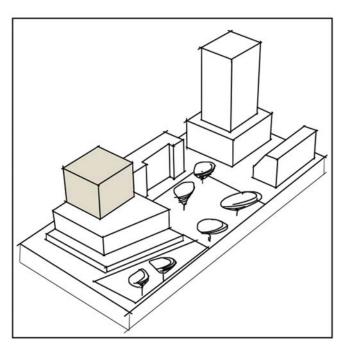
The purpose of this incentive framework is to:		Designation	Location	Base Density	Location	Maximum Density
 Incentivize positive outcomes related to housing, environment, heritage, public realm, use, and private amenity space; and 		Centre Core	McKenzie Ave. or Quadra St.	2.5 FSR	Major Road	5.5 FSR
			Other sites	2.0 FSR	Collector Road or Large Site (>3000 m²)	5.0 FSR
					Other sites	4.5 FSR
 Provide a flexible framework that enables different responses based on site conditions / sub area priorities. 		Centre	McKenzie Ave. or Quadra St.	2.25 FSR	Major Road	4.0 FSR
			Other sites	1.75 FSR	Collector Road or Large Site (>3000 m²)	3.75 FSR
					Other sites	3.5 FSR
Category	Desired Outcome		McKenzie Ave. or Quadra St.	2.0 FSR	Major Road	4.0 FSR
Housing Affordability	Incentivize housing units	Village	Other sites	1.5 FSR	Collector Road or Large Site (>3000 m²)	3.5 FSR
and Diversity	that integrate affordability or				Other sites	3.0 FSR
	contribute to diversity		McKenzie Ave. or Quadra St.	1.75 FSR	Major Road	3.0 FSR
Urban Forest and	Incentive environmental outcomes in alignment with objectives in the Urban Forest Strategy and Biodiversity Conservation Strategy	Corridor	Other sites	1.5 FSR	Collector Road or Large Site (>3000 m²)	2.75 FSR
Environment					Other sites	2.5 FSR
			McKenzie Ave. or Quadra St.	1.75 FSR	Major Road	3.25 FSR
Heritage	Incentivize the retention and	Corridor Hub	Other sites	1.5 FSR	Collector Road or Large Site (>3000 m²)	3.0 FSR
	enhancement of heritage assets				Other sites	2.75 FSR
	Enhance the network of open spaces and connectivity of active transportation options	Neighbourhood Apartment	McKenzie Ave. or Quadra St.	1.25 FSR	Major Road	2.5 FSR
Public Realm			Other sites	1.0 FSR	Collector Road or Large Site (>3000 m²)	2.25 FSR
	Encourage uses that work				Other sites	2.0 FSR
	towards a 15-minute community,		McKenzie Ave. or Quadra St.	0.9 FSR	Major Road	1.6 FSR
Use	with an emphasis on animating Corridor Hubs, Villages and	Urban Townhome	Other sites	0.8 FSR	Collector Road or Large Site (>3000 m²)	1.4 FSR
	Centres				Other sites	1.3 FSR
	Encourage new multi-unit		McKenzie Ave. or Quadra St.	0.8 FSR	Major Road	1.2 FSR
Private Amenity Space	developments to include amenity space that enhances quality of life for residents	Neighbourhood Townhome	Other sites	0.6 FSR	Collector Road or Large Site (>3000 m²)	1.1 FSR
					Other sites	1.0 FSR



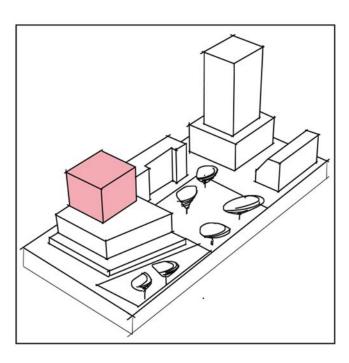


Pilot Density Framework

Incentive Area A: Housing Affordability and Diversity



Inclusionary Units Min. 15% of unit mix + 0.4 FSR Min. 10% of unit mix + 0.2 FSR

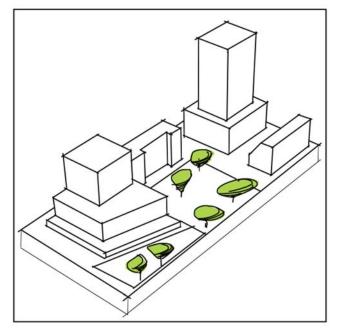


3-Bedroom Units Min. 20% of unit mix + 0.2 FSR

Min. 15% of unit mix + 0.1 FSR

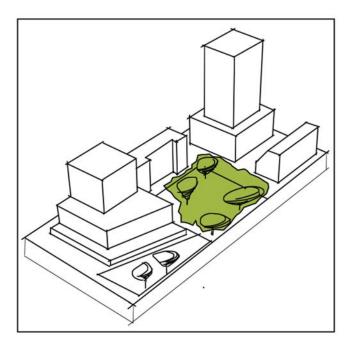
Incentive not applicable to Urban Townhome and Neighbourhood Townhome Designations

Incentive Area B: Urban Forest and Environment



High Value Tree Retention

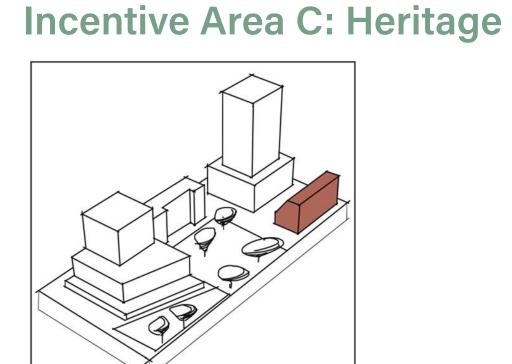
1 Tree per 1000 m² of land area + 0.1 FSR 1 Tree per 750 m² of land area + 0.3 FSR 1 Tree per 500 m² of land area + 0.5 FSR



Canopy Coverage by 2064

20% Canopy coverage 32% Canopy coverage 40% Canopy coverage

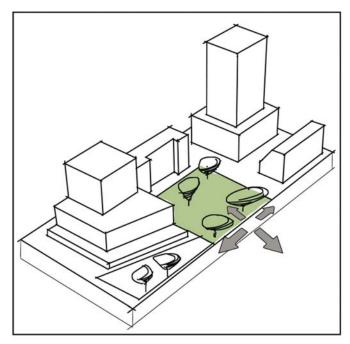
+ 0.1 FSR + 0.3 FSR + 0.5 FSR



Heritage Retention

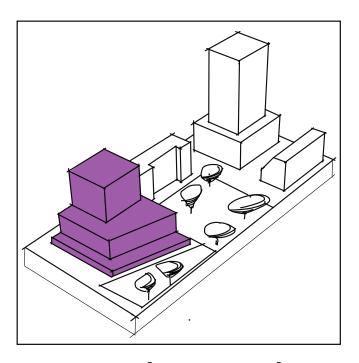
Designate a building currently + 0.5 FSR on Heritage Register Retain a Heritage Designated + 0.5 FSR Building

