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Kelowna Residents

1796 Comments made by Kelowna Residents:

- Bus transit -- not enough routes, not enough busses
 - Traffic congestion

 - lack of careful drivers, danger to bikes

 - Obstructions. For example overgrown shrubs and tree branches not trimmed.
 - Not painted lines.
 - Pot holes and uneven roads
 - Other drivers ~not careful drivers

 - public transit options too limited/long on weekends
 - not enough street lights in neighbourhood for walking to bus stops in the evening
 - not enough bus shelters

 - the bus system: poor timing and full buses
 - the traffic jams on the highway
 - the bridge

 - urban sprawl - difficult to properly service with public transit.
 - poor traffic control signals at highway junctions - not enough left turn signals (eg Richter and Hwy 97)
 - poor pedestrian connectivity in new neighborhood (eg development above Kettle valley does not have enough walkways between neighborhoods)
- \$75.00/month, to stand, at the side of the road and wait, in all kinds of weather, for the next bus! It's not a hell of a lot more, to own/drive, a car!
- [Poor] sidewalks on many routes on busy roads
- 1 people left turning into the outside lane (improper lane change)
 - 2 multiple vehicles turning left after the light turns red
- 1) Adherence to traffic laws, especially respecting amber traffic lights.
Having lived in Vancouver for years, we are horrified by Okanagan drivers' tendency to enter intersections at high speeds on amber or red lights. We cannot count the number of times we have narrowly missed serious accidents.
 - 2) motorists' determination to « idle » their engines for long periods, sometimes when vehicles are unoccupied
 - 3) safe bike lanes for commuters
 - 4) more bus shelters on Glenmore in Kelowna
- 1) In the winter the bus stops are not cleared away
 - 2) Bus routes and times not convenient

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Kelowna Residents

1) left turn lights onto Harvey.
2) Timed lights on Richter from Harvey to Bernard. We often take this route. It is very frustrating when Harvey is green, but Leon or Lawrence immediately turns red, causing traffic to continue to back up, often into the intersections.

3) We do not take public transit at the moment, mostly because we live fairly close to everything we need. We usually walk or ride our bikes. At one point, we lived downtown. It was not possible to commute via bus on weekends. Some of our shifts start at 7am and the bus schedule doesn't start until 730am on Sundays.

1) Parking for visitors or company on Sunset drive and new condo towers not providing enough visitor parking.

2) We try to avoid driving south of Bernard Ave after noon as traffic is too crazy very often, even in winter.

3) the white and yellow lines on the roads often are really worn down and hard to see particularly at night or when it is raining. A safety issue. Seems to take forever to get repainted. Should be done every spring.

1) Public transit routes are inconsistent, inconvenient and unreliable.

2) Highways and roadways are congested

3) Construction is prolonged

4) There are not enough detours, or ways around main arteries

1. bridge traffic is too congested during peak traveling hours (we need a second bridge)

Others

- public transit does not serve our neighborhoods effectively

- traffic on Highway 97 is miserable during the summertime

1. CONTINUATION OF BIKE/PEDESTRIAN LANES ON ABBOTT AND ON ETHEL - CORNER OF CHRISTLETON AND ABBOTT IS VERY DANGEROUS FOR PEDESTRIANS/CYCLISTS AND DRIVERS

2. HIGHWAY 97 - LEFT TURNS SHOULD BE ON LEFT ADVANCE ONLY

1. If I wanted to take the bus to Orchard Park Mall from Sunset Drive ,It would take too long. Imagine taking the bus to the Superstore Grocery store from Sunset Drive during the summer months. By the time you returned home I dont have to tell you what your ice cream would look like.

| In Hawaii , an unlimited bus pass for a resident OR visitor is \$5.00 USD per month for persons age 65 or over. The wife and I go there during the winter months and we always use the bus .

If only Kelowna could do that , I believe that you would get the retirement population segment using the public transportation more often

Also I would suggest to city council if they could make a requirement of developers to install roughed in electrical outlets in the underground parking stalls of any future multi family /condo development.

At Sunset Waterfront Resort for example There are I believe that there are 130 units and not one plugin outlet for an all electric vehicle. |

1. Lack of infrastructure for sustainable modes of transportation (bus schedules/availability; separated bike lanes; light rail; incentivizing carpooling/electric vehicle use)

2. Traffic congestion, esp. along highway 97 (few/no alternative routes)

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1. Lack of protected bike lanes.
2. Enterprise way, hwy 97 through Spall, Cooper, Dilworth very congested. The intersections are dangerous lots of people running lights, accidents. I worked until spring 2018 near there and the number of accidents is unacceptable
3. Fire trucks drive way too fast to traffic accidents, most time to sweep up glass, they are going to kill somebody at some point often going to fender benders lights and sirens way too fast, lacks common sense

1. Lack of public transit to Upper Mission
2. Only 2 access roads to Upper Mission (Lakeshore Rd and Gordon). Need at least 1 more
3. No direct route from Upper Mission to Rutland
4. Green light heading North / South on Gordon only 20 seconds in duration. Always a wait of 2 or 3 cycles to get through the intersection in the morning.
5. Always a backup of traffic at Okanagan Mission High School in the morn due to multiple vehicles dropping off students. Turning traffic backs up from turning lane into through lane.

1. Lack of public transport. I live in McKinley Landing and there is no public transport to that community.
2. Too many traffic lights and not enough traffic circles resulting in poor traffic flow.
3. Need park and ride capability for downtown Kelowna. There is too little parking downtown, but no way of getting there if you don't drive.

1. more cycling paths
2. hwy is too congested
3. some of the lights around the city needs timing changed
4. side-streets too congested even, extreme at school drop off etc. people are not safe/ dont follow rules

1. People using enormous pickup trucks to commute alone to an urban destination (supermarket, workplace, school). Pickups should be used only for transporting large items, travelling to rough terrain destinations or towing campers. Encourage owners of pickups to buy a tiny commuter car/vehicle for everyday trips, e.g., by taxing or charging insurance according to mileage travelled by type of vehicle.
2. Lack of funding to develop a proposed electric commuter vehicle.
3. The unreasonable traffic rule that prohibits motorcycles and other narrow track vehicles such as the Toyota iRoad, Pevraves etracer, etc., from splitting lanes. This wastes lane capacity of roads, and puts more burden on taxpayers to construct more lanes.

1. Removing HOV lanes on Highway 97.
2. Adding more bike lanes along Clements road.
3. Transitioning from gasoline/diesel vehicles to all electric vehicles.

1. The amount of traffic on Glenmore Rd bottlenecking on Spall! We sometimes wait up to 10 minutes just between Spall and Hwy 97.
2. The timing of traffic lights. In our area -Clifton and High Rd intersection. Clifton doesn't get the right-of-way before/after rush hour traffic. Every single time we drive home in the evening, we sit at that light and rarely does a car come from High Rd. It makes sense during peak times when people are going and coming home from work using High Rd to get to/from Glenmore Rd.

1. Unsafe biking lanes - lanes should ideally be separate from the road to avoid traffic.
2. HOV lane in right lane is redundant on Hwy 97
3. Lack of major bypass highway running north-south in Kelowna

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Kelowna Residents

1. Commuters between Okanagan towns are many and have no viable transit options. In 50 years all the towns from Vernon to Penticton will be one urban sprawl. Hwy will be congested beyond comprehension, need to plan ahead for transit corridor

2. Kelowna General Hospital is in the wrong place creating gridlock, parking issues and destroying a quiet old neighbourhood.

1-HOV lane is useless from the bridge to HWY33.

2-too many drivers turn left after the light turns orange/ red, so they waste a bunch of the advanced green blinking arrow for the next drivers light sequence. This should be monitored more.

3-even if we had better bike lanes to safely travel around the city, SO many bikes get stolen i don't want to leave my bike locked up even with the best locks. So I only ride for exercise to the Greenway or Rail Trail instead of errands etc.

A bypass of the city centre |

A commuter rail system would be amazing for Kelowna, especially as it grows (make it go to Vernon!). I would not require a car if we had a SkyTrain-like system.

A couple

- Congestion between Glenmore to Dilworth.

- Bus route to Landmark |

A lack of planning for winter travel. A bike is great when the weather is fine but in snow cold and rain most people will choose their car. We need to build transportation that services the community year round not just during fair weather. The north end connected should be completed to relieve pressure from the highway enterprise and Springfield

A lack of public transit options for the dilworth area

A major issue that I regularly case is the lack of traffic light synchronization.

A misguided allowance of sprawling development that increases, rather than reduces infrastructure costs (via property taxes) for home owners like us who rarely drive. Developments further from amenities with expensive road maintenance need to pay higher DCC charges so we can fund safe, public transit to all core areas, scheduled around key shifts for those in the work force. If we concentrate low paying, irregularly shifted jobs (restaurants, care aids, nurses) in key urban areas, we need to match that density by building transit first, or protecting rental housing close to where they work so they don't need to drive/transit. We should not entrench ourselves with developers in the hopes they'll pay for it because in the end, we net to zero by allowing their suburbs that need roads to no where. As a former renter and now homeowner (who never drives) I'm happy to pay increased taxes if the funds go directly towards affordable public transit and are divested from road and traffic maintenance I have never and will never use.

A Secondary Route is needed for residents and employees that live and work in the Jim Bailey cres. area of Kelowna. Any accident anywhere near the base of the Beaver lake rd. is an invitation to a heart attack for the traffic arteries/veins that run adjacent and perpendicular to hwy.97.

There is an easement at Holiday Park that needs to be ratified and rejected.

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A subway or skytrain would make various parts of the city feel way more accessible including West Kelowna. The public transportation services in Kelowna have relatively short hours, few routes and tend to arrive early or leave early (unreliable) and take so long to wait for, essentially forcing residents here to have to buy a car in order to get around.

Ability to move traffic more efficiently , especially making Left hand turns in busy intersections

abysmal traffic and public transportation planning.

Access to and from the Upper Mission is getting difficult at times.

Fortunately, we can time our trips to avoid peak hours/times.

ACCESS TO HWY-97 FROM BEAVER LAKE ROAD AT CERTAIN TIMES OF THE DAY BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC GRID LOCK AT HWY.-97 AND BEAVER LK. RD .ANOTHER ACCESS ROAD TO HWY. NEEDS TO HAPPEN,POSSIBLY COMMONWEALTH RD./ JIM BAILEY CONNECTION AS IT WAS IN THE PAST SHOULD BE CONSIDERED OR JIM BAILEY/OLD OKANOGAN HWY. CONNECTION AS WAS PLANNED BACK IN THE DAY WHEN WHITE TRUCK WAS EXPANDING OUT TO JIM BAILEY ROAD AREA BUT COMPANY DID NOT FOLLOW THRU AS IT WAS SOLD TO U.S .INTERESTS.ANDS WE LOST GOOD PAYING JOBS AND GROWTH PROSPECTS TO THE AREA.

Access to main roads.

Access to my neighbourhood. There are few arterial roads which are clogged during the morning and at the end of the work day. In an emergency such as a fire, we are in danger like we were in 2003.

Access to public transit.

Access to public transportation (ie. Park and Ride facilities for buses)

Access to reliable public transportation, access to ride-sharing apps, and public parking in the downtown core.

Access within reasonable walking distance to any form of public transport - it is approx. 2 km via a steep hill to any bus route.

Accessible public transit options. Better bike paths/lanes that are not on major intersections (ie. for my location, riding a bike is challenging - lots of cyclists hit on Springfield, which is the closest main biking artery to me). There are also not enough taxis - so a safe way home at night is challenging, and the lack of taxis (or late night buses at a better frequency) encourages people to drink and drive.

Accessing highway 97 from our end of Old Vernon Road. Highway speeds makes access very dangerous.

Actually, I think there are 2 main issues. 1) Timing of signal lights do not allow efficient travel within Kelowna city streets. 2) Timing of connecting bus routes can be problematic (like #1 to #17). The should be the one at the connection point should always wait until the connection has arrived to depart.

Adequate and safe bike lanes. More left turn signals for cars. Improved roads to accommodate increased traffic.

Adequate turning lanes on main thoroughfares and parking in the downtown core.

Affordable transportation.

Also, transportation that is available for shift workers. So that people can start their shift for 0700. :(

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Kelowna Residents

Afternoon congestion

Aggressive drivers and drivers that run red lights, some bicyclists who don't follow the rules; they are dangerous because sometimes they act like vehicles and sometimes like pedestrians and switch quickly.

All the cement barricades on major routes are a hindrance in traffic flow.

Access to local businesses are difficult.

Traffic flow into the mission, especially by the Kelowna Christian school is a problem.

The colored bicycle lanes are ridiculous...no one knows how to maneuver them.

On Abbott street in the summer the supposed professional (I say professional because of the biker gear that they wear) feel it is their right to ride their bicycles of the automobile lanes rather than the paths that have been designated for bikes. This is an ongoing problem in my eyes.

All travel must go down HWY 97. the new extra lanes help the congestion however the exclusive use of the curb for HOV between 7 and 7 results in this lane being unused a significant portion of the day based on my observations. Indeed it turns people in to 'scoff laws' as I see many people drive in the HOV lane when there is only one person in the car, without making a turn, for many kms. Other cities have HOV lanes restricted only for limited hours, eg 7 am to 9 am and 3 pm to 6 pm rather than the whole day. this opens up the lanes for more use. Roads like Enterprise need to be further developed to funnel traffic off the hwy

Always heavy traffic in central Okanagan as a result of one main road being Hwy 97/Harvey Ave. It results in bottleneck traffic throughout the day. It is extremely difficult leaving our residence on Enterprise Way. We often have to turn right when we need to turn left to go to the airport for work or on errands. Spall & Enterprise has ridiculous traffic loads which are always bottlenecked; however, the main roads in Kelowna appear to be: Enterprise, Spall, Harvey & Springfield. Someone should monitor the trucks that turn onto Enterprise from Spall. There is a no truck sign which trucks don't adhere to. They take Enterprise to Hwy 97. Have you ever taken a traffic count on Enterprise? Have you noticed the amount of foot traffic on Enterprise. I walk to Parkinson Centre and it's dangerous crossing Enterprise & Spall! Something needs to be done. Another road would be great; the taxpayers would appreciate it. More traffic lights with left turn signals would be appreciated. Please consider building roads first before issuing building permits!

amount of traffic

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Amount of traffic

Amount of traffic through town.

another lake crossing & the completion of a legitimate bypass through Kelowna to alleviate the ridiculous congestion between West Kelowna & Kelowna. Saskatoon & Calgary are cities much larger than us and are so much easier to drive in and through

Apparent disorganization of road construction projects.

appropriate bussing routes and fares for students and senior citizens.

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As I have never used any transportation in Kelowna but self owned autos, I can't really comment on the other methods of moving around the city.