Incentive Area D: Public Realm

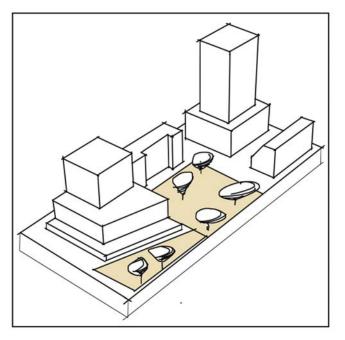


Publicly Accessible Open Space or Park Dedication

Min. 5% of land area Min. 10% of land area

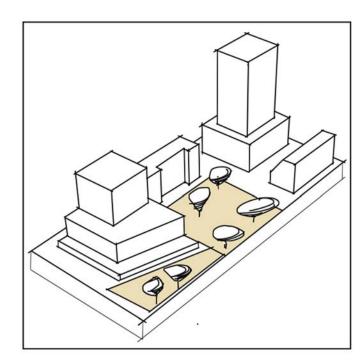


Non-Market Housing Maximum density supported for 100% not-for-profit housing projects



Permeable Open Space Min. 15% of land area Min. 25% of land area

+ 0.2 FSR + 0.4 FSR



+ 0.1 FSR

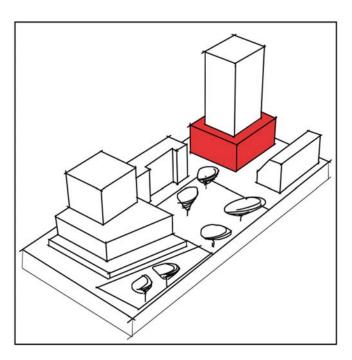
+ 0.3 FSR

Connectivity

Dedicated, public pedestrian/cycling connection

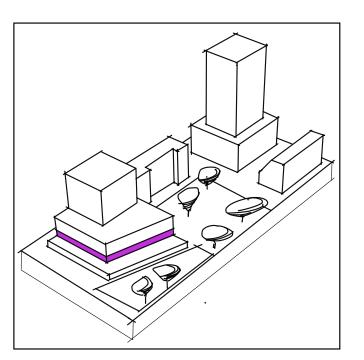
+ 0.3 FSR

Incentive Area E: Use



Commercial Use

Active commercial use on ground floor	+ 0.3 FSR
Active commercial use on ground floor in a Corridor Hub or Village	+ 0.5 FSR

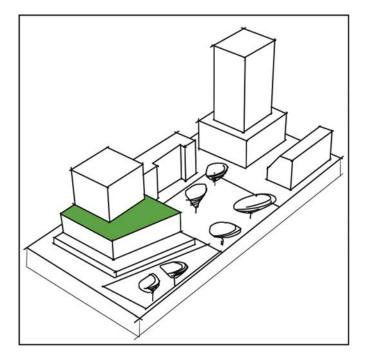


Employment Space

Second floor employment space in Centre or Village

+ 0.1 FSR

Incentive Area F: Private Amenity Space

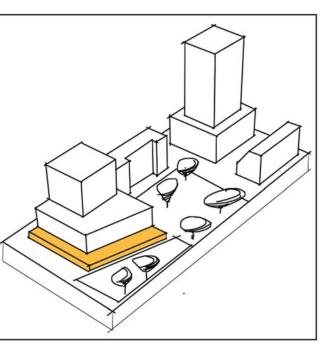


Private Amenity Space

Minimum private amenity space of 6 m² for apartment units (collective) or 9 m² for townhouse units

Minimum private amenity space of 9 m² for apartment units (collective) or 13 m² for townhouse units

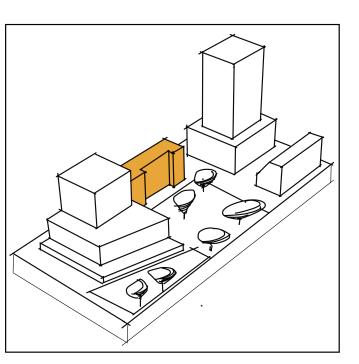




Public Amenity Use

Include a daycare or other public amenity use

+ 0.5 FSR



Major Community Facility

Include a Major **Community Facility**

Variable

+ 0.2 FSR

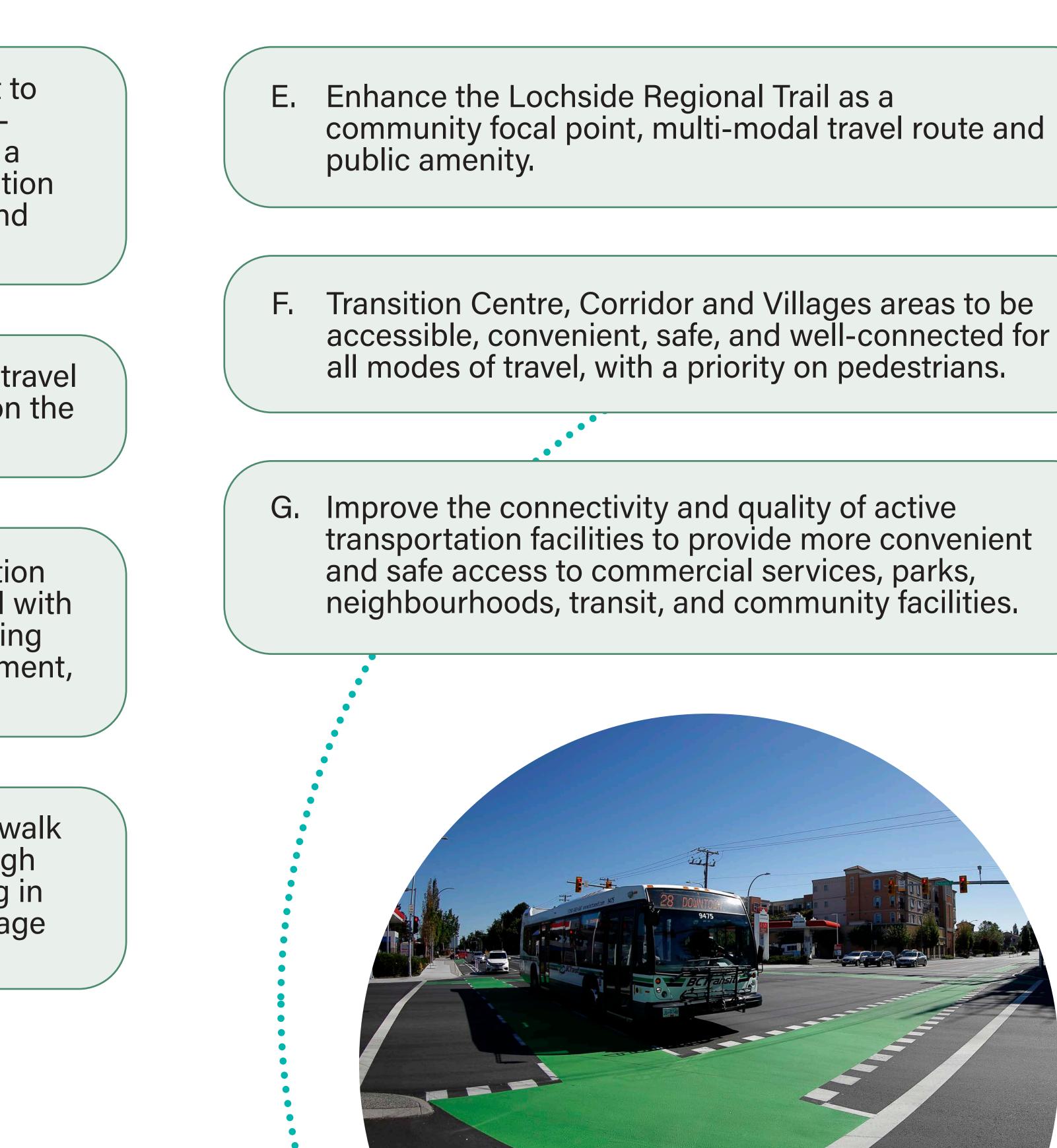
+ 0.1 FSR



Transportation and Mobility Overview

OBJECTIVES

- A. Redesign McKenzie Avenue and Quadra Street to be complete streets that reduce transportationrelated greenhouse gas emissions by fostering a shift to transit and other sustainable transportation options while supporting community activity and social well-being.
- B. Implement transit improvements that enhance travel time, convenience and reliability, with a focus on the McKenzie and Quadra Corridors.
- C. Prioritize mobility modes within the transportation network based on the Mobility Priority Pyramid with walking as the highest priority followed by cycling and micro-mobility, public transit, goods movement, carshare, and personal vehicles.
- D. Improve pedestrian comfort by expanding sidewalk areas, separating pedestrians from traffic through enhanced buffer zones, increasing tree planting in the right of way and adding land uses that engage the street.









Active Transportation Plan: Multi-Modal Targets

Multi-modal transportation refers to linking together different forms of transportation, such as walking, cycling, transit, and vehicle travel, to move around the community safely and conveniently.