When I was a working nurse, the bus system would never have taken me to work when I needed to be on duty. There are no buses when one is called to work at 2:00 a.m., and going home again at 4:00 or 5:00 a.m. In all the public transit takes too long to get anywhere.

As Kelowna grows rapidly, automobile congestion is becoming a major problem.

As someone in a wheelchair with severe fatigue issues, the local handyDART system doesn't service the Black Mountain in a way that makes it usable for me, hence someone has to drive me everywhere.

At night it is hard to see street signs at intersections when they are placed between the signal lights . The traffic becoming more congested on Springfield road.

Auto transportation for the elderly.

automobiles traveling over the speed limit, especially in school zones, but generally everywhere, and as a pedestrian and cyclist, I have extra vigilance when traveling by any mode in this city.

availability

Availability and frequency of #3 bus is not enough. Not all roads have bike lanes. The HOV lane on Hwy 97 thru Kelowna is a mess as it is impossible to use it as intended as people have to turn in that lane.

Availability of and access to public transport. Alternative means of transport. eg. how can a senior, none vehicle owner, or disabled person take anything to Recycle Depot?

Availability of convenient local bus services.

Availability of long term street parking. There is quite a bit of 2 hr parking, but limited long term parking (especially downtown).

availability of public transit

Availability of public transport off hours.

I work shift work and can not take public transportation and arrive on time for my morning shift at the airport. (Shift starts at 0600).

Availability of public transportation.

Availability of reliable public transportation.

-Bad congestion driving through town on harvey/hwy97 in both directions from pandosy street to hwy 33.

- No turn signal from hwy 97 to cooper after 3 pm is an issue and causes lots of congestion on the hwy from a long line up of people who can't turn

Bad drivers - drivers not signalling for lane changes, and the majority of drivers not turning into the proper lane!

bad drivers,

balancing use of car with alternative forms of transport

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Because of all the people working in the Landmark buildings, it is next to impossible to get onto Burtch St. between 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM because traffic is backed up from Harvey Ave. all the way to Springfield Ave. every weekday.

Because of the poor bus service the majority of commuters still have to drive, therefore causing the horrendous bottle necks at Spall and Enterprise... These are not 45 minute bottle necks... these bottle necks are through the whole day ranging from congested to down right road raging, dead stop traffic! For heavens sake fix it!

Because we bike a lot we appreciate the safety and availability of bike lanes and the good signage. We appreciate the lanes being clean, I had a flat tire the other day because of junk on lanes, it happens, we appreciate the city is working hard to have bike lanes accessible to us, keeping them clean, and having good signage is great. We love cycling its our passion.

Being able to buy electric cars.

Benvoulin Road. Too many changes in speed from 50-60-70 km back to 50. The road does not flow well as it is a constant traffic jam near the KLO intersection and people go too fast and everyone slams on their brakes. I have seen many rear end accidents here. Lower speed from 70km/ hr. Impossible to do that speed in a traffic jam yet people still try. Very dangerous!

Better access in and out of Kelowna Mission/Kettle Valley/Crawford areas.
continue to develop Cycling infrastructure such as divided areas near congested Turn areas similar to Gordon and Springfield.

Better and more frequent bus routes especially after evening theatre or other events downtown.
Pedestrian walk lights are not well synchronized with traffic lights. Sometimes have to wait through 2 traffic light changes to cross a main street. Smaller community buses would help people who live away from main bus routes

Better and safer bicycle lanes.

Better bike lanes in rural areas. East Kelowna Rd. To Hollywood is very dangerous for both bikes and cars.

Better bike lanes. The Ethel street corridor needs to continue all the way to Raymer Avenue. Bike lanes on Gordon end at Springfield.

Better Bus Schedules for Students

Homeless and Drugs

As I work on Leon Avenue and fear for my safety on a daily basis

Better bus service

Better bus service to our somewhat remote community

Better connecting roads. More parking, especially in the Cultural Area of town.

better coordination of traffic lights and patterns

Better public transit system.

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Better roads, wider roads, more lanes, improved traffic flow/traffic light timing and less traffic lights on major routes - not more!

Better safer bike lanes need to be provided. Kelowna is moving in the right direction. West Kelowna is dangerous to cycle in. Glenmore Road should NOT be encouraged as truck route.

Better traffic planning. Emphasis on bicycle routes rather than squeezing traffic corridors to implement bike lanes.

Better walk scores. We do not want to drive if we can avoid it - walking and biking are great commuting / running errand options. We live relatively close to downtown, yet it still takes an hour if I wanted to walk to get eggs.

bicycle commute in the winter, otherwise the bike lanes and dedicated paths make for easy commuting!

bicycle lane safety

Bicycle safety

Bicycle safety - there are lots of great options (Abbott, rail trail, Ethel street), but there are still large areas of the city that I don't feel safe taking my children by bike to - i.e. no safe bike paths.

bicycle safety on the road

bicyclist's safety

Big picture transportation issue: Lack of an express lane down the centre of Hwy 97 to keep through-traffic moving without stop lights. I don't agree with having another lake crossing, but I believe the current main corridor can be upgraded.

Smaller picture challenge: Speed limits on residential streets. Per the City of West Kelowna where I spend a lot of time, the speed limit is 50km/hr unless around a park. This is astounding. I'd like to see residential speeds lowered to 30km/hr as a start.

On the positive side: The bike lanes in Kelowna are fantastic! Very often (with good weather) I ride my bike to work and the primary reason I do it is because of the bike lanes where I feel much safer than riding on the road. Well done Kelowna! I also live downtown and walk to take care of many errands rather than driving.

Biggest Challenges: finding sufficient housing without ruining visual & physical access to the lake; housing for homeless; adequate treatment for drug users

Most Important transportation: better access to public transit in a sprawling community; solve several transit bottlenecks

bike awareness. Drivers being aware of bikers sharing roadways

bike lanes are horrible on hwy33 in front of salvation army on rutland road

Bike lanes are minimal and the ones that do exist are bumpy and wear on the bikes tires. As well bikes are not safe when you park them at work or other places, even locked up.

Bike lanes being cleared of debris like glass, nails, wires, screws...

Bike lanes in the way of flowing travel.

More right hand change lanes especially down Gordon

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bike lanes..need more safe bike only segregated pathways. A designated route along springfield would be really helpful.

Bike paths are not continuous. You are on a bike bath on the side of the road and the path stops for no apparent reasons.

Sidewalks on busy streets are inexistant like west side of Lakeshore Road between Lanfranco and KLO. East side of Lakeshore between Swordy and Bechard.

No Crosswalk in front of the busiest beach in Kelowna, Gyro Beach. Disperate need of a crosswalk on Lakeshore at Swordy Road

Bike paths don't always meet up. Need more bike paths separated from road. Sidewalks are often bumpy, dirty or snow-covered. Makes wheelchair and mobility scooter difficult to use.

Bike routes are not safe because drivers are all speeding and ignore the presence of cyclists on the road.

Bike thieves are a big issue

bikes lanes on Hwy 97 & 33. Also earlier bus routes to UBCO. I start work at 6 but no bus service that early so have to take my vehicle even though a bus stop is 1 block from my place.

Biking safely. I only ride on the sidewalks after having a close call with a landscaping truck on Gordon Road.

Biking safety

Biking was an issue, but have enjoyed the added bike paths - in warmer weather! The bus system is decent, and I realize they can't be exactly on time 100%. However, I do my best to arrive 3-4 minutes early at the stop like recommended, and sometimes the bus is there 5 or 6 minutes early and I can see it go by and I miss it.

Personally, I'd rather it be late because the 10 minute way would still be quicker than the 15 until the next bus. When we do use our vehicle, traffic can be an issue. It can take half an hour to get from our home to the airport on the weekend.

Both of my kids are high level athletes and my family travels to Vancouver frequently. We happen to travel multiple times throughout the winter months as well. In my recent travel experience in the state of California, they have a regulation in place which restrains semi-trailers to stay in designated lane and semi-trailers have to drive at 10 mph slower than the regular traffic.

The province of BC have regulation on semi-trailers to stay on the right lane on High ways, however, I would like BC to go an extra step and force semi-trailers to drive at 10km/hr slower than the designated speed limit. I have witness semi-trailers being irreponsible and travel to fast on the road during winter months and they are putting everyone on the road at risk.

Bottle necks in specific areas (Spall/Clement; Enterprise Way, West Side approach to the bridge for example)

Bottle necks on Gordon drive in Mission area

School zones on major transportation routes & school zone hours too early and too late - there are never any kids walking to school at these times

Highway 97 volumes and car pool lane on wrong side of roadway

bottlenecks coming out of the upper mission

bottlenecks at spall/springfield/hwy 97/enterprise

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Bridge congestion between 7 am and 8am. Also drivers turning off to get onto the merge lane so they can rush ahead to get onto the bridge.

Bridge from West Kelowna to Kelowna

Bridge traffic, Bus service.

Building buildings (business and condos) before infrastructure in place to accommodate higher density. The consequences are limited visibility (safety), more vehicles using residential streets for day and event parking. Dangerous limitations on snow or low visibility days. The principle of people using less vehicles will only be valid with accessibility to and around town centers is available. We still have an above average senior population who wants access. Safety of their person is in their own car right now.

Bus access around the city, especially in growing suburbs such as Wilden

bus doesn't operate between 9am and 3:40pm. i don't drive. it's difficult to go anywhere. i either have to go out in the morning and stay out all day, or stay at home all day.

Bus reliability/frequency

Bus route and frequency.

Bus Route Frequency

bus routes - specific timing of bus arrivals. Could do a live app
congestion on Hwy 97 through Kelowna esp during rush hour
timing of lights on Hwy 97 through Kelowna

Bus routes and bus reliability

the bus only comes a few times a day, and it is a short bus

bus routes and schedules are terrible

Bus routes and schedules not frequent enough to account for parents dropping off children at daycare/school while on way to work. Taking a bus to work, with a daycare drop off, which would also include changing buses, would add over 45 minutes to my commute - that would be 1h30 minutes per day. Not realistic when managing full-time work and taking care of young children. Distance is also too far away, and too much of a hill, to consider biking. Road is also only one lane each way - does not promote carpooling with a HOV lane from Kettle Valley/Upper Mission to downtown - no incentive.

Bus routes are too far to use for us and have been reduced in our area.

Bus routes do not meet my needs regarding routes but also, as a single older person I would feel bus travel especially at night or in downtown area would be unsafe

bus schedules

Bus schedules that meet up on time.

Bus schedules. The busses don't run often enough down lakeshore. Or early enough

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Bus schedules/availability for early morning commuters.

Bus service

BUS SERVICE AVAILABILITY, NEED NEW BRIDGE CROSSING DESPERATELY WITH THE LARGE GROWTH OF THIS COMMUNITY.

Bus service could be better. I would consider taking the bus downtown to events but the last time I checked, the times weren't convenient - depending on the time of the event, would possibly have to leave up to 45 minutes before the event for a 10 minute car trip and wait up to an hour after the event. Downtown parking is also an issue and will only get worse with all the new development downtown. It is unrealistic to think everyone will walk/cycle/take the bus to downtown, especially when the bus service is not frequent/timely.

bus service during the day on Dilworth Mountain- needs to be provided all day long

bus service is slow and traffic |

bus service is terrible. a 15 minute drive to work is 1.5hr bus trip.

Bus service isn't that great.

Bus service to all areas of Kelowna

Congestion on Hwy 97, Enterprise Road and sometimes on Springfield Road.

I'm not so sure the HOV lanes are necessary on Hwy 97, as it is sometimes difficult to change lanes to make those right hand turns.

Bus service to the airport YLW!

Bus service up mcurdy road

Bus services is very spotty. The bus could be more convenient especially in the morning or the later evening.

Bus stops and service is inconvenient for our neighborhood.

Bus stops need to be increased to help the elderly population of the community.

bus system is slow and not convenient to use on a regular basis

traffic congestion, no bypass through kelowna

longer left turn lanes, more left turn lights

bus system, feels unsafe.

Bus time convenience

Bus times and frequency

Bus transit has improved since I used to take it in university. However the buses still don't come often enough. You still have a long wait in between buses in Glenmore.

Car transit - highway 97 does not flow well. Kelowna is bigger now and really needs a freeway or something where traffic flows more, less lights constantly stopping traffic.

Highway 97 should be an elevated highway, since we have no other space.

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Kelowna Residents

Bus transportation in our section of Quail Ridge community has been discontinued. This effects many UBCO students who live in our area, who now need to drive to school.

Bus transportation. Taking a bus to work (before I retired and even now) is not practical. It would take an hour to get there.

Bus travel is not a solution. Parking is an issue.

Buses and when they are scheduled. I would like to use transit to go to work but there is such a delay between times. Also, buses do not show at their designated times, which becomes frustrating. |

buses are late or often don't come at all, the traffic lights are not timed properly to keep the flow of traffic going (i.e. you get a red at one light, it turns green, you drive towards the next light, it turns red so you have to stop again), city doesn't seem to plan well for parking (i.e. parking downtown is a nightmare). Roads are way too congested but buses are not always a viable option for everyone. Need better road planning.

Buses are rarely on time/late or come early. Also lack of amenities nearby, ex. requiring a taxi for groceries.

Buses arriving often enough, on time, accepting last-minute arriving passengers onto the bus, and allowing passengers to wait in the warmth of the bus before it's ready to leave. Also safety of the bus drivers and passengers from drug-induced crazy people, especially downtown.

Buses being on schedule, buses being too full # 8 on weekdays. LH travels mainly by bus and finds this difficult especially when she needs to rely on buses to get to work.

Buses being on time within a couple minutes.

Bus driver stopping at bus stop when I'm waiting there.

Buses showing up. Often not bus comes.

BUSES FEEL LIKE A SLOW MODE OF TRANSPORTATION. WHEN I WAS YOUNGER THEY WERE ALWAYS LATE (OR TOO EARLY) AND THAT FEELING OF BEING UNRELIABLE AND FRUSTRATING STUCK WITH ME. WHEN I'M IN VANCOUVER THOUGH, I LOVE PARKING MY CAR AND TAKING THE BUS AND SKYTRAIN. WISH IT FELT LIKE THAT HERE. FEELS SO EASY AND EFFICIENT IN VANCOUVER.

Buses is the most important transportation issue or challenge in my community, there is not enough bus stops or bus routes around my area. There's only the #4 bus route that only goes up academic road, and it has very limited time, and buses, very hard for people like us that take buses to want to go anywhere. It takes me almost 15-20 mins to walk from my house to the one and only available bus stop to go to UBCO, if I want to go into the city I need to walk 30-45 mins to walk out onto the hwy to get to the bus stop to go into the city.

Buses not arriving on time or at all, buses not running frequently enough, buses being overly full

Buses not running early in the morning

buses seem to either leave always late or always early

buses to do not go to Black Mountain very often, in fact really not at all

Busing during the weekdays is ok, but the buses are not frequent enough on weekends.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Busses being on time and punctual

Busses being on-time and frequency of stops, especially on the weekends. Commuter traffic at ~9AM and ~4PM especially on Harvey Ave.

Busses don't run often enough and are inconsistent because the routes are interlined and they should not be.

busses don't run often enough on Sundays and they don't start early enough on some routes. I am grateful to have a vehicle on those days:)

Busses too big in East Kelowna ,no one on them?

Busy roads, stalling traffic.

Busy roads. Only 1 road to go through the city and it is also the highway. They are packing people in like sardines also in this already heavily traffic area.

Busy roadways, congestion. WAY too many traffic lights. I've lived in Kelowna for 27 years and have seen the number of traffic lights increase immensely. Richter, Pandosy and Gordon all have traffic lights at almost every intersection. There should be more straight throughs on the main roadways with a stop sign to cross. It would be hard to cross with a stop sign but that should encourage people to go to the cross street with the light

Busy traffic with streets not adequate to handle it.
Less than adequate transit schedules.

Can the traffic lights be more synchronized on the highway 97?

Canadian winters and distances do not make transport easy. Public transit is so poorly run and inefficient due to the length of time it takes to get anywhere it is ridiculous

Car dominant travel and congestion are escalating fast. As city densifies and grows, there needs to more focus on reducing car use.

Needs to be far more emphasis on transit, SAFE cycling lanes, easy paedestrain crossings - for example from Central Green area (high dnesity) have a pedestrian overpass.

Reduce urban sprawl. Make it pleasant to walk - tree lined streets, safe sidewalks.

Avoid creating wind tunnels and deep shade - created by blocks of tall buildings. Have mixed use buildings with shops and amenities on bottom and housing above. Build to people scale - no more than 5 stories so there are 'eyes on the street' to create a sense of community and safety.

There are lots of good ideas in 'Happy Cities' book by Charles Montgomery.

CARs

Cars vs cyclists and pedestrians

Challenge would be Traffic. Especially by spall and enterprise during rush hour.

Changing culture to make transit more appealing. Transit-users are stigmatized.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Changing the tradition investment levels between modes. In order for transit, active modes, shared vehicle modes to gain mode share, they must first be invested in a higher level to ensure that they're made to be convenient for people and competitive with personal auto travel.

chicken and egg issue of the bus system - i.e. need more people taking the bus to put in a good system, but can't take the bus because the system isn't flexible enough. few direct routes without having to change, and going somewhere by bus takes 3 times longer than by car. we make it as a single care family because the two parents work primarily from home

CITY BUILDS THE ROADS AND BRIDGES TO SMALL AND NOT ENOUGH LANES FOR THE FUTURE. NEVER THINK FOR THE FUTURE, HAS TO MANY MAINTANCE ISSUES N THE MIDDLE CURBS OF THE ROAD. BIKE LANES AND SIDE WALKS ARE TO BIG. THINK FOR THE FUTURE.

City is not transit friendly

City is too spread out for convenient bus travel, bus schedule time are too infrequent to make bus riding an option

city lights do not seem to be in-sync. Too many transport trucks travelling side by side along Harvey Ave

City traffic between the hours of 2PM and 6PM is outrageous. I try my best not to ever drive at this time of day.

City transit does not come frequently enough. Sometimes buses do not come at specified time

City transportation puntuality , the busses are usually late , dont show up , or are too early and I end up missing my bus even though I get to my bus stop 10-15 mins early , as per guidance of schedule.

Climate change is real and we need to get cars off the road so public transportation is #1

Climate change. It looks like we're seeing more fires, more floods, less good insects and more bad insects, and so on. Our CO2 emissions in Kelowna are nothing compared to the rest of the World, but we can still make a difference. Offer incentives to get dirty vehicles off the road. Offer incentives/rebates on hybrid/electric vehicles. Bring in better charging infrastructure. Support the deployment of solar/wind/renewable energy resources (Hydro doesn't count - flooding huge swaths of arable and occupied land isn't the right solution). Tax users of large vehicles (trucks/etc) when they are used in a non-work purpose. Seriously, my friend drives a huge F-350 with no need for it. Another has a Dodge RAM 3500, another has a Chevy 1500, and I own an F-150. None of us need these vehicles, and I would gladly pay 10 dollars a day to drive my truck if that 10 dollars was put towards green incentives. It's still too easy to pollute - make it hard.

We can have a positive impact locally, and likely find that our economy improves for the better because of it.

Combo of long and short distance bus trips.

Community sprawl to outlying areas

Complete lack of traffic rules enforcement

Congested highway. Not enough routes. Sometimes only 1 way to get out of an area.

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Kelowna Residents

congested hwy ,be nice if there was an alternate route for trucks to bypass the city center maybe another bridge closer to the mission and the connector tie in that could loop up around the mission freeing the down town of all those commercial vehicles.

Congested main roads with little alternative routes to take

Congested roads

Congested traffic on Highway 97 through the city of Kelowna and across the Okanagan Lake Bridge.
Lack of alternate highway route to bypass Kelowna.

Congested traffic.

Congestion

Congestion

Congestion

congestion

Congestion

congestion

congestion

lights not synchronized on Harvey

CONGESTION ALONG HWY 97 AND CONGESTION COMING AND GOING THROUGH MISSION

Congestion along Hwy 97 through the city of Kelowna.

congestion along hwy.97 from McCurdy to Westlake Rd. in West Kelowna at various times of the day. The congestion heading South on hwy.97 in the afternoon is becoming more prevalent starting from Westlake Rd... Hwy.97 also bottle necks at either end of Peachland on weekends in the Summer months, my office is in Peachland and I work many weekends.

Congestion along major routes

Congestion along the Highway, including endless construction and slow speeds (60 kph should return to 80 kph from Airport to Enterprise).

Speed on John Hindle is too slow at 50 kph, should be 80 kph.

Glenmore is congested and needs to be widened.

Congestion along the main corridor of Harvey Ave/Hwy 97

Congestion along Spall Rd between Clement and Harvey/Hwy 97 during peak times

Congestion and city streets in disrepair

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Congestion and drivers that run reds. We've noticed it a lot on the Leathead/Harvey light (the light is too short during the morning hours, usually only allowing two or maybe three cars through) and the Ellis/Harvey light. I would also like to see more dedicated bike lanes (not necessarily right on the edge of the road) - I'd be way more likely to ride places if I didn't think I'd get hit all the time. In the summer, I'll likely bike the Mission Greenway to get to work.

Congestion and length of time for traffic lights

Congestion areas along Springfield, hwy, and Enterprise

Congestion at certain times of the day

CONGESTION AT GLENMOREMAN AND SUMMIT, TURNING ARROW NEEDED

Congestion between 2 and 5pm weekdays

Summer congestion

Irresponsible drivers

congestion due to poor road design

congestion due to poorly coordinated traffic thoroughfares

Congestion during peak commute hours. only one road in and out. single lane but with a booming population.

Congestion during rush hour

congestion in local area during am drive to work and pm drive home from work. Only 2 routes out of community of Mission in Kelowna . Also congestion on major routes, esp those thru city.

Congestion is terrible with tourists.

Congestion of traffic is bad everywhere in the city now.

Congestion on Bennet Bridge during rush hour

Congestion on Harvey Ave. There are too many lights slowing traffic.

Congestion on Harvey, Springfield and Enterprise

congestion on Harvey. it would be nice if there was another big thorough fair.

congestion on highway 97

Congestion on Hwy 97. Need to have the Hwy 33 extension to the North End of Town.

Congestion on hwy 97. Needs to be solved.

Congestion on hwy 97. Not enough turn lights.

Congestion on Hwy. 97, Springfield, and other main roads

Congestion on Kelowna's major routes.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Congestion on key routes, especially for those coming out of Kettle Valley. And not many bus times where we live (of course, not sure of the demand for those, I don't take the bus)

congestion on main corridors, especially in summer tourist time

Congestion on main highway at rush hours, noon, and weekends

Congestion on main roads

Congestion on main roads (hwy 97, Springfield)

Congestion on main roads at specific times. Avoid them when possible.

Congestion on main routes, eg Springfield, Harvey and Enterprise.

Congestion on main traffic corridors.

Congestion on major roadways due to absence of alternate routes

Congestion on major routes, inconvenient public transit, insufficient parking.

Suggest that parking space be provided away from major destination centres with frequent public transport to destinations. E.g. Why should non emergency hospital staff occupy parking spaces all day?

CONGESTION on Roads

Congestion on routes with lack of timing of lights on major routes

Congestion on the main arteries between neighbourhoods in the Central Okanagan is increasing year after year.

congestion on the main highway 97 through Kelowna which in turn causes congestion on Springfield Road, bernard ave, Spall Road and Enterprise way

CONGESTION on the main roads

Congestion on the main thoroughfares.

Congestion on the roads.

Congestion on various routes, notably on Chute Lake Road and Lakeshore Road northbound in the morning; more and more cars are added to commute as the city approves more and more development for homes in Kettle Valley area without a plan to account for the additional traffic flow. Congestion on Harvey most times of day; congestion at left turning intersections (Springfield to Benvoulin; Harvey to Dilworth), people speeding through poorly marked school zones (on Sutherland Ave), poorly timed lights on several routes (too many to record).

CONGESTION! Highway 97, Springfield and Enterprise are crazy.

HOV lane not utilized correctly-lots of single occupant vehicles using it inappropriately.

Bad drivers, people not paying attention to lights, people not merging correctly. Rude people.

Inattentive drivers - using cell phones, etc.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Congestion! I feel congestion at major intersections (ie: Dilworth/ Harvey, and Spall/Harvey) if the right turn lanes were extended. Approx 25-40% of vehicles in the Thru lane want to turn right onto the highway, but cannot as the lane is too short and cannot be accessed if there are even as few as 3 vehicles in front of them waiting to go straight thru the intersection. This causes a chain reaction of gridlock and angry motorists who then become aggressive and reckless

congestion, advanced turn signals

Congestion, and having a main highway go through the city.

Congestion, construction and not enough roads to accommodate increased traffic

Congestion, especially in the summer months. Commute time from work to home increases with tourist season. It can also get backed up on Spall road by Enterprise and the HWY in the late afternoon daily - there should be more left hand turn lights throughout the city

Congestion, underuse of public transport, uncovered bus stops, cost of public transportation

Congestion, volume of traffic, lack of easy routes from major residential areas to large employment and school centres. For example, Mission to UBCO. Also, why oh why was Enterprise way never built with 4 lanes in it's future? We need more left turn advance signals. We have bad habit in Kelowna of completing left turns after the light has turned red. I believe this started because of volume of traffic and lack of time for left turns. Major problem intersections for this are Hwy 97, Cooper, Gordon, and Spall. One last thought,,the HOV lanes are so busy that I end up getting into the lane many many lights before my right turn, which kind of defeats the purpose of them. Bad areas for this are HWY 97 turning right into Orchard Park Mall, Costco, and Hwy 33. Thankyou for this opportunity.

Congestion.

Congestion.

Congestion. Accessibility to have timely and more frequent transit stops and routes.

CONGESTION. ESPECIALLY AT DILWORTH FROM HWY97 TO SPRINGFIELD FOR OUR AREA

Congestion/traffic

Conjested roads especially Hwy 97. Even worse in the summertime when tourists visiting.

New condominiums being build, population increase and no plans for easing congestion and to increase traffic flow.

Having an HOV lane on Hwy 97 on the right side of the road is ludicrous. Not all cars with two or more passengers are using that lane. They will drive in the other two lanes which become totally congested.

To facilitate a better traffic flow the HOV lane should be eliminated so everybody can make use of all traffic lanes. Find a way to build a ring road for traffic to flow to Lake Country and connecting to the new highway to Vernon. |

conjestion

Conjestion

consistent timely bus service

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Constant construction slowing down travel times.

Constant road work delays. Not enough left turn lights, detours cause massive amount of time issues, bottle necking, and congestion.

Construction of additional barrier free and bicycle travel corridors, eg similar to Ethel and Abbot. We would recommend Ellis, between Cawston and Knox Mountain park should be the next corridor completed.

Construction, large vehicles blocking lanes, need more alternate routes. More ways to get to places.

Continue to Improve Transit Coverage and Time Between Pickups

continue to make the downtown more walk and bike friendly

continuously separated bike lanes for safety. concern about sidewalks not being shoveled in the winter.

Controlling the SPEED of traffic flow.

Convenience of public transportation.

Convenient bus service! We do use it as our 'second' vehicle especially going home after work. The schedule works well to get us home conveniently and quickly from downtown but it does not work well to get to work.

convincing people we do not all need 1 car per household member... there comes a time (retirement) when we could share a car but most people have become too independent in their thoughts to share a car.

Cost of gas.

Cost of public transit is almost the same as paying for a parking pass wish it was cheaper to encourage more to use it. |

Cost of transit. My monthly parking downtown is the same as a monthly transit pass, so there is no real incentive financially.

Costs, and time

CROSSING THE HIGHWAY

Crosswalks in our area are poorly lit. I have almost been hit in the crosswalk at macurdy and Rutland road many times. The cross walks across macurdy also aren't lit at all and are quite dangerous.

Crowded Hwy 97 with HOV lane in wrong place!! Can be hard to get into HOV lane to turn right off the highway as so many cars travel there so THEY can turn when they choose.

crowded roads

Current bus is infrequent and requires many bus changes to get anywhere. Bike lanes getting better, but too many continuity breaks.

Currently, road construction (delays along my travel corridors)

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Curvy roads, left turns

Cycling is great but not really safe because bikers don't have proper lights nor reflectors on the bike.

Cycling. I ride a lot, mostly to work & back and love the one small section of rail trail I use from Bulman Rd to KF aerospace. The round about at Rutland rd and Old Vernon scares me sometimes. Cars try to drive beside you. or just don't watch for you. There is no cycle path within & I find it really narrows down from the cycle path to get right on the rd. It's like it dead ends in to the curb. Rush hour traffic is nasty. I have used other sections of the rail trail for transport downtown. However, it is not always easy getting around once off the designated trail. Things that annoy me are large sidewalks with excess red brick along side (a waste of space) and yet no cycle path. I get that I am supposed to find alternate routes, but sometimes you need to get in to those areas. Take Hwy 33 for example. All that red brick and sidewalks through Rutland. If I need to get anywhere on Hwy 33, I choose to ride on a sidewalk. I understand that it's a bit busy at every intersection, but there are areas in this town that are just not cycle friendly. I have traveled along 97 in areas as well, but again on sidewalks. So I would choose my truck for any of those areas is I had to visit any of those hard to get at places, before my bike. I get you can't have everything bike friendly, but this is just a couple of examples for me.

Cyclist safety on the roads (in order to encourage more cycle trips)

-Cyclists should share the road with pedestrians, not cars. Bike lanes should not be between parked cars and moving cars/roads. They should be on raised sidewalks with/by sidewalks.