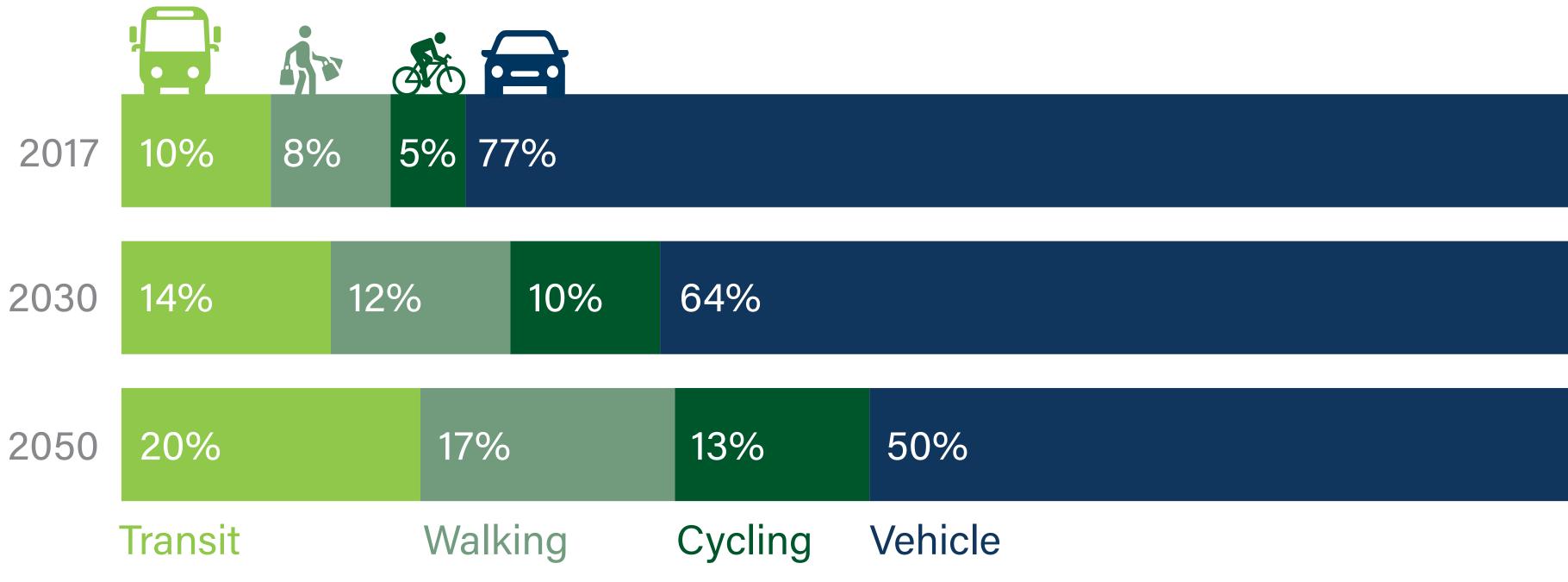


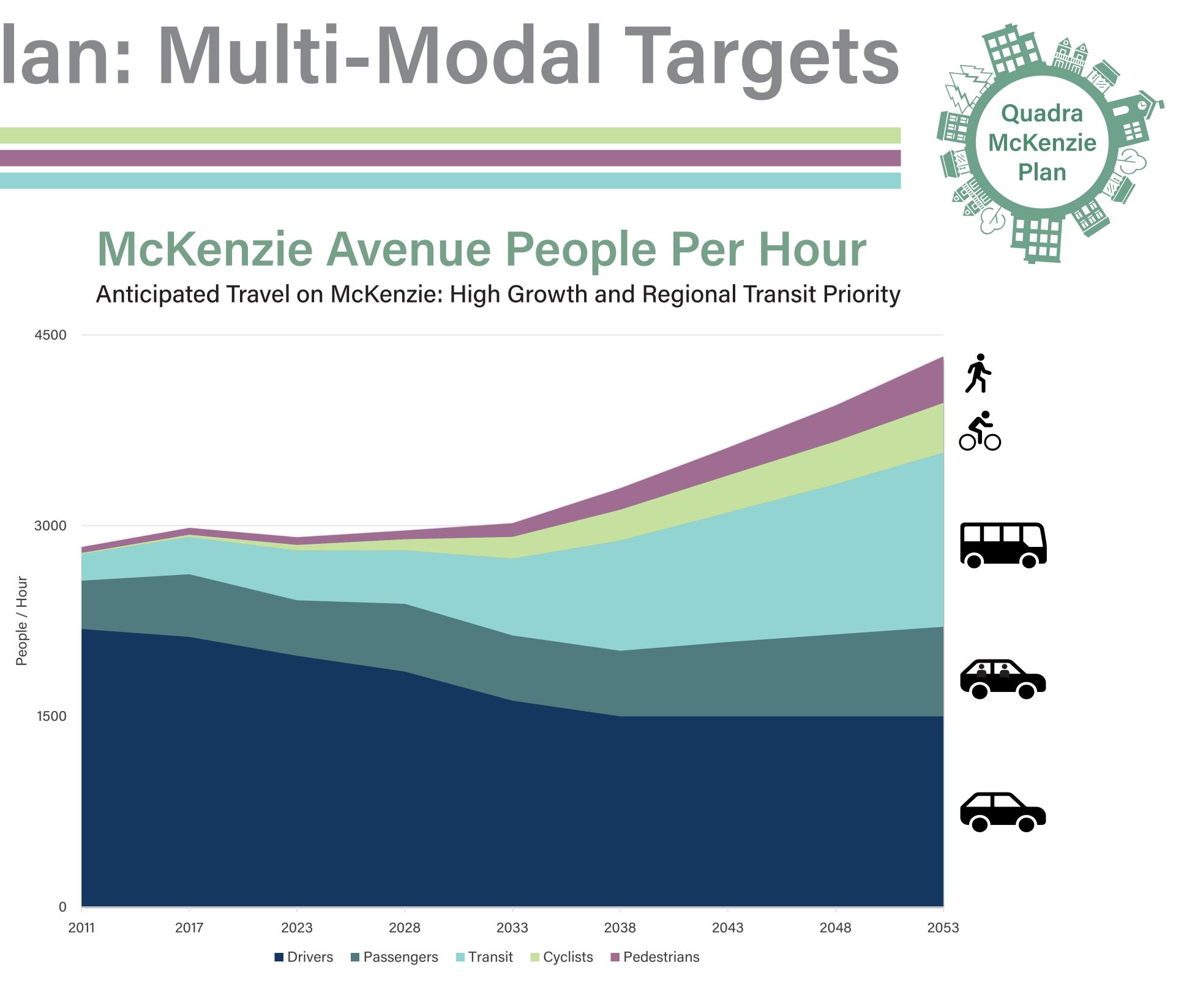
Bikes to work in the morning

Takes transit home with their bike on the rack provided at the end of the day

Walks to meet a friend for dinner and pick up some groceries