-Developers should be required to provide more parking on their lots

Cyclists using the city streets and sidewalks abiding by both pedestrian and vehicle laws.

Lack of an advance (green left turn arrow) at Harvey & Pandosy

The back up from Bridge Hill to the first and second traffic light on the west side.

Daytime auto travel congestion

Dealing with congestion during the busy months (summer) Also, I find it incredibly unsafe to have my daughter or anyone in my family commute anywhere with a road that has cars on it. Kelowna has extremely terrible drivers and inconsiderate towards bikers.

Dealing with traffic congestion during rush hours.

Decreasing the use of motor vehicle traffic and increasing the use of alternate methods of transportation, especially cycling and transit.

Deer on the Rails for Trail bike path.

Snow clearing on side walks, specifically the ramp part going from the road onto the side walk. This reduces bike riding ability in winter months, particularly for our 6 year old.

Safe bike lock-ups at Parkinson Rec Centre.

Definitely need more arterial roads.

Density of multi residential buildings allowed in existing neighborhoods reduce access to roads and major thorough fairs.

develop a plan for a bypass/relocate highway 97

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Difficult to make a left turn off of Hwy 97 (Harvey) - traveling West on Hwy 97 turning South
People do not know how to use their turn signal in a Round-about

Difficulty with volume of traffic at certain times of the day. Lack of advance green left turn signals at some intersections. Volume of traffic leaving my neighbourhood in the morning before elementary school starts, and the fact that there are numerous pedestrian activated crosswalks that cause traffic to stop frequently, thus impeding the flow and causing traffic to crawl down Gordon Drive and Lakeshore Road from the upper mission on school days. The other issue is excessive speeding on South Perimeter Drive. This occurs at all times of the day/night

Distance between neighbourhoods combined with a car culture.

My primary transportation is bicycle on the rail trail. It is terrific, and especially safe but I wish the lights would be reprogrammed so the wait wasn't as long.

distracted drivers and people who speed.

Distracted drivers.

do most shopping or private driving within the city before noon because it is getting to busy in the afternoon!

Do not feel safe letting kids bike or walk to school down Chute Lake Road. No sidewalks

downtown parking

Driver aggressiveness and impatience even though the roads are good and flowing well

Driver impatience - turning left off of Highway 97 after the green arrow has passed or the light has turned red (not legal and definitely not safe)

Driver training needed

drivers are extremely impatient and don't follow rules of the road - most drivers do not signal lane changes. in my area of town (the Mission) the traffic flow far exceeds the road capacity. I cannot make a left turn off McClure onto Gordon in the morning as there is a steady stream of traffic from the Upper Mission. A pedestrian light was installed last year but I think it should have been a full traffic light

Drivers are irresponsible, no communication between drivers of vehicles on the road.

Drivers are stupid at times on the road, a lot of young people are crazy drivers and reckless. Careless drivers cause accidents.

Driver's behavior, speeding, not respecting the rules of the road

Drivers driving erratic, everyone wanting to be first and entering traffic when it is not safe to do so.

Drivers not being attentive to cyclists

Drivers who are too scared to travel at the speed limit who impede the flow of traffic enraging other drivers.
Drivers who don't use turn signals or understand how to merge.

Drivers, congestion

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Driving from point A to point B. Driver not paying attention to there driving.

Driving from upper to lower mission between 7:45am and 9am. Traffic congestion.

driving our cars too much

Driving to the westside is a nightmare. I avoid going over there.

Easily accessible and timely public transport.

efficient and effective alternatives to cars/driving/owning a car, especially for non drivers.

Elderly residents must be able to drive to live in this community

Encouraging cycling and using vehicles less (this is more difficult in the winter)

Encouraging people to take the bus or bike would help traffic in my neighborhood. The challenge is with little kids there is less flexibility to take these alternate modes... I have to race to/from work for drop off and pick up from elementary school and so can't spare the extra time.

Encouraging the use of non-single- occupant- vehicle travel.

When I lived in Vancouver in the 70's, I used public transport regularly even though I had a car. When I go to the coast, I often use Sky train or busses. It is an attitude thing.

A large segment of the population here still look at using the bus as a 'class' issue. This should be addressed.

-encouraging use of public transportation

-providing safe bicycle lanes especially across major roads like Highway 97

-providing safe bicycle connections from the Mission Creek Greenway and the new Rails to Trails route.

-discouraging

enterprise rd needs lanes added more left hand turn lights needed on Harvey/ hwy 97, lack of public transit in Clifton rd and wilden neighbourhood, hov lane needs to be done away with ultimately a bypass for Kelowna is/will be needed

Enterprise Way/Harvey Ave/Springfield Road congestion

Enterprise/Harvey Ave/Springfield are extremely busy after about 2:30 every day. Left turn arrows timing could be improved - especially at Springfield and Leckie - left turn arrow needs to be longer all day long.

Entry and exit to Corpus Christi Church

Essentially nothing is being done to expand roadways to alleviate congestion. The city is in desperate need of a bypass. Lakeshore road needs to be 4 lanes . Very poor planning by the city.

Evening safety, personal, at the loop and other bus stops.

I like the public transit, as is inexpensive, and I do not have to search out parking when driving downtown. I also use the bus on weekends to shop at Orchard Park, or downtown, and again because of the parking problems.

Everything is very spread out. It is not easy to get around without a car

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Excess amount of traffic for the amount of road space

Excessive amounts of traffic on roads.

Cars running red lights.

Flashing pedestrian lights have a delay that teach drivers to continue past people waiting to cross at a cross walk. The lights should change immediately to train drivers to stop if they see someone in a crosswalk.

Excessive speeding on Union and in the Wilden area. I would like to see some better precautions done on this road to decrease the dangers here. My kids ride their bikes in the summer and walk all winter it's unbelievable how much speeding is done on this access road. Incredibly dangerous!!

Also the light at snowsell to drop kids off at the drop zone is ridiculous. There needs to be a timed turning light in the mornings from 8-8:30 am. You can wait 10-15 minutes to turn left there. It's unacceptable.

Excessive traffic. Inadequate roads with too many lights. Poor planning for the future.

extremely poor city planning. only an idiot would design roads like this????? some one at city hall is way over paid! all a bunch of morons who think it's ok for them to drive to work but everyone else should take the bus!!! a 10 year old could do a better job than these clowns.

Far too many traffic signals at intersections. This city needs to remove signals to allow for free flow conditions by utilizing ped over/underpasses and roundabouts. Far too many small low volume side roads have a signal, when they should be stop controlled, no need to give them priority when trying to access a collector or main road, many vehicles are disrupted and stop for 1 vehicle to enter the collector...very inefficient. Harvey Ave is a nightmare based on what I said above also too many signalized intersections

Finding parking spaces during busy times.

My son has a student parking pass and had pay for parking as all the parking stalls were used up.

First off, I would like to mention that the bike lane system in Kelowna is great.

But like everything, this is definitely room for improvement - especially from a Safety aspect. The City of Kelowna has been promoting, engaging and encouraging the community to bike more through different initiatives such as bike to work week.

Here are a few things to improve:

1. Why do we cars parked in the bike lanes? example: Rutland - Salvation Army
2. Why the bike lane between the airport and Lake Country closed? Pushing the bikers to on the highway (absolutely unsafe)
3. No bike lane between Rutland Fire Station & Salvation Army - dangerous

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Kelowna Residents

First: Traffic is too congested for us in mornings on main lakeshore/Chute lake rd. More alternative roads to disperse Kettle Valley/Upper Mission traffic are needed. People are not culturally open to carpooling and often they have errands to run throughout day or have different schedules, so it would be hard to convince people to carpool with their lifestyle. To go with the flow of what people want, we should be fixing the road infrastructure to support this.

Second: Not enough sidewalks between my neighborhood and close shopping/stores. When I walk to do shopping or errands I have to walk in ditches or too close to fast moving traffic on Chute Lake Rd.

Third: Further to the congestion noted above, alternate routes like those planned through Crawford will not suffice to ease the traffic concerns. Most of the traffic will continue to use Gordon, Swamp and Lake Shore roads as they are the most direct route to Harvey. This challenge will only be amplified as the city continues to allow and not restrict new builds in Upper Mission (specifically the urban sprawl occurring up the mountain in Kettle Valley area). Unfortunately due to the lake view land value there is too much money behind this sprawl that I doubt the city will do anything, but will undoubtedly be blamed when congestion is that much worse. If there was ever a natural disaster like 2003 again with the continued population growth in the Upper Mission, lives will be at stake due to inability to get people out. The city needs to restrict new development in this area until they can plan for infrastructure to support it. It must be noted that much of the traffic congestion from Upper Mission is created due to the bottle neck at Anne McClymont Elementary. If school traffic could be re-routed this would help to solve part of the problem. This exact issue is similar to what is experienced driving Gordon with countless school zones along the way. |

Flow of traffic caused accidents Hwy 97 and Gordon, Hwy 97 and Cooper, Hwy 97 and Dilworth. Lack of mass transportation between Penticton and Kelowna corridor. Road bypass for trucks around the core of Kelowna is needed.

Flow of traffic that is always halted by traffic lights that do not seem to sync together.

Ongoing construction on Swamp, Dehart & Crawford Road that seems to be unmanned and sitting unfinished for months.

For driving, the lack of advance greens on major roads and the lack of synchronization of lights on highway 97. For biking, the lack of safe bike routes through out city and drivers lack of attention to cyclists. The lack of safe options to cycle around Kelowna means we cycle a lot less than we used to, even though the climate in Kelowna is perfect for almost year round cycling.

Kelowna has a lot to offer such as wineries, beaches etc, but it is very unsafe to cycle on the roads to get to these places. Single lane roads with no shoulders.

For me on Ethel at Dehart Ave, the new bicycle lane requires you to stop too far back so that you cannot see if any cyclists are coming. The driver has to pull up close to the bicycle path before seeing beyond the shrubs. Cyclists may be going fast and appear out of no where! Please do not cut down the shrubs. Cyclists just need to know when they are seen and not.

Otherwise speeders are the most annoying challenge on the road. Even though I travel a lot during any day of my work week, I always wonder where all the traffic is coming from. Why are there so many people on the roads at any time during a week day when you would imagine most people should be working.

For me, the challenge is a personal one. As much as I don't like all the vehicles on the street with just a driver, I am guilty of the same thing. I live in an area with relatively good bus service, but I don't take the time to use it. I also do not walk as much as I could (or should) - as you can tell from the trips I made up until 4:00pm.

For us it is parking. Parking is a challenge downtown & at KGH.

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Kelowna Residents

For us who bike every day to go shopping or recreational, there is a lack of dedicated lanes. It is getting better but we are far from being safe on the roads. The lines delimiting the bike lane are often partly erased. There should be more dividers like there are at some intersections (Springfield and Gordon and Ethel and Springfield). We like the green corridors. There should be more of them.

For us, only significant travel issue is aggressive drivers!

Fragmented bike infrastructure. Finish a project before you start a new one. Abbott Street is a good example. It just ends and no timeline for ultimate connection at Giro.

Franklyn needs sidewalks on both sides desperately. We have parking issues as our driveway was full width. Many on our street are. We are on the north end of Franklyn between Leathead and McCurdy rd. It is dangerous for pedestrians with an elementary school nearby and fairly busy traffic as people cut down Franklyn to avoid the school zone on Hollywood.

Frequency of busses. I would happily take the bus if it were more convenient and flexible.

From our area there is no school bussing provided to our son's french immersion school so we must drive him. Next year bussing to our daughter's elementary school is being phased out from our area so we will be forced to drive her too. Not enough school bussing &/or safe and regular public transport available in this city for children to get to school so many parents drive that otherwise wouldn't need to.

From where we live in Crawford the buses are infrequent and require transferring, therefore longer commutes to anywhere in town. Cycling up the hill would be very difficult and probably the only option for this would be an ebike. I don't see there being enough ridership to increase public transportation. Sometime in the future we will have to move more centrally. Some commercial centers or other services might become more readily available to us once the South Perimeter Road is completed.

Gas prices

Gas prices and traffic

General daytime auto traffic congestion that starts on Harvey/97 and spreads out to Springfield, Enterprise, etc... Lack of bike lanes that are 100% separated from auto traffic(i.e. Netherlands). Cycling from where we live to the Okanagan Rail trail/downtown/Westside/anywhere involves using some streets that have heavy auto traffic. Just don't feel safe and I consider myself an experienced cyclist.

Would consider using bus to make part of a cycling trip, but haven't lived here long enough to try that out yet. Moved here in November and I have seen bike carriers on some buses, but I just haven't explored that option yet.

Geographical, namely the bridge crossing bottleneck

Get people out of single occupant vehicles, encourage carpooling, electric vehicles, and electric motorcycles bicycles. I routinely do my shopping and errands by bicycle, sometimes logging 20-30 kms doing errands around the flat part of Kelowna.

From the Mission area, its too long to bus downtown: last time I checked it was 30-40 mins with a transfer at the H2O. I can cycle downtown faster.

Getting across the bridge at rush hour.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Getting away from fossil fuel consumption while meeting the needs of people who can't walk or cycle (or don't want to walk or cycle or use the bus) and can't afford an electric vehicle.

getting homeless people to follow rules, like everyone else is expected to do.

Getting out of McClure Road onto Lakeshore Road (no lights). Congestion when crossing the bridge from Kelowna to West Kelowna. Congestion on Harvey (Hwy97) all times of the day.

getting out of the landmark buildings after work is a major issue traffic backs up quickly

getting people out of their cars

Getting people out, and back to, of the living areas during rush hours,
The main corridor through town needs to be addressed

Getting people to use transit.

Give us a connected network of dedicated, protected bike lanes. Unprotected bike lanes are just about the most dangerous place to be in terms of getting doored or getting run over. I'll use side roads, parking lots and sidewalks before I'll ever use an unprotected bike lane. Also, reduce speed zones within the city.

Going across the street at the lights or a cross walk. People are not patient and because of my slow mobility I feel that i could be hit by a vehicle

Good mass transit

Good, efficient public transit (local buses)

Greater investment in public transportation is required to make it convenient enough to draw individuals out of their personal vehicles.

Greyhound has closed

Gridlock during rush hour (and at many other times of day on certain days) on all main arteries - and increasingly on side streets where people are detouring to try and avoid traffic. Drivers are getting progressively more impatient and uncourteous during commutes due to this gridlock and slow moving traffic. Because the HOV lanes are on the right side of the highways, single drivers often have to stay in them for long periods of time in order to make their right turns - due to the heavy traffic and unwillingness of impatient drivers to let them in.

gridlock during rush hour traffic.

Gridlock on Glenmore Rd, more advance turns needed

Growing community/increase in number of travelers/cars is outpacing the growth of transportation infrastructure

Growing congestion on the main roads and intersections as a result of growing population.

Lack of by-pass or highway system across the town. Expecting more congestion as the population grows. |

Growth of new communities in the Upper Mission.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Growth was faster than infrastructure development. The main route through the city is the highway, and some of the collector roads are under-sized and not very direct routes for commuters. There is very little land available to re-align or widen existing roads, and growth is continuing, so reducing congestion will be challenging. People naturally try to take less busy routes, but that has been discouraged by the installation of way too many speed bumps on streets throughout the city, which is a terrible solution when we have increasing congestion.

Growth with a minimal increase in road infrastructure. The city should limit growth or provide infrastructure to efficiently support the population.

Handidart is very poorly run. They seem to be more of an elite business with rigid rules for bookings and pick ups etc. Not at all like a service. Terrible!

hardly any left hand turn signals on the main highway, Harvey or 97

Harvey
Congestion

Harvey ... is very very busy during morning and afternoon rush hour ... Springfield and Enterprise are plugged too.

HARVEY AND PARKING DOWNTOWN

Harvey Ave ... is a mess

Harvey Hwy 97 seems quite congested with traffic and this makes it difficult to change lanes from the Bridge to the Costco area. We are fairly new to Kelowna so we do not know streets well enough to prepare for some shopping trips along Harvey.

Harvey Rd, Hwy 97 congestion. Ongoing building on the west side in spite of future bridge congestion. Second bridge seems a horrible idea. Concern over new roads encroaching on park areas (Knox or Rose Valley esp).

Having Harvey Street as the only main highway through Kelowna is very frustrating...always busy and slow-going due to all the red lights...especially as many intersections have no 'extended left turn' lights... plus there are so many entrances to all those businesses! Hate those HOV Lanes when it is limited to 2 car passengers. Other drivers often will not let the single passenger vehicle merge in the HOV Lane when one arrives at our destination or close to it. So much for obeying the HOV Lane regulation...[face with steam from nose emoji]

Often it is the single car that is needing the HOV Lane to safely go about the errands needed to be done. Why that silly restrictions?

Having the highway right through the middle of the city causes serious traffic jams in the summer.

Having the HOV lane and on the wrong side of the highway, not enough turn signals at some of the intersections

having the sidewalks cleared in the winter months. Also Gordon and Lawrence is dangerous to navigate around the barrier. I walk most of the time and these are issues

having to cross or use Harvey or crossing the bridge at peak times

Having to go to the Queensway bus exchange in downtown Kelowna because it is a mecca for vagrants, pan handlers and the mentally unstable. I avoid having to do a bus transfer there as it is not safe. The downtown core area is disgusting.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Heavy automobile traffic is a challenge. I like to ride my bicycle and appreciate the continuing improvements to the cycling network as this allows me to drive less.

Heavy commercial vehicles during peak commuting times such as large logging trucks through downtown area intersecting with active transportation corridors,

heavy congestion with transport trucks on highway 97 through Kelowna, due to not having a bypass through or around the city. City transit needs to be updated for more stops for the elderly to get parkinson rec center. snow cleaning from bus stops and city street corners. |

heavy congestion. no new main roads or 2nd bridge to offset the increase in population and new developments. hov lanes do not help. expensive public transport.

heavy traffic - not enough turning lights or long-enough turning lanes. parking challenges.

Heavy traffic in summer mainly on Hwy 97

Heavy traffic on Hwy 97 through Kelowna

Heavy traffic on hwy 97, Harvey and the bridge going over the lake during rush hour, noon and afternoon. Th loading ramps onto hwy 97 it is hard to see the oncoming traffic and turn your neck when you are old. There should be 2 signs above traffic lights saying what the cross street is because when you are behind a big truck you cannot see the existing signs. When you are turning off the hwy there should be signs saying what street it is on the left lane at the beginning of the turning lane. The traffic is being blocked by the turning lanes filling up.

Heavy traffic on Hwy. 97

Heavy traffic on main corridors. Lack of public transportation early morning and late night.

Heavy traffic on the 97.

Heavy traffic on the bridge during rush hour

heavy traffic. no infrastructure to support increased traffic.

Heavy traffic volumes .

Hey 97 is getting pretty bad for traffic any day any time it's busy!

High volume in summer.

High volume of traffic in some areas such as on Enterprise.

highway 97

Highway 97 (Harvey Avenue). All that money spent did nothing.

Highway 97 and Enterprise continue to be a significant challenge for getting north/east in the city. The Richter/Leon and Richter/Hwy97 is a significant challenge and is constantly backed up.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Highway 97 and the idiots at city hall who make the traffic changes, no left turns during peak hours and an HOV lane in the turning lane? this is the stupidest thing i have ever seen and i have traveled all over the world.

Highway 97 going through middle of town. It is congested and creates serious issues with cross-street traffic and intersections such as Benvoulin and Springfield. A bypass is needed.

highway 97 is not designed to accommodate high volume of traffic

Highway 97 through the City of Kelowna is a steady clogged stream of traffic all day. It is a dangerous route to use. I try to use alternate routes such as Springfield Rd or Enterprise Way. But these roads are also getting very busy.

HIGHWAY 97/HARVEY AVE THRU KELOWNA-BRIDGE-HIGHWAY 97 S

Highway congestion and winter road conditions between Kelowna and Vernon

Highway running through the city is a burden, dangerous and time consuming. Having no tunnels or bridges crossing the highway (only intersections with traffic lights) is dangerous and creates pollution and traffic jams

Highway Street congestion during morning and afternoon.

Highway traffic

Hills! They make it harder to want to ride a bike! ;)

hiway 97 bottle necks

Horrendous street layout. Lack of twinned lanes. Severe lack of police enforcement - particularly of intersections, turning arrows especially. Not a single overpass in the city.

Housing development out pacing road infrastructure construction.

HOV lane is not effective

HOV lane is not warranted.Should be regular three lane.

HOV Lane needs to be moved

HOV lanes on the right-hand side of HWY 97 are dysfunctional.

How long it takes to get from point A to point B. Services are spread too far out across the city.

How will governments address traffic and congestion as the population grows, while also keeping cyclists and pedestrians safe? As a household with both drivers and cyclists, I value the investment into a balanced network, but feel I am probably a minority compared to those who complain about money invested into the active transportation networks rather than directly to road only projects. Let me tell you, I appreciate safer bike paths!

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Hugest issue is the amount of vehicles driving out of Upper Mission and only having ONE road (Gordon Drive) that only has ONE lane. It is ridiculous. Tuesday November 13, 2018 was a pro-day for public school (my kids' school was in session), and that is the only reason why we got to the school in 15 minutes. This drive, when all schools are in session, can often take me upwards of 25-30 minutes based on the volume alone. (And forget Lakeshore Road...that is what all the hundreds of Kettle Valley vehicles use and it is equally congested).

HUGH VOLUME ON ALL MAIN ARTERIES. EVEN SIDE ROADS CONGESTED AT PEAK TIMES.
TOO MANY VEHICLES AT THE SAME TIME. NOT SURE WHAT CAN BE DONE.

Hwy 97 congestion and safety.

Hwy 97 congestion, particularly in the summer months, especially approaching the bridge.

Hwy 97 is backlogged by intersections. We need overpasses.

Hwy 97 is te worst heighwayever! Too congested all the way from Rutland to downtown. Alternate routes needed,, less traffic lights and stops on Hwy 9)7

Hwy 97 running through the middle of the city without a bypass option

Hwy 97 semi-trailer traffic throughout the year

Hwy 97 traffic. Need more left hand turn lights.

Hwy 97 TRUCK traffic. Truck traffic should be provided with an alternate route bypassing both Kelowna & Vernon for their benefit to reach their destination faster and for car traffic benefit.

Hwy congestion

Hwy97 should not pass thru centre of city-traffic overloads into adjoining roads causing dangerous parking issues-streets become parking lots.

I am a cyclist and the excellent bike lanes in Kelowna are an important factor to me (did not ride Monday). Bottle necks when driving to events or shopping.

I am on Public Assistance and I can not even afford public transportation.

I am planning to get a bike and would like to see better bike lanes, as well as direct ways away from traffic for going to places like Airport and other major locations. Traffic can be a major hazard to bikers.

I am really representative of the citizens as I live in an neighbourhood that allows me to walk to services, usually with my dog, which many services allow access which fulfills my and my pets needs; and I work from home.
Thanks

I am required to have a vehicle for work by employer so I cannot take public transit to work. The inefficiency of bus system in Kelowna.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

I appreciate the bike lanes being built. Would support lots more investment on that front.

I would also like to see more frequent bus options. Maybe we could use vans or smaller buses to afford greater frequency or to add more routes?

I've always thought it was bad planning to have the main highway running directly through town. Can we reroute it? Make a second crossing for through-fare highway traffic (I'd route it through Lake Country) and leave the existing crossing as a local option.

I believe bussing, as I hear students sometimes have to wait for the next bus.

I believe that the city infrastructure is too limited. It pushes people to car ownership which is creating longer than necessary commute times, driver impatience and road safety issues. The current bus system is not a realistic choice to try to move away from commuting to work with a car. For example the trip to my work by bus is 45-50 minutes when driving its less than 25.

Food services grocery are clumped together in areas of the city that require everyone to drive to them to do larger grocery collection trips. All shopping services have very little residential development around them.

There are only 2 North-South Arterial roads (in relation to hwy 97 directions) that stretch the length of the city. Enterprise Way only covers a small area and only servers as a point where traffic is jamming up because people believe it is an arterial when its 2 lanes of traffic show it is clearly not.

Clement rd stops before it can truely become an arterial road for Northbound traffic (in orented to 97s direction). Spall road from bernard to Springfield is a nightmare at peak times (it also contains the highest crash zone in the interior). And the city just allowed 2 new condohotels to be built... which will make it worse.

I believe the largest transportation issue that we face in Kelowna is the availability of convenient transportation options. We have a lot of great services and mode choices already available in Kelowna, however accessing them can be challenging depending on the need (cost of ownership, lack of frequency, reliability, sparseness). Stronger incentives for encouraging mode-shift combined with new mobility technologies and similar progressive policies for urban density planning will help us address these issues and continue to keep the people and communities in the Okanagan on the move.

I do alot of road biking for fun/exercise, I don't ride to work or shopping due to bike theft. Also, I've found that the road shoulders are getting very dirty, covered in rocks, etc.

i do not have an opinion as I am only a casual public transport user, however I have found the buses are well run and the schedules are good.

I do not see any transportation issues. Bike lanes are great for warmer weather, and the commute never takes long.

I don't believe there are too many transportation issues in the city. I travel primarily via public transit and am able to get wherever I need to go in the city of Kelowna and even in the surrounding cities quite easily.

I don't drive every day. Sometimes I'm a pedestrian. I think safety is a very important issue. Having separate bike lanes and sidewalks adds to the safety of our streets. Also, advance green left-hand turn lights are helpful as well. It's difficult to turn left at some intersections because some drivers are still coming through on a red light. I like the traffic circles that we have. We need everyone, drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, to always be watchful for others. Thank you.

I dont have any

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

I don't know since I have never had to take the bus or drive. I was always a passenger.

I don't know; my transportation situation is good but I isolate a lot due to illness so am not aware

I feel Kelowna needs a bypass for through traffic. Highway 97 is still a bottleneck through the city, particularly during the summer months and afternoon/evening rush hours.

I feel that Kelowna has done well with their transportation, I have not used the bus since I worked, which is a while. When I am out there, I see lots of buses around. I do not know how things are going to change with Greyhound giving up the ghost.

I find it crazy and insane that there are no pedestrian flashing lights on Clifton and Rio, there have been multiple near misses and close calls, and even a few motor vehicle accidents. Unfortunately it is only a matter of time before a child is seriously injured or even killed there! PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS!!!

I find in Kelowna, I find a lack of bus service, you have to take a bus to go to A, then to B, then to C, and I'm passed that time of going around town, they want you to take your car, so not convenient to go to the doctor, I would like to see, the mayor put bike lanes around but not every one can ride a bike, as some people are elderly, the transit service is not the best.

I frequently note that the #8 bus going towards Okanagan College, in the mornings between 7:30-8am, is very often over-full... not only standing room only, but even then, frequently jam-packed with people. This route already has quite frequent runs, but the buses are still very often over full. It was disappointing that the double deckers were removed from the city, as they were often running on this route, and they helped.

I golf on Wednesdays and I have to leave my house [in Chichester area] at 2:00pm and it takes 1 hour to travel to Shannon Lake Golf Course. I find that there are a lot of lights along Hwy 97 through town, but that can't be helped because of all of the cross streets. The other issue is once I get on the Westside of the bridge the volume of traffic gets built up quite a bit and it takes quite a long time to get to the Bartley Road intersection at Highway 97. I think one of the issues is that there is only two lanes of traffic and that's why there is so much volume. I think adding additional lanes on the Westside would help dramatically. With the new upgrade of additional lanes along Highway 97 from Highway 33 to Edwards Road has really helped with traffic flow on this side of Kelowna. Also I think that if the ministry built a highway coming off of the highway 97c connector and bypassing Kelowna straight to Vernon would help a lot to relieve traffic congestion in the city of Kelowna and along the highway 97 corridor through town.

I have been teaching a class part-time at the university, and for the students, transit is the biggest issue. For myself, I would ride more and drive less if there were more bus options (more buses on the same routes, and more routes). I would also LOVE to have better bike lane infrastructure, especially as winter approaches. I don't feel very safe in the bike lanes, so I start riding on the sidewalks.

I have lived in Kelowna for the last 10 years and noticed a growing level of congestion along major roads. We need fewer lights along the highway and major roads, and the addition of overpasses to help this issue. More bike lanes would also help. I bike from Black Mountain to KSS about once a week from Sept-Oct and April to June but am battling traffic for a large portion of the trip. The rail trail is helping this, as is the Mission Greenway but more is needed. |

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

I have lived up here over forty years, and we moved in as a family of four, and there was no school bus service and no bus service. We did different petitions for bus service up here, but if I become not well enough to drive I will have to move out, there is no accessible transportation where I live if you are not able to drive. Taxis are too expensive to be a reliable form of transportation.

I have noticed the issue of drivers driving too fast in my district.

I have some concerns of the routes that I frequently travel. The roundabouts on Water Street seem extremely dangerous for pedestrians as well as vehicle accidents. Also I agree with slowing the traffic down in neighborhoods I am concerned with the lack of parking and the slowing of people trying to get home from work. It seems to me the city is trying to get people to take transit but with the lack of routes and the size of buses that would have to navigate the narrow streets, it is a failing grade as far as I'm concerned. I like the idea of transit but I really feel it's a waste of money seeing these big buses roaring around the city with a few riders.

I like the idea of bike lanes but I have noticed that most cyclists don't adhere to the rules and cut across the street and generally don't follow the rules of the road. For the amount of money spent on the lanes and the lack of space for cars that our roads need to handle, I hate to say it but I'd give the city a failing grade on what they are trying to accomplish. Try and get the people home safely from work, rather than causing congestion, lack of parking, lack of road space, lack of proper sized buses and bus routes isn't going to get people out of our cars. I ride my bicycle for pleasure only, nothing the city has done with transit or cycle lanes has made me even consider parking my vehicle.