Mode-Split Targets to 2050



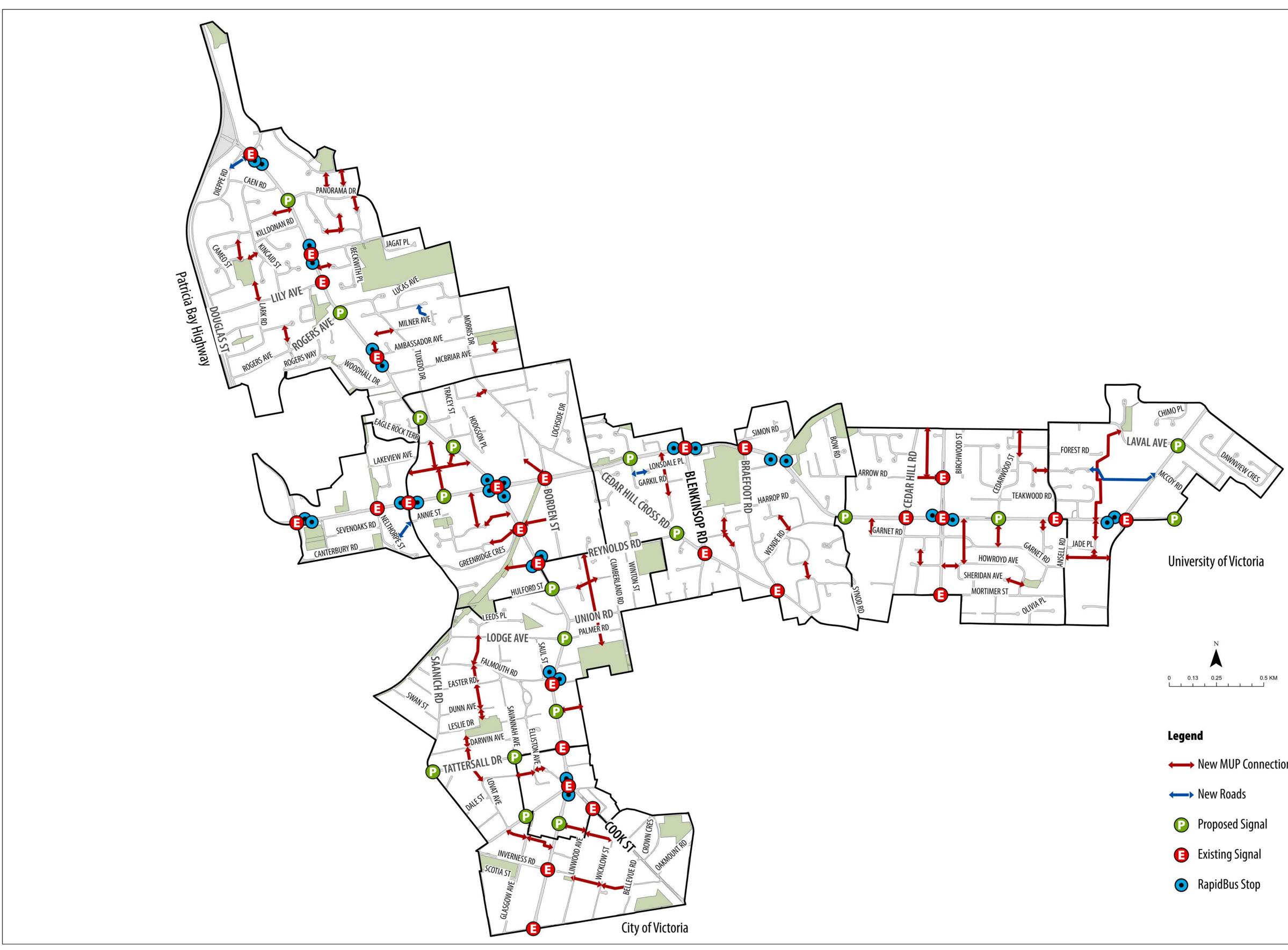








Transportation Network Map



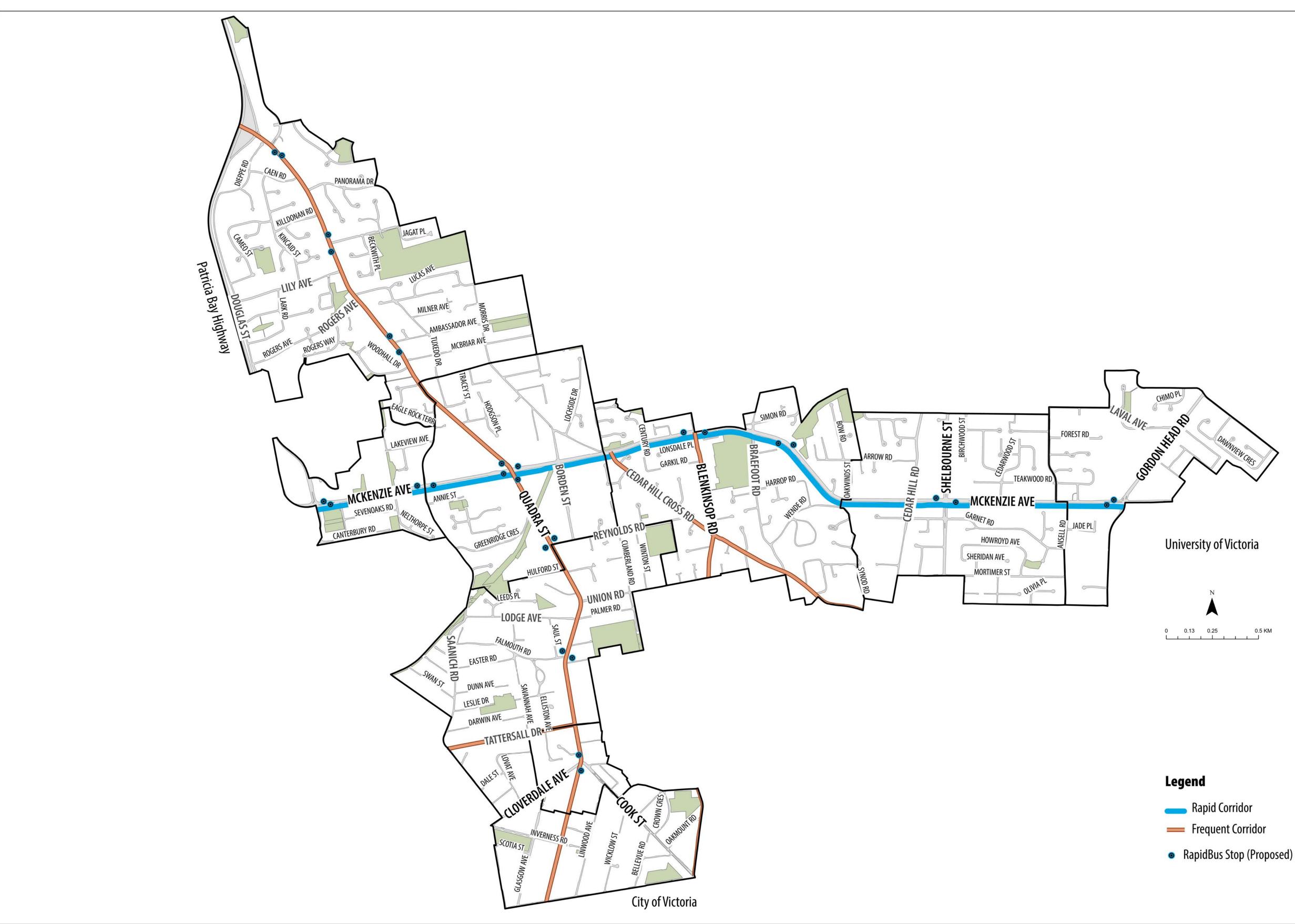




← New MUP Connection (Multi-Use Path)