I have spent a full career in traffic studies, planning, research, analyses, projection etc. etc. I find virtually NO traffic planning in Kelowna. There is no plan for a second Lake crossing, no bypassing of the city which would ease the horrid congestion on the highway through the city from Westbank to the airport. I shudder to think what this will be like in 10 years, 20 years?

I like to be independent and I like to drive my own car. There is a Handy Dart that goes by just about everyday, but I like my independence.

I live in Mill Creek Estates which is on Spall Road. Anyone who lives in this building has to loop around to get into our building because we cannot make a left hand turn into our complex. Many usually loop around at the Kelowna Golf and Country Club. This is inconvenient to us.

The congestion on the 97 is an obvious challenge, but I can see there has been some changes to ease this!

I live out of town so I try to combine my trips if I have to go out I try to do it all in one day, I don't want to waste gas or put any more pollutants in the environment.

I love to take my bike to work if possible (good weather conditions) but safety in Kelowna when cycling- or even walking- can be very scary. It seems Kelowna was built mainly for vehicles. (Even parking lots such as Superstore, Walmart, Costco have horrible sidewalks when a person tries to walk or bike to them.) I try to ride my bike down Leathead or McCurdy to get onto the safer biking rail trails, and I am often cut-off by drivers in vehicles. I would love for Kelowna to make wide biking/walking sidewalks along connecting streets such as these so we could more easily access the trails.

I really don't know. I have lived here for more than twenty years and have never used public transit.

I really enjoy walking to and from work, I just get a bit scared of some of the unsavory individuals on the streets between home and work.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

I really think that bike paths are a huge problem in Kelowna. As it is, it would be impossible for anyone in my household to ride their bikes along the side of the road as it would be quite dangerous. We don't live along a bus route and that would not be worth it as the population in our part of Kelowna is not huge (except that might change as McKinley Landing continues to be developed).

I think back ups at intersections where cars are trying to turn left and the lineup for turning left is longer than the available lane and it backs up the lane for cars that are going straight. For me this happens at Burtch Ave and hwy 97 at 3pm. We are sometimes backed up past Sutherland Ave. Also happens at the Gordon Dr and HWY 97 intersection.

I think ease of use and time are the biggest challenges. For example, getting to another neighbourhood involves multiple transfers and isn't time efficient at all. In some instances, it's faster to walk than to take transit.

I think getting kids to school safely and with as much reduction in car traffic as possible should be a priority. I suspect that I drive by many people going to the exact same places I am. Ride share/car pooling is something I encourage and try to facilitate whenever possible. It is unfortunate that because my kids are in French Emersion - they don't have the option of traveling on a school bus. The schools are so over crowded and so many cars are descending on the school's property at pick up.

I think if bussing was free, way more people would ride it, and it would help alleviate costs for infrastructure, which would more than offset the loss of fares.

I think that the side walks need to be bigger to accommodate and shared side walk between walkers and bikers. There are plenty of bike lanes on main roads but the aren't very wide so passing bikers seems to be very dangerous. As well as when there are no bike lanes on other roads you can't seem to pass them until there are no cars coming the other way.

I believe it would be a lot safer for bikes to be on the side walk.

I think the bus system needs work. But I don't use the bus so for me it would be poor and impatient drivers.

I think the city runs pretty smoothly actually

I think the most important transportation issue is the speed which vehicles travel

I think the problem is that the municipality are not letting people know how bad climate change is. Have more bus or bikes or alternate modes of transportation to get around the city. Need to do more on climate change , better bike paths and walk pathways to help people do more walking and biking.

I think we have too many lights on Harvey causing backed up traffic onto the Westside. Traffic needs to be directed off of Harvey to certain areas of town allowing more traffic flow. Traffic congestion is also very bad along Enterprise and on Harvey between Spall right out to Sexsmith. Kelowna is in desperate need of a bypass for traffic passing through Kelowna especially freight trucks and commuters travelling from South Okanagan to North Okanagan and local traffic going from one end of town to the other with a few key merge on and off points.

I think we need more public transportation options, preferably between municipalities. Thanks!

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

I typically bike or bus to work at the University. The 97 or 6 are great and convenient, but I know that for others that don't live on a main route it is challenging.

Really like the rail trail, I use that a lot now.

I think that we should be discouraging driving more and more. Increase parking rates and make driving less desirable. Couple it with more bus service.

Would love a light rail train running through entire Okanagan.

I use Springfield a lot and there is always a backup at Spall Rd..

I walk most places, weather permitting. Don't like parking downtown.

I was briefly having to use a wheelchair and the mobility issues for people in wheel chairs is difficult. Sidewalks blocked, no wheelchair access off some sidewalks, no sidewalks period.

Parking is also another issue. Build apartments or condo's and not enough room for tenants to park let alone their guests. Most households need 2 cars these days. Most apartments or condos allow for 1 vehicle so then the other is in guest parking using up all of that.

I wish buses ran more frequently, especially on the weekend. Us seniors need better service.

I wish there was less surface parking downtown to try to encourage people to use modes of transportation other than personal vehicles to travel to and from the downtown core; more bus routes, more busses, more bike lanes to and from the downtown core.

I wish there were shops (grocery store) within easier walking distance from me.

I would like to be able to use the bus for downtown trips. However, the long gap between transferring busses (at Mission Rec and elsewhere) is a serious deterrent. If I have to wait a half hour for a second bus, I might as well bike for 35min to get all the way downtown.

I really appreciate the existing bike lanes.

I would like to see more bicycle lanes especially along Harvey Ave. I would also like to see more of the weeds removed along public walkways and the trees to be trimmed higher where one has to ride their bicycle on the sidewalk, like along Harvey Ave., as some of the branches hit a cyclist in the face or a walker has to move away from the edge near homes etc. which sometimes forces them into mud or in the way of other people traveling the same route. In some areas you cannot walk beside one another due to over reaching branches and weeds like Canada Thistles or Burrs.

I have also recently heard that the bus are still not running on a proper schedule.

I would like to see more bike lanes, especially downtown on Bernard. I end up biking on the sidewalk as I'm too nervous to bike on the road with all the traffic.

I would like to see more off road bike lanes (like the new ones on Ethel St. and Sutherland).

I would love to travel by bike but my bike was stolen. Safety is a concern for me as I would prefer to bike but don't want to lose another bike to theft. I think bike theft is large in this community and creating a bike safe community is important (places to safely store bikes, wider and more frequent bike lanes for example)

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

I would love to use public transit more but there isn't enough routes or enough frequency for me to warrant it. Our highway 97 is overcrowded and the HOV lane never serves its purpose. Should of been on the left hand lane to make a better streamline for right hand turns.

i would possibly use the bus if it was more convenient--cant walk far so need a bus closer to my home

I would ride the bus to work if it allowed me to get to work by 06:15. I would be able to take BC Transit Route 8 From outside my home to Kelowna General Hospital for work, however, it doesn't arrive early enough. This costs my household \$200 per month for insurance and \$580 a month for car payments, plus \$160 on gas. If the bus ran 15-30 min earlier, I wouldn't need a second vehicle.

I would say as someone that uses the bus they need a few more times during the weekend for a few of the buses

I would say the buses because I was using the bus in Kelowna till I bought myself a car, I thought there could have been more buses, especially on the half hour, I avoided using the buses on the weekend.

If I wanted to take the bus to work, I would have to walk quite a distance to catch it. In the winter, it would be quite dark for me to walk to the bus stop in order to get to work by 8:00 am.

If I were to take the bus to work, my travel time would be 50min instead of the current 10min. Public transportation is extremely inefficient in the Okanagan. Parking is very sparse for people working downtown. People of the Okanagan want to be able to travel and hike and ski and see the Okanagan, and that requires vehicles!

If public transportation (bus) could expand its coverage a bit. For example, the bus going down my street turns off before my workplace leaving with a 20 min. walk. That's a bit too much especially after work!

IF WE WISHED TO TRAVEL FROM OUR HOME TO ORCHARD PARK SHOPPING MALL., IT WOULD BE TOO DIFFICULT AND TIME CONSUMING

If you are in anyway infirmed and unable to drive then you are totally stuck as there is no alternate transportation within walking distance.

if you have more bus schedule of here that will be great.

I'm from a larger city and Kelowna is great.

I'm handicapped. I often am in need of parking. More often than not, the handicap parking is occupied by non-handicap people, that inevitably say, " I'll only be there for a few minutes, to which I reply, yes, and I'm handicapped 24/7, so move the car."

If Kelowna has handicap parking, and that is for all of it, enforce it. I see the enforcement much like a dog that has been told to guard the house, but, after you remove the teeth, the bark, and chain it up. ENFORCE the parking, all of it.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

I'm not sure. I don't feel like it's difficult to drive out of the city when leaving BUT I do find myself avoiding travel to West Kelowna as I fear the potential delays from one accident. Having only one option to cross the lake is not ideal but I don't have much reason to go to West Kelowna.

When I travel to Vancouver I find myself using the skytrain without hesitation but I've never been interested in using buses. Waiting at a stop for a bus that doesn't come as frequently seems inconvenient and frankly I would not feel safe grabbing a bus here in Kelowna.

As for biking, I LOVE the bike paths that are separate from the road way. I feel much safer to travel by bike but the paths that start in the lower mission are inconsistent. On Gordon Drive I will be on a path on the side walk then on the roadway and then the bike path is gone and I'm sharing the road with cars. It doesn't feel safe.

I prefer to drive almost everywhere. I feel like I have to. Very few amenities in my neighbourhood. I do have many things delivered as well as I dislike having to drive for errands.

Important to comment on the need for a new intersection at the corner of Glenmore Rd, Hwy 97 and Beaver Lake Road on the boundary of Kelowna and Lake Country! This intersection is congested with long line ups south on Glenmore Road and Hwy 97 (vehicles heading north) daily during the summer and often late in the day the rest of the year! Beaver Lake Road also gets congested east (vehicles heading west) when industry employees get off work at 3:30/4:00.

Improve alternative transportation infrastructure to decrease barriers that prevent people from using. Improve image of public transit so that it becomes more socially acceptable.

Add incentives for electric vehicles, to encourage people to switch.

Improve the bus service system, especially for ones who does not own a vehicle.

improved public transit

Improved public transit. Light timing around the city.

Improving bus frequency or duration to downtown. I would like to increase my use of local buses but the connections and time - 45 minutes to downtown - each way are too much.

Improving bus routes

Improving the frequency and trip options with public transit. Reducing the number of vehicle trips.

Improving the roads to accommodate more vehicles. Accept the fact that most people, especially those who pay most of the taxes collected by the city and the province, are going to continue to travel primarily via single occupancy vehicles. Public transportation, bicycle routes, etc. are great in some circumstances for a select few people in certain situations, but I'd rather see my tax dollars go toward creating an efficient road system with additional lanes, better timed lights, more left turn lights, etc. The HOV lane through Kelowna should be scrapped - it creates more problems than it solves. And, anything that can reduce the number of large trucks slowing down the flow of traffic during rush hours would help a lot.

In a car i see lots of people on phone or in hurry that put the people at risks, as person that walks and buses iv had many close calls with distracted drivers.

In general there are too many vehicles on the road, lack of synchronized traffic lights, Kelowna needs a second bridge crossing over the lake, there is a distinct lack of enforcement on HOV lanes and carscrunning red lights.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

In Kelowna there are so many drivers but the roads and streets are not built for so many people driving in the city.

In my case, not enough trips for route 4 from September to April. And no route at all during summer.

In my community Lakeshore Road between Sherwood Road and Dehart Road where there is an extended designated bus lane for a bus that travels that section of Lakeshore 3 times a day. The parking has been taken away on Lakeshore RD which is much needed for the residents of Enclave and Anne McClymont School. Parking is a nightmare in the mornings and after school when parents are picking up and dropping off their children. Sherwood Road is totally blocked during school peak times. People are parking on Lakeshore where the curb is yellow just to pick up children. Never any bylaw enforcement to ticket cars. This is an accident looking for a place to happen. City of Kelowna Transportation should never have designated such a large bus lane for a bus that rarely travels this route, poor planning on the part of City of Kelowna. Maybe in 10 years it would be a good idea but certainly not now. There is no other community in Kelowna where we have ever seen such a long designated bus lane on and extremely busy road.

In my local area there are a lot of seniors and a lot of pedestrians. The drivers of motor vehicles can be an issue - speeding, inattentive, running lights, aggressive driving and the like. I have personally had a half a dozen near misses as a pedestrian while crossing in controlled intersections in the five years I have lived in my present location. I have had more than one near miss as a pedestrian while crossing in an uncontrolled intersection/crosswalk. I wear reflective bands on my person when walking in the dark in the hopes that drivers see me.

In my opinion, something needs to be done to thin out the congestion, I feel like there are too many lights especially going up the main highway, which results in backed up, slow moving traffic. Also, the turn lights at some intersections need to be longer.

In need of more dedicated and protected bike lanes, increased signage on rails with trails (Cawston Ave) to direct pedestrians to sidewalk rather than bike path as well as painted dividing lines.

In our community there is need of greater pedestrian safety, in combination with speed reduction measures.

In the area that I live (south east Kelowna) frequency of public transit as well as ease of use for anything other than a motor vehicle due to proximity

In the broader area, smooth flowing steady 70 km/hr routes with a minimum of necessary stops would facilitate the continuing increase of population.

In the city there needs to be more left hand turn signals.

More cycling lanes - better shoulders

In the last five years the traffic has increased significantly along both Springfield/Cadder and Harvey/Hwy 97 at all times during the day so can no longer plan trips around busy periods. There is also a significant increase on Gordon Dr. and Pandosy/Lakeshore and Benvolin from about 3pm to 5pm.

In the surrounding neighborhoods there many residential areas and schools and I think additional speed bumps and signs could help in slowing traffic. There are cars that fly past us on Wilson Ave in front of Bankhead Elementary. Additional crosswalks on Bernard Street would also be a positive change.

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Kelowna Residents

In the winter it is the conditions of the highways, all other times it is congestion on Enterprise this should be 4 lanes due to the volumes. Spall road to the highway very heavy traffic volumes the left turn lanes are not long enough and the cars back up. Baron and Dilworth the left turn lane onto Dilworth should be left turn only and the right hand lane for straight through to the mall or right hand turns. We have only taken the bus a couple times downtown or to the mall in the past.

Inadequate infrastructure to handle the increasing traffic volumes.

Inadequate parking as the city has focused on increased population density with no regard for the increased congestion of vehicle traffic and parking. Most families require between two and five parking spaces while the city plans for only one vehicle per household.