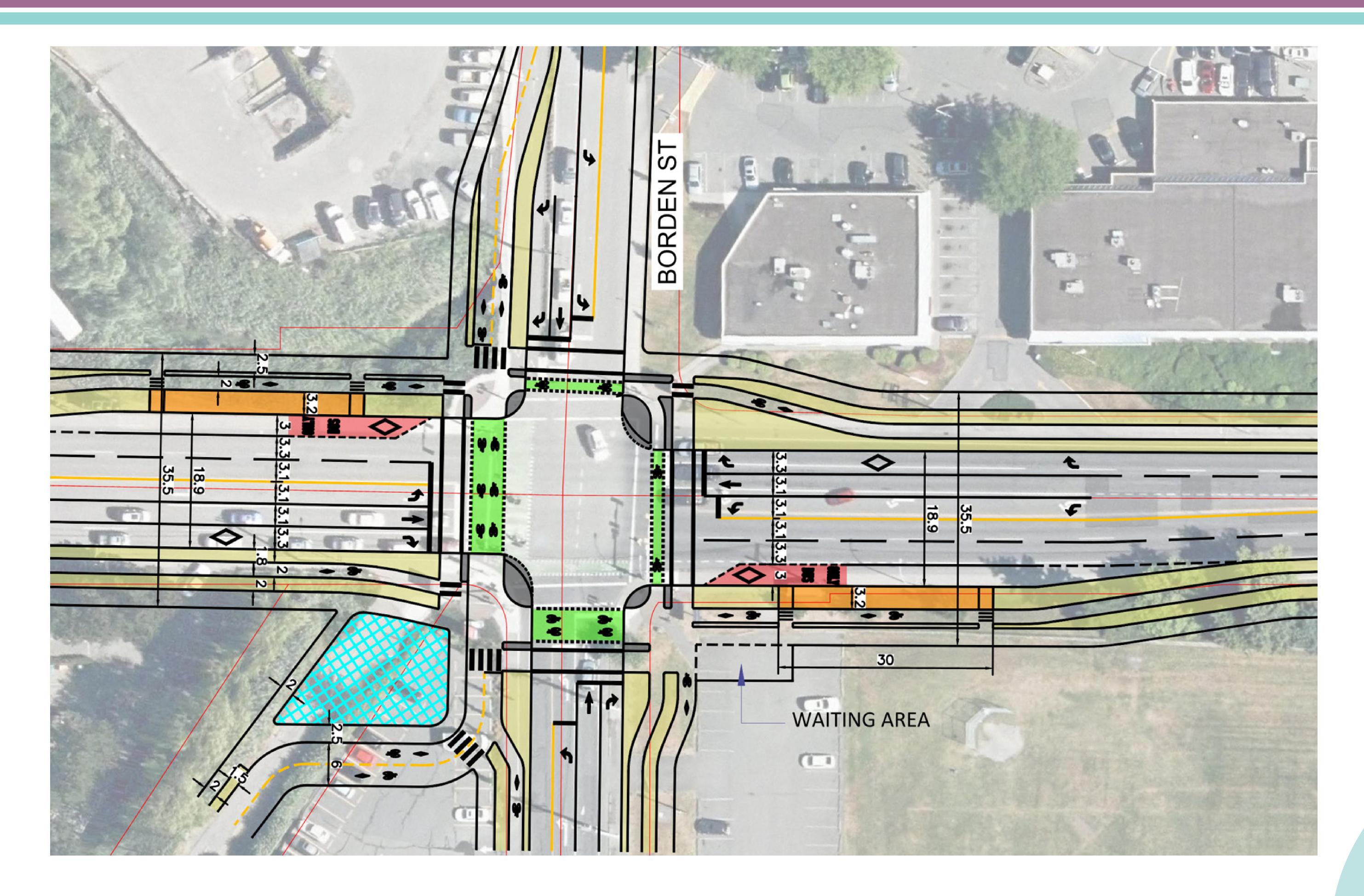
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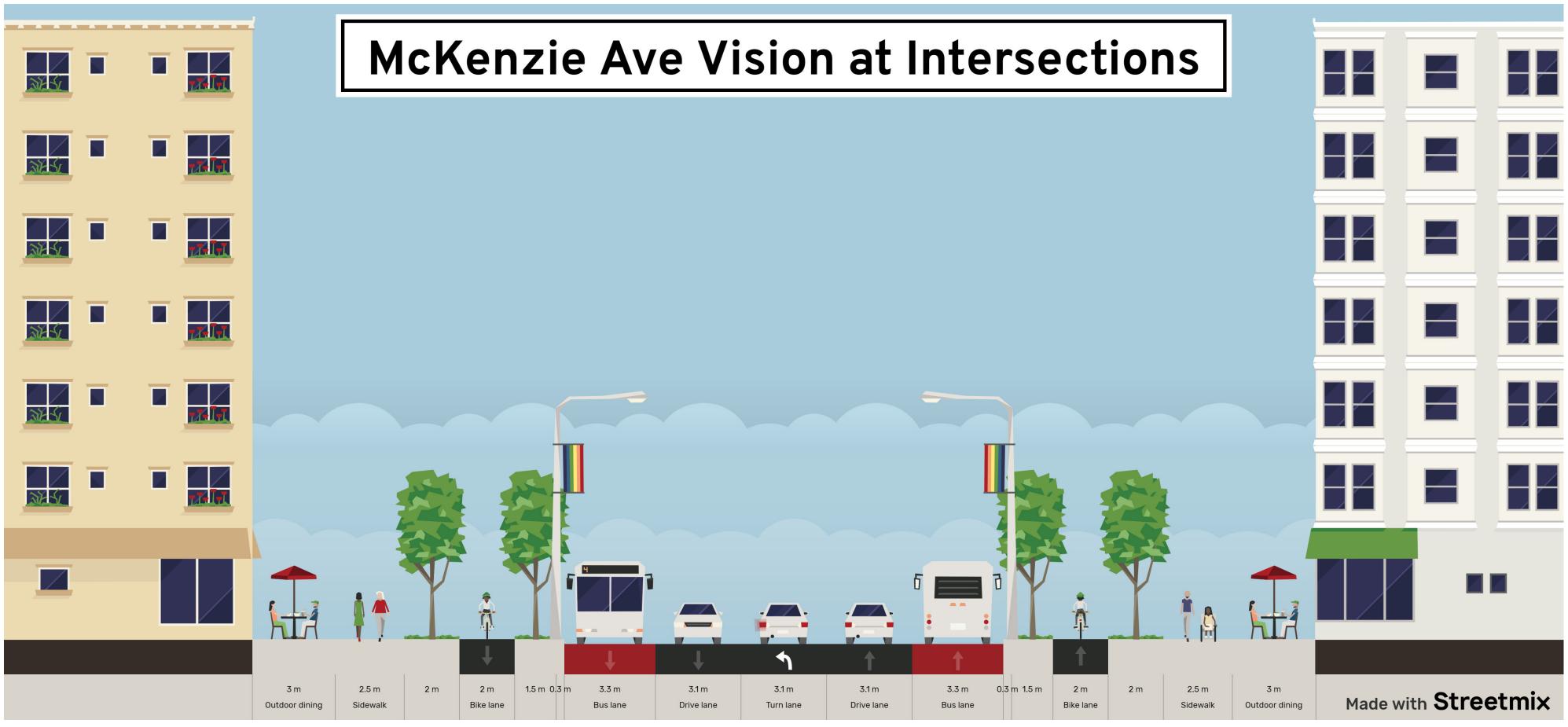
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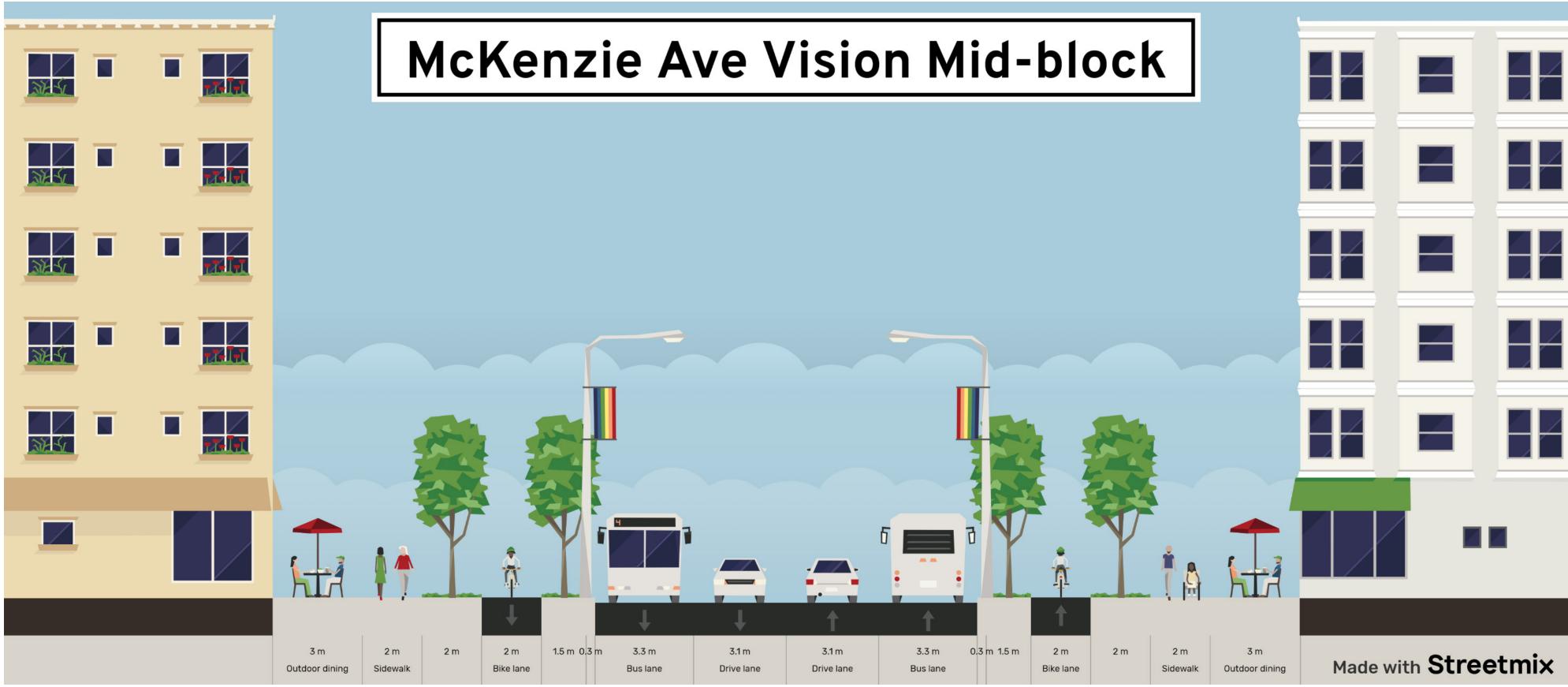






McKenzie Street Vision



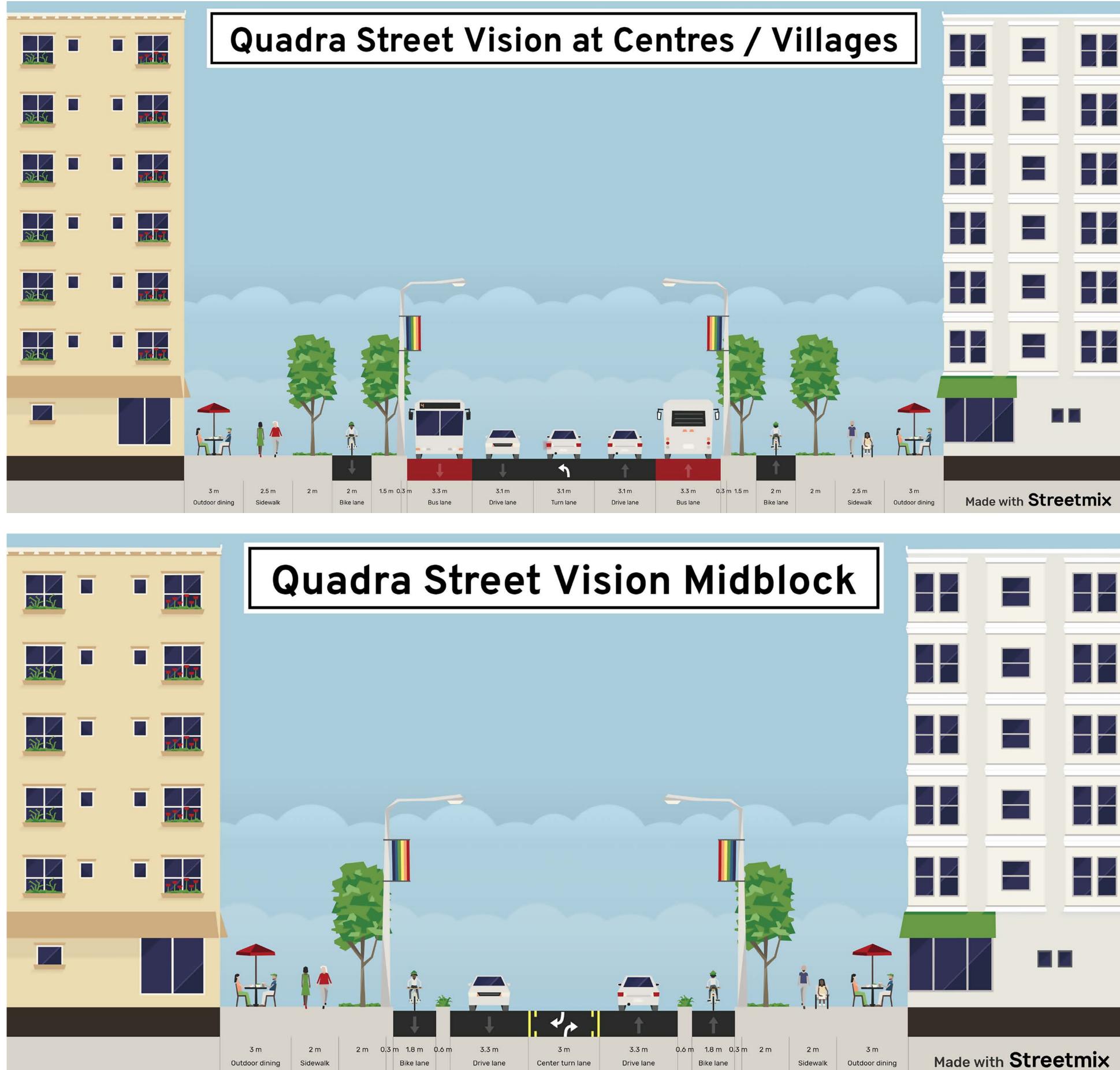


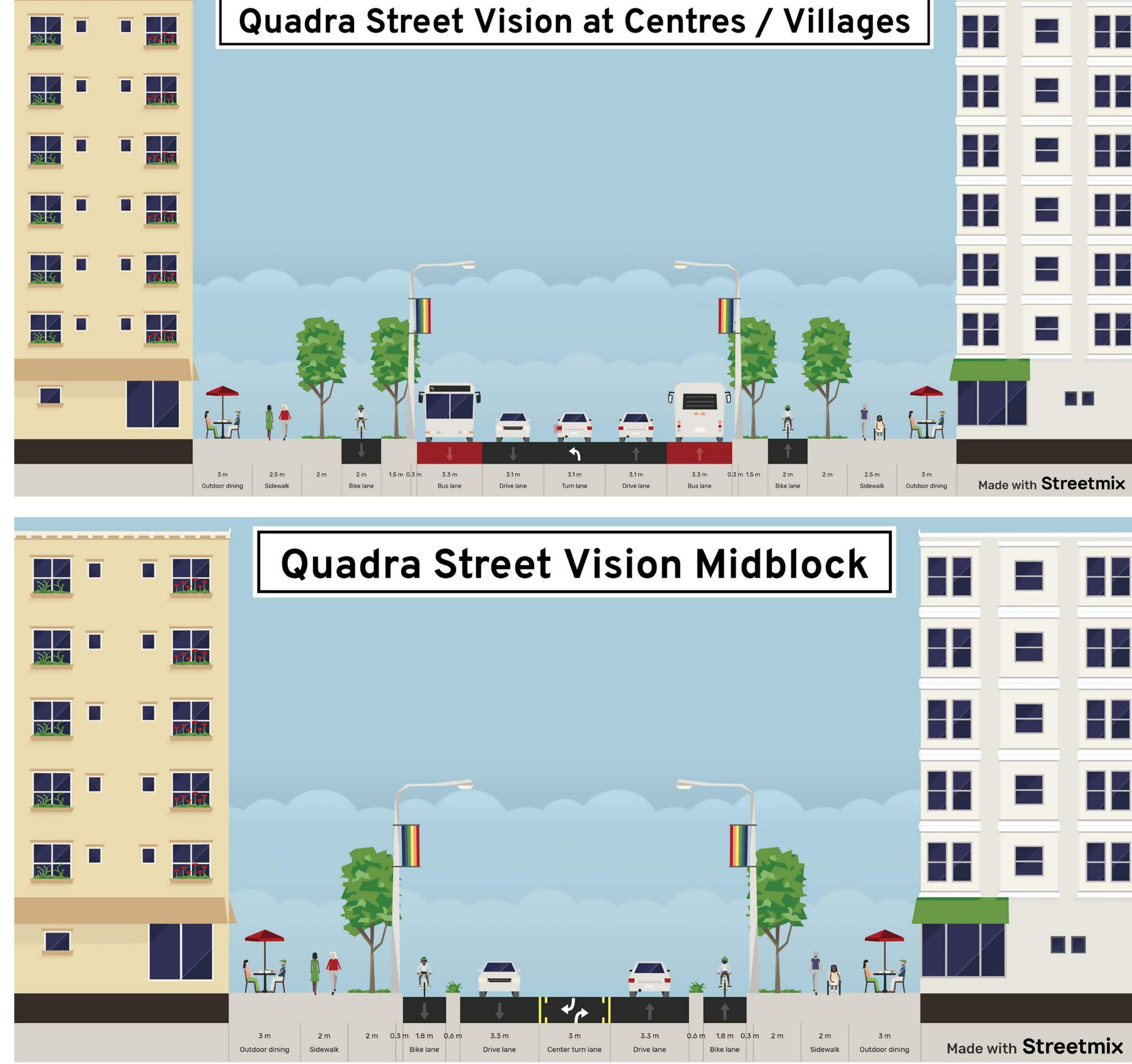






Quadra Street Vision





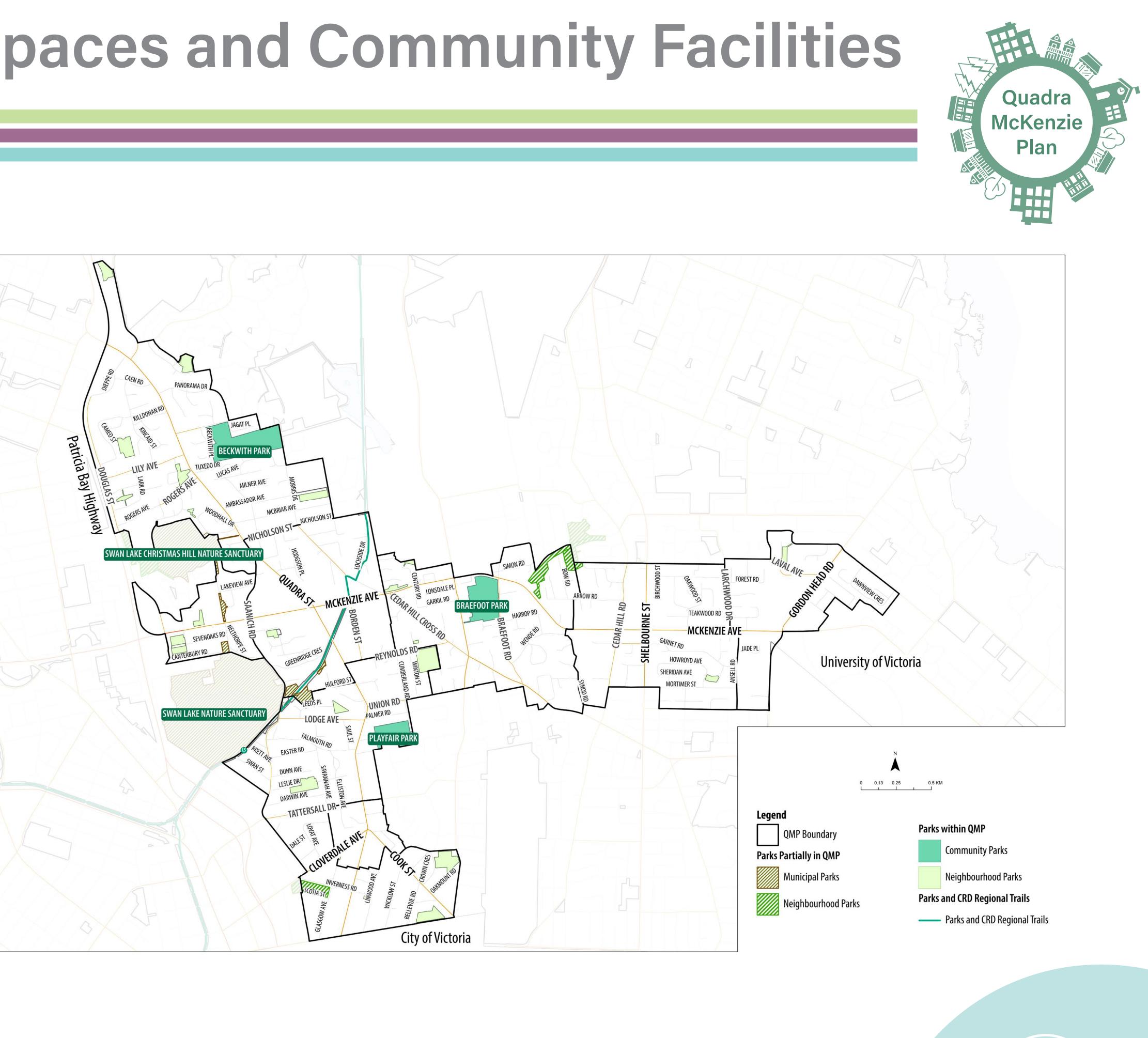




Parks, Trails, Open Spaces and Community Facilities

OBJECTIVES

- A. Address gaps to ensure a walkable network of public parks and open space, with a focus on availability and accessibility across the plan area.
- Retain areas of ecological Β. significance and enhance connectivity between green spaces.
- Acquire additional parks, trails and С. open spaces that meet the existing and future needs of the community and work towards the 3-30-300 goal of a park space within 300 metres of every household.
- Consider and incorporate the D. diversity of user needs and abilities into the parks and open space system.
- Ε. Enhance the Lochside Regional Trail as a community focal point, multi-modal travel route and public amenity.