Inadequate public transportation - not enough bus routes, buses don't go often enough

Lack of safe, dedicated, separate from traffic bike lanes, bike lanes ending abruptly and not connected to each other, bike lanes not cleared in winter and spring

Inadequate public transportation at the right time of day and lack of routes necessitate relying on cars to get around.

Inadequate traffic light engineering to take full advantage of opportunities to move traffic through town and through intersections. Right turn lights should be at all 'T' intersections when the left/right light is green. They are at a couple around town but no reason why they aren't everywhere. With some switching at night if you don't hit the intersection in time your side stays red through a cycle even though the opposing green turns on. What sense does that make? I actually think I could do a better job at it than the 'experts'. Odd.

I can't quite understand why the City went 'esthetic' along lower lakeshore instead of making it 4 lanes. That was a huge mistake. Ask anyone who lives it every day. Don't let anyone who doesn't live in a neighborhood and have to get to and from work etc. decide how to move or restrict traffic through it.

The focus on bike lanes is nice along side streets but keep them away from the thoroughfares. As much as you might want to dream of Kelowna filled with cyclists like say Amsterdam or Copenhagen, it won't happen for a while and eventually I think the traffic pressure will start to ease when we dump privately owned car in place of megacorp self driving car hailing services. Thats coming.

Forget all this talk about a 'second crossing'. There is no way to put another 'highway' through town. Harvey is it. As ugly as it may be, the most convenient solution may be to elevate a highway through town a la Honolulu. elevated highway which begins adjacent to city park where traffic chooses to stay down to access the city or go up and drive through it. Only exit is at Hwy 33 where it can probably end for now and eventually when needed, Sexsmith.

John Hindle Drive speed limit 50kph between UBC and Glenmore? Was the person who dreamed that one up smoking pot? The pedestrians and cyclists are over on the southern pathway. That is easily a road with a natural speed of 80 kph. Do a variable limit there, slowing the area by the dump entrance to 60 only when its open, and slow it down before Glenmore and UBC. I could go on...

As you densify downtown, which will be a good thing overall, be prepared for the streets there to basically be bumper to bumper 7 days per week. During summer, gridlock. Western Bernard may become walking only during summers, like Granville.

Oh yes, don't forget to put in all the water canals downtown...Kidding of course.

Inadequate, inflexible public transit.

Too many lights, not enough roundabouts, causing traffic bottlenecks.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

inconvenience and time issues

Increase the general population's usage of presently available alternative forms of transportation, ie: bus ridership.

People are scared to ride a bike in traffic b/c they know drivers don't pay enough attention

Increased public transit needed throughout region.

Increased residential development with no seeming plan to account for increased traffic... safe left turn lanes, lack of parking, speed of traffic on smaller roads

Increased traffic and sharing the roads with cyclists and pedestrians.

Increased traffic on Harvey getting in, through and out of town. Adhering to HOV rule is difficult for a single person vehicle when wanting to exit off Harvey due to traffic.

Increases in population/tourists without adequate plans for roads and parking infrastructure. Transit system is inadequate and not a viable option.

Increasing density of traffic on Glenmore Road, Enterprise Way and Hwy 97; longer wait times for turning right onto Glenmore Road from Glenmeadows Road. Enterprise often close to gridlock. |

increasing population but not new roads
more bike lanes needed

Increasing public transit usage and access. Increasing the amount of buses running, especially evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Increasing vehicular traffic.

Increasingly congested roadways in areas where large developments are built.

incredibly stupid drivers.

inefficient bus system and lack of turn signals on very busy intersections.

Inefficient public transportation.

Inefficient highways/roadways/ too many lights rather than freeways or overpasses.

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Kelowna Residents

Inefficient Traffic flow during rush hour traffic periods. For example, on high road travelling east bound to Glenmore Road gets so backed up by cars turning left onto Glenmore Road, that the straight through lane is cut off until the left turners move through, because high road is only single-lane road until the last few feet of High road begins a turning lane to turn onto Glenmore Road. Same story with Clifton road. If you head northbound on Clifton and then turn right onto high road from Clifton road, when there is a left-turn arrow flashing on Clifton at High Road to allow high road traffic to turn left onto Clifton road, every northbound vehicle that turns right onto High Road while that left turn arrow is flashing, has to stop and check before proceeding to turn right. There should be a right-flashing green arrow for right-turning traffic onto high road during the time the left-flashing arrow is occurring onto Clifton from High Road. This slows then Clifton northbound traffic flow as the right-turners block the right northbound lane the is straight through Clifton in order to turn onto High Road. Finally, highway 97 at rush hour. Why is the southbound Cooper road left turn arrow disabled during this peak period? It creates a huge backlog of left-turning traffic onto Cooper road to get into the shopping malls that the entire left through lane of westbound traffic is blocked by the log jam of left turners of which only 1 or 2 cars gets through per light change.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure in Kelowna. too many traffic lights, no flow. No Bypass. Summer holiday traffic insane with all of the visitors or people passing through

INFRASTRUCTURE TO CONVERT TO 0 EMISSIONS

Infrequent and late transit.

infrequent bus schedule

Infrequent bus schedules, consistantly late, over crowded and rude drivers.

Infrequent local public transport; loss of Greyhound bus service

Insufficient arterial roadway for traffic volume. Lakeview Drive, for example, is expected to handle huge traffic flows, with only one lane in each direction, often without turning lanes.

Insufficient driver awareness about cyclists

insufficient lanes across the bridge

Insufficient public transit, we need more bike paths, and there are not enough cabs during busy hours, would prefer uber.

Insufficient public transport. It would also benefit everyone if the government would allow Uber to operate in BC

Intersection congestion, and not enough controls.

Intersection of Glenmore Rd, Beaver Lake Rd, and Highway 97

Irrate Drivers, people not following traffic rules, people racing through red lights, please texting, not paying attention, left turn lanes need a green left turn light long enough to clear the left turn lane, drivers pedestrians, both do not understand and/or ignore traffic rules

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

It can be scary to be a pedestrian/cyclist as drivers are not always paying as much attention as they should be. We try to cut down on driving and downsized to one vehicle to do so, but we're often afraid to cycle or walk to school/work because cyclists/pedestrians are not always looked out for. A lot of accidents in Kelowna are caused by the elderly and as such it would be beneficial if they had to take mandatory driving competency tests annually.

It is difficult to ride bike in winter.

It is extremely dangerous trying to be environmentally friendly and cycle. While the City has made some vast improvements, such as the Ethel Street, Cawston Street and Rails for Trails bike paths, there continues to be horrific gaps where bikes are thrust into having the share the road with cars without even a bike lane. I have been hit on the average of once per year on my bike and not a single day goes by that I don't have to scream at the top of my lungs at a car that is not paying attention. Adding to that, the bike lanes are not properly maintained nor are the bike paths. AT present, the piles of leaves, pine cones and chestnuts heading down the hill between Spall and Gordon are a huge hazard. Likewise, the bike lane along Burtch is always a mess, as they seem to miss it routinely between Bernard and Springfield. As for trying to drive in this City, whoever designed our roadways must have been stoned on acid to have come up with such a mess.

It is great to see more bicycle lanes. However, need to educate both drivers and cyclist for safer road sharing.

It is still difficult to travel on bicycle throughout Kelowna. Although many bike routes exist it is still quite dangerous in many parts of the city

It would be nice to have the bus routes run for longer into the night.

It would seem that Enterprise is a bottleneck of traffic and especially during summer tourist times. Building is going on at a tremendous rate.

It's important to learn ahead of time which route would be affected by a traffic jam at certain times.

I've lived in this house for 45 to 47 years. When we first moved here I could go to Orchard Park in less than 5 minutes, now it takes 15 minutes because of traffic, it's the traffic. We have to make a left hand turn off our street on to Benvoulin, and it takes awhile. It's become part of our plan when leaving, use to not be an issue, we could have had a picnic on Benvoulin Rd.

just to be able maneuver through the city w/o someone getting impatient because of the traffic bottleneck that has been created . 30 yrs ago there was talk about a bypass and this has never happened and probably won't in my lifetime. guess city council, the province and the federal government just love the traffic back up. we are lacking turning signal's and turning signals that work to move the traffic smoothly. they complain about major accident's happening and yet won't nothing is done about it

Keep adding bike routes and dedicated bike lanes. The safer people are the more they will ride their bikes.

Keeping traffic flowing even when rush hour hits.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Keeping transit front and centre so that citizens will have a mode of mass transportation that is affordable and well travelled throughout the city limits. The bumper to bumper on 97 could / maybe alleviated if an alternate route was looked at for commercial vehicles. Also, is there really a need for an HOV lane or could this be turned into a regular lane and people can navigate right-hand turns by signalling and merging. Lastly, there need to be more advanced lights at all intersections; many on 97 have no time to turn before the light changes due to the amount of traffic going through.

Keeping up with the rapid growth within town.

Kelowna By-pass and a second lake crossing

Kelowna has outgrown its roads. It needs more controlled access highways and fewer traffic lights. We moved here from the San Francisco Bay area, and our biggest complaint about Kelowna is the traffic. Canada is also way behind California when it comes to vehicle electrification. There are many long stretches when there is little wind in the valley, and this is when the air quality suffers.

Kelowna is very car dependent because of our urban/rural situation...not enough population to justify large empty buses and current bus service to our area is slow and cumbersome. Biking is not really an option for 4 to 6 months of the year.

Kelowna needs a bypass for Hwy 97. Could be more bike friendly.

Kelowna needs a by-pass. Too much traffic in this city with current population to have the main highway running through it as well.

Kelowna needs an LRT line, the congestion Kelowna faces would be cut down with a competent train system.

Kelowna needs to spend more on its infrastructure. They keep building new developments and have not done anything to improve our traffic problems.

Kelowna transit eliminating the #8 bus stops (inbound & outbound) along HWY 33 (between Dougall Rd & Rutland Rd) & the bus stop the corner of HWY 33 & Rutland Rd. These stops were eliminated then moved a considerable distance away to the Rutland Exchange. To avoid the long distance walk (I have mobility issues) to take my daughter to school we have to transfer from the #8 to the #11. This takes a considerable amount of time. The Rutland Exchange was born out of the ignorance of the powers that be whom do not use public transit. This decision will have a negative impact on those who now have to walk a great distance making public transit in Kelowna that much less rider friendly than it was previously.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Kelowna's transit system is abhorrent. We are the 6th fastest growing city in the country, and #1 in BC, yet we have significantly less service than other large cities. We also have more cars per household than most cities, because people feel that they can't rely on transit and so each individual ends up needing their own vehicle. Having bus routes that only run every 30 mins on Saturday and every hour on Sunday, and reduced service every evening, is not adequate for our community- every weekend those buses are overfull. Even on weekdays there are times when buses are too full, particularly the #8. Taking away the double decker buses was a mistake- 'too much maintenance'? Really? As if they won't be just as much maintenance running in another city. Not to mention that often the bus times are not ideal for people commuting to work, with arrival at major exchanges often being right around the half-hour or hour mark, as opposed to being at each quarter hour to leave people time to walk to their destination in time for arrival. Oh and your drivers need more training on how to deal with marginalized and mentally ill people- the way I have seen people treated and been treated myself is disgusting. I was once verbally abused by a bus driver and never had a follow up for the complaint I filed. I appreciate that the service exists, but there are several improvements that need to be made, and there are no good reasons why they shouldn't make these changes. We are in a city where we can't easily alter the existing roads to accommodate for the influx of traffic, and with a population of our size that is only growing, we need to consider creating a transit system that has higher function, so as to improve conditions for all travelers and road users.

Kindly let me mention that I fill this out in behalf of my mother.

Bringing her grand-grand child to AME, it can take 30 minutes (3 km) to bring her to school.

KLO and Benvolin in the afternoon

Lack of a convenient bus system 7 days a week.

I realize there has to be a need before the system is convenient.

Lack of a highway bypass. In the 1980s, a plan was made to buy the rail line and build the Okanagan Corridor. Instead of building a road the City of Kelowna built a bike trail. I am very disappointed. Also, the number of pedestrian controlled lights that don't give a signal change the other traffic going the other way (e.g. Leckie/Dilworth, Padosy/Raymer). These intersections are confusing and dangerous.

Lack of a Hwy that can get us N to S and E and W. Traffic circles are silly in Westbank and they do not merge properly, so you get traffic backing up.

Lack of a 'real' transit system.

Really difficult to use and unreliable with bad connections

Nearly impossible to use and not inexpensive either. This forces people in Kelowna to buy a car, or two or three...We live in mountainous terrain and need a decent system for those who cannot afford a car or are too young/old to drive.

lack of a transit system that work efficiently

lack of accessible public transportation to all areas of city

Lack of adequate left turns at beaver lake and hiway.

Massive backlogs on glenmore road to hiway

Lack of adequate public transit and parking.

Lack of affordable and efficient transportation options (i.e., LRT, trams)

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Lack of alternatives to avoid drunk driving and traffic lights on Harvey are not synchronized.

lack of arterial roads for outlying areas.

Lack of available parking in some areas of town. Also poor public transport.

Lack of bus routes after 11/12pm especially from downtown (possibly pushing people to choose to drive impaired). Underused bus routes in many areas/times making more buses costly and heavily subsidized. Traffic congestion in certain areas could be reduced if routes were there were more buses increasing convenience. For example I would bus to work (my single main trip daily) but it would take me an extra 30-45min to commute each day. On weekends that could increase to waiting an extra 15min for the bus after my work finish time, causing an extra 45min-1hr commuting.

Lack of bus routes close to our home.

Lack of Bus Routes for common routes.

Lack of bus routes, stops, which makes public transportation less accessible.

Lack of bus service

Lack of bus service for use of students going to KLO Middle School.

Lack of motivation for residents to use public transportation.

lack of bus service to our address.

Lack of bus service/routes as well as poor bike lanes.

lack of busing from Black Mountain into Rutland

lack of busing options, safe bike transportation, highway traffic

Lack of complete bike path system. Too many bike paths suddenly end leaving you stranded in an unsafe location with no option but to venture into traffic.

lack of comprehensive and easy to use public transit

lack of ride share programs (like uber)

Lack of consistent, affordable public transit within and between cities.

Lack of convenient options. We wish the city had a sky train system

Lack of cycling dedicated paths/lanes

lack of driver education

lack of early morning/night bus routes. Safety at downtown bus transfer station.

Congestion getting to newly developed areas ie= Glenmore, Kettle Valley.

Lack of easily accessible parking downtown and travel congestion around Harvey

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Lack of easy access to public transit

Lack of easy to use transit

Lack of flow along highway, transport trucks on main route slowing traffic flow, HOV lane ineffective- needs to just be three normal lanes, the bridge traffic is awful- need second crossing or better access from West Kelowna to Vernon.

lack of frequent bus service; lack of direct service to more locations (always need transfer from mall or downtown); too far/uphill walk home to use better connected routes

lack of sidewalks, safe crossings and TERRIBLE lighting in areas of dilworth mountain - unsafe walking especially in winter where you have to walk in middle of road

better school bus service to kss; didn't get our name in quick enough and got waitlisted. if there is a waitlist, there is a need for another bus

lack of good available convenient public transportation. eg there are no buses currently traveling throughout our subdivision...golfview estates or into wilden and magic estates

must be convenient frequent and affordable. maybe use smaller buses traveling more frequently

too many traffic lights and not enough advanced signal lights in the city

especially on hwy 97 through city...very slow and also now on springfield and enterprise

Lack of good bus routes that come frequently.