- Support the creation of social F. infrastructure, including recreational and cultural facilities, in alignment with the provision of new housing, with a focus on equity and inclusion.





Upcoming Engagement and Next Steps

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

W	Η	A	

Open House #1

Open House #2

Online Survey

Pop-up Events

WHEN

Sat. Nov. 2, 2024 11:00am - 3:00pm

Tues. Nov. 5, 2024 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Oct. 22, 2024 -Nov. 26, 2024

Saanich Centre #105 - 3995 Quadra St.

Online at: saanich.ca/QMS

Refer to webpage for locations and times at: saanich.ca/QMS



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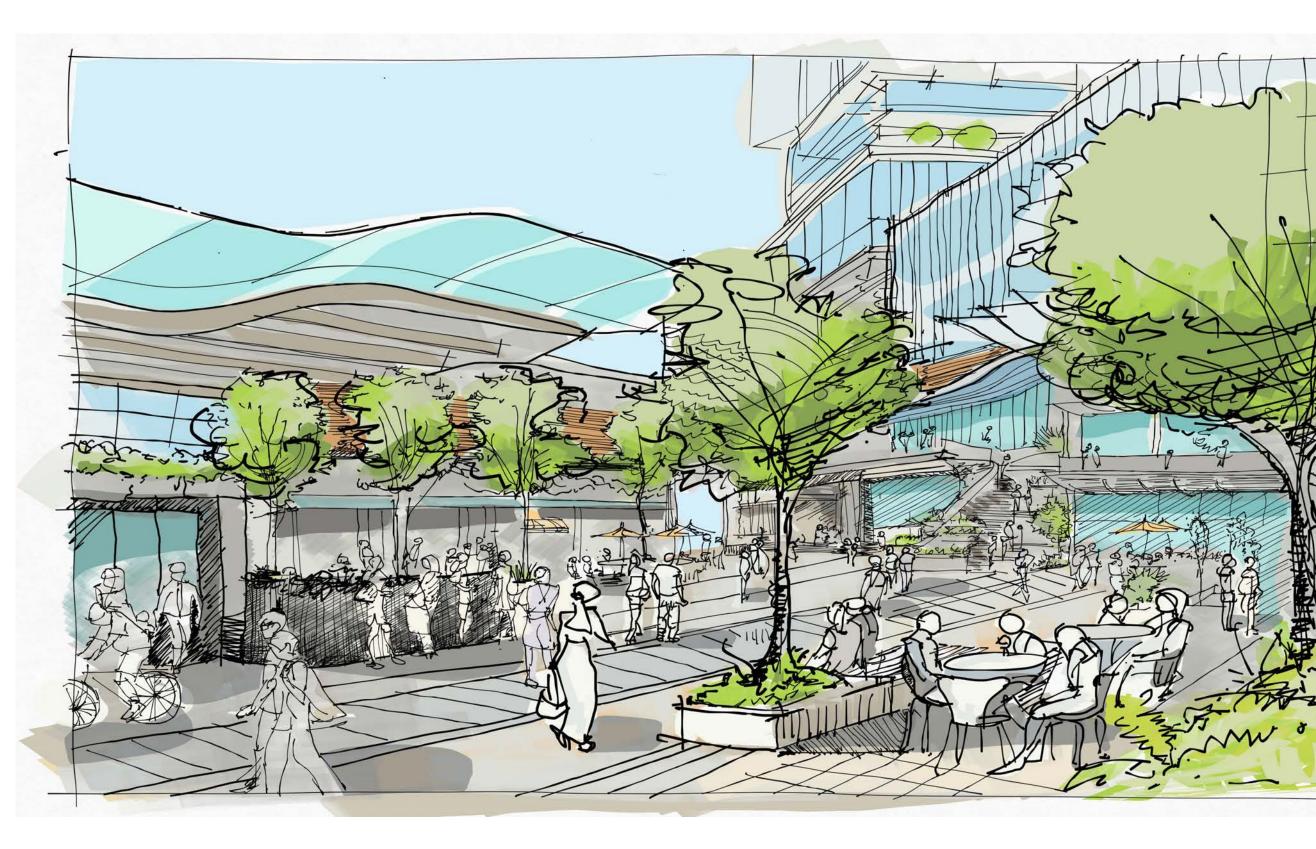
Phone: 250-475-5471 Email: gms@saanich.ca

WHERE

Saanich Centre #105 - 3995 Quadra St.

NEXT STEPS

- Public review of Draft Plan survey open until November 26
- Staff analysis of public feedback and further plan refinement
- **Proposed Plan presented to Council for** consideration - targeted Spring of 2025
- Public Hearing











Questions & Comments