Hills make people not want to walk or cycle to and from work

safety for cyclist, i will say the city has done quite a bit to make it much safer for cyclist.

safe parking options for bikes |

lack of good public transit

route 97 does not have enough buses for the number of travellers at peak times

there needs to be a freeway from Osoyoos to Salmon Arm for long distance travel

Lack of good public transit. We live in a community with over 1000 homes and no bus stops - when I asked the bus provided if a bus stop could be considered for our neighbourhood I was told it would never happen as it was a purely residential area and didn't meet their pre-determined criteria for bus stops which must have a mix of residential/commercial properties. This is utterly ridiculous. My husband and children travel from our community to the downtown core daily but must drive as there are no bus stops in our neighbourhood. We would gladly access public transit if it was available. As my children age into high school, they will still not be able to use public transit because it is not available. With the size of Kelowna, more transit with direct routes need to be available. Ridership will never increase until these routes are in place and therefore it is realistic that the services would need to operate at a loss until ridership catches up. Offering trial 'free' busing would incentivize residents to try new bus routes as they were created with the hope that they would see the huge value in continued ridership. We would also use public transit on weekends to go to/from downtown if there was more frequent service. The current parking study being done downtown is a bit cart-before-horse as parking issues downtown would be alleviated by better busing. Sunday busing service is not adequate in its current form.

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lack of good transit; we are actually moving to a different location, despite liking many of the stores in our area, because of the terrible public transit, and yet, we have the 8 almost in front of our door, and the 97 15 to 20 minutes away. But it is simply hugely inconvenient. And where we will move to there will also be a car to share programme. Better transit to get people out of cars! get everyone to pay a monthly transit fee, and make it free for everyone who pays, and provide much better service. Smaller server buses would be much better than the often empty number 5 bus, and you could have such frequent, small bus service bringing you to the major lines.

Lack of infrastructure for our growing population. One bridge and one highway.

Lack of late night transit options

Lack of Left Hand Turn Signals at key intersections. The HOV lane is ridiculous. It should be eliminated as it does not provide an incentive for high occupant drivers to use the lane when everyone is slowing down to turn right. It increases congestion and the possibility of accidents trying to move to the right lane at the last minute before your turn.

Lack of mass transit to accommodate all travelers

Lack of off-road separated cycle tracks for people that want to bike, but are afraid of bike lanes (wife).
Lack of roundabouts to ease congestion and reduce crashes, augmented by an Okanagan Valley electric regional passenger train to connect our small and rural communities to more affordable housing and jobs up and down our Valley for students, seniors and eco-tourists (husband)!

lack of options- buses do not run at times that make it easy for me to use to get to work on time downtown.

Have tried biking to work but feel incredibly unsafe riding on Springfield road!

Kids would like to ride their bikes to school but have difficulty (albeit impossible for the 5 year old) to get them up and down the belgo stairs- as parents we do not feel it would be safe for them to take their bikes up hwy 33 or springfield hill to get to belgo from our house.

Lack of over/under passes on main runs.

Lack of parking (especially in new housing developments - 1 parking stall for a two bedroom apartment seems to be the new norm) and that would be ok if Kelowna had a good transit system, but it doesn't. poor public transit would be my second complaint.

Lack of parking downtown

Lack of parking downtown, insufficient incentives to encourage the adoption of battery EVs (as opposed to hybrids).

Lack of parking. We live a half hour walk from the nearest bus stop so that is not a real option. The bus schedule also does not work to get us anywhere on time in a timely manner.

Lack of pedestrian crossings. Lack of bus services

Lack of police patrols

Lack of public transit and difficult walking and biking in the winter

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Lack of public transit and lack of social acceptance for public transit. Everyone wants their own personal hummer so that they can be boastful to everyone else.

Lack of public transit options.

Lack of public transit routes and convenient times

Complete lack of safe bicycle paths

Not enough advance left turn signals for exiting and joining the highway

lack of public transport infrastructure; inability to take more than 3 bikes on a bus; need increased frequency of buses everywhere in town, including rural areas

Lack of public transportation

Lack of public transportation (schedule makes it extremely difficult to use public transport for my work schedule)

Lack of continuous, protected, bike lanes

Lack of public transportation and affordability to take the public transportation

LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN COMMUNITIES

lack of public transportation routes, frequency of schedules

lack of quick and useable routes

lack of rapid transit; accessibility

Lack of regular bus service

Lack of regular, reliable bus.

Lack of reliable public transit and cost of public transit

Lack of ride share availability. Other driving services (like Uber) need to be available.

Lack of safe bicycle lanes. Street sweepers needed more than just once each spring.

Lack of safe bike paths. The bike path on Springfield is terrifying, especially for younger riders like my 11 and 13 year olds. I don't even feel comfortable on it but there is no bike path on Hwy33 and McCurdy is too far out of our way. The buses are also all over the place. Our international student had a terrible time figuring it out. The stop kept changing due to changes at Rutland exchange and information online did not match what was actually happening in real life and there seemed no reliable source of information.

lack of safe cycling infrastructure! protected bike lanes or dedicated bike routes would be welcomed.

Lack of safe public transit - I do not feel using public transit and certainly would not feel safe using main bus station in downtown Kelowna for the homeless & drug users that mill about in that area.

The rail trail should never have been established, as that land (and \$\$!!) would have been much better used for an LRT system to alleviate traffic congestion in this growing city.

Lack of safer bike lanes! Significant road congestion.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Lack of school buses to French Immersion catchment schools.

Lack of snow/ice clearance on sidewalks.

lack of sidewalks, bike paths, congestion in south mission due to lack of roads in and out

LACK OF SIDEWALKS, TRAFFIC LIGHTS NOT SYNC'D, HOV LANE SHOULD BE IN LEFT LANE

Lack of speed and distracted driving enforcement. Never see any speed enforcement in communities and rarely any enforcement in commercial areas. Dump trucks worst drivers

Lack of suitable and convenient bus connections from home to work

Lack of suitable, prompt, accessible public transportation. bussing is infrequent and often inaccessible. For my family, there is limited bussing in our neighbourhood.

Lack of timely/reliable public transit options, especially when living further away from the city center. Transit cards/payment technology improvements needed.

lack of traffic enforcement creating numerous accidents/backups because of bad drivers either being too fast or unattentive. This also creates difficulties for buses as people will not allow them to merge back in and pedestrians are at high risk of being hit as cars are frequently cutting corners and rushing through traffic light and cyclists get pushed off the road by idiots driving in bicycle lanes. I live in a rural area and there is little options other than driving as buses are very infrequent and little room for bicycle lanes.

Lack of transit options (no buses to certain locations, or very few times to get to certain locations)

Lack of transit routes. I right in Kelowna, not in a rural environment. In fact, I can see highway 97 from my window...and yet, there's no bus stops on my street, nor the next street that crosses me. By the time I walk to the nearest bus stop, I've already walked farther than my work place and I've walked half-way to most of my regular destinations.

lack of transit to my area of Kelowna. Lack of sidewalks and poor side of road maintenance which allows gravel and dirt to build up preventing me from biking to work as often as I would like. Lakeshore needs a divided bike lane with a split sidewalk, paved parking (get ride of that gravel on the side of the road) and bus service up and down lakeshore to downtown, past the hospital that goes up to chute lake

Lacking infrastructure to accommodate increasing traffic (IE: Harvey ave)

Last year [household member] was a student. He only possessed a motorcycle insured from May-Oct and relied on city transit to commute during the fall/winter months. At this time he was also employed with a company in Lake Country. Many of the bus trips he made consisted of hour long trips that could have been driven in less than 30 mins. The inconvenient and limited bus schedules are terrible in a city of our size. Spending hours in the mornings/weekends waiting in the snow for a bus to arrive late, or not at all, impacted his ability to arrive to his classes and employer. Not having the reliability or frequency needed to use transit as a primary source of travel forced us to buy a second vehicle for him. We have one parking stall allotted to our condo so [household member] often gets parking tickets from the city. On the days he WANTS to use transit, or asks to carpool to reduce his environmental impact, he leaves his vehicle on the street between 8am-5pm and gets a parking ticket. It is absolutely ridiculous.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

LEFT SIDE DRIVER, EVERY WHERE YOU GO, PEOPLE SEEMS TO THINK THEY CAN STAY IN THE LEFT LANE ALL THE TIME

Left turn signal on traffic lights. Hov lane position. Inability to turn directly into some places of business. As if roads were built first then buildings and entrances were not adapted accordingly

Left turn signals need to increase as congestion has increased. Reminder to drivers when they are in a left turn lane to stay alert and begin moving quicker in order to clear the lane. Attention to the growth in Rutland and Rutland Road congestion. Alternate routes would be welcome. More roundabouts keep traffic moving. Might be an idea for Enterprise versus all of the lights. Add a third left turn lane heading West at Hwy 33 to 97 into the HOV lane to improve flow.

Less buses .public transit ,less routes,long way from home,service not smooth

Lights are not coordinated. On my way to work on Gordon Drive, it takes much longer than necessary, not because of traffic but because I stop at every traffic light.

Lights are poorly timed on highway

Lights on highway 97 driving through Kelowna.

Pot holes on the roads in residential areas.

Slow snow removal in residential areas.

Lights taking too long to turn. Not enough advanced turn lights.

Limited # of left turn lights creates dangerous situations at traffic lights as people get desperate and run amber/red lights.

HOV lane in the right lane makes NO SENSE AT ALL! Frequent turning on or off the road means it is difficult to move over when you are approaching your turn and people aren't always accomodating. It is dangerous.

Traffic lights should be better synchronized, especially when coming off the bridge and into town.

limited car alternatives/many areas are not pedestrian friendly

Limited frequency and routes for buses

Limited public transportation options to Penticton from Kelowna. No ride sharing or car sharing programs. ie Uber, Evo

Living in a community on a hillside can be challenging for bicycle use. Transit is limited due to higher income households not using it. All the food shopping options are at the bottom of the hill.

Living in upper mission comes with transportation challenges. The two roads leading in/out can get quite busy at certain times of the day.

living off a bus route with a disability

Living spread and lack of density - Kelowna needs to build up (which the current council is doing a good job of)

Local roads cannot accommodate current traffic levels. Lack,of turning lights at intersections. Speeds on residential streets.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Local to me - Traffic congestion on Gordon Drive & Lakeshore Rd. I believe that there needs to be better traffic flow and options for the folks that live in Upper Mission.

Locations of bus stops are not convenient in relation to the domestic address.

Long wait times and some areas not connected/or poorly

long wait times at traffic lights - there should be more turning lights. The amount of traffic - not sure what u can do about that. I pick my times to go out and avoid many times. Also really dislike the HOV lane - if we need it it should be in the outside lane like in most major cities - not in the right one.

Long wait times for buses, making transit impractical for commuting to work.

Long waits for buses, not enough public transportation options that are convenient for families.

long walk to bus route, forced to have a auto

Looking down the road to the day we will be no longer fit to drive safely, we will be looking for a smaller residence near a bus stop centrally located.

Lots of traffic coming down from Kettle Valley/Upper Mission during peak travel hours. Hard to get out of our street and turn onto Gordon!

Main feeder routes are too busy during peak time of the day. Very limited options for other routes

Main highway (Highway 97) is very congested at certain times of the day. An additional secondary route would help with the future of travel through the city.

Main thoroughfare through the city is too clogged with traffic, need bypass or something similar

Main traffic road ways are backed up, HWY 97 and Pandosy especially during rush hour. On foot commuting is slightly more irritating to cross hwy from Pandosy or Ellis, lights take a long time no pedestrian overpass or bike lane that feels safe since so heavy with bridge traffic.

Main travel road congestion. Need bypass routes

Major highway through town; parking downtown; limited handicap parking downtown with huge 65 population in Kelowna.

Lights are not timed-not enough left turn signals onto major routes.

POOR TRAFFIC POLICING-if you know you will be caught you'll soon obey the signals/rules.

RED IS THE NEW YELLOW-you can go through it with caution! |

Making sure bikes don't keep getting stolen. Bikes get stolen from KGH every day, even locked up.

Many roads not wide enough to take volume of traffic

Many left turn lanes are too short - traffic backs into through lanes causing traffic buildup

Painted lines on roads wear off during winter and are not repainted soon enough in spring

ie - Dilworth Mtn

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Mass transit is not practical and efficient. It is easier to drive your own vehicle to and from locations in the city, which ensures that the majority of people will continue to drive their own vehicles

minor traffic when returning home

more & better public transit - if the bus stop was a bit more convenient and had earlier (& later) times, then our niece would be living with us.

More affordable (car insurance are too pricey) plus I would like to take bus but the frequency are only each hours.

more bicycle paths

More bike friendly

More bike lanes would be great with ability for cyclist to hit button at intersection to change light.

More bike paths

More bike paths, as in good weather we prefer to cycle for most of our trips. Main arteries (Gordon, Benvoulin, KLO, etc) need wider, dedicated bike lanes as the current ones are too narrow and close to very fast moving and congested traffic. Or arterial streets need access so we don't have to use main arteries.

More car/bike share options in our neighbourhood.

There need to be a pedestrian controlled crossing between davie and franklyn on HWY33. Especially with the new developments in the neighbourhood

MORE CARS ON THE ROADS THAN THERE IS ROOM FOR. OVERCROWDED ROADS.

More choice of bus routes needed with more frequent buses. Would like to see a reduced price for students on a single fare.

more comprehensive bus services required with more coordination between services. To reduce traffic and car dependency in Kelowna an adequate bus service is essential.

More extensive bus service in the Academy Hill neighbourhood. Handy-Dart service after 5pm 7 days a week on all routes.

More frequent bus service and buses that run on time.

More frequent bus service for the older children in university. They need to drive down, find parking then be catch the bus.

More frequent bus service is needed if you want citizens to use public transportation. Travel on either side of the bridge continues to be congested and slow going at peak times. Sunday busing is too spaced out - an hour between buses, and non-existent in some areas.

More left turn signals off 97

more major intersections (non-highway) should have advanced left turn signals, even if only active at certain high traffic periods during the day

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

More policing is required...way too much speeding in the city of Kelowna. Way too many people running and turning on red lights!!

More public transit along the major routes. A skytrain or subway.

Morning traffic coming down Lakeshore, backed up at Anne Mccylmont. This is one of the worst traffic locations in Kelowna. Because it is so backed up, I am unable to drop my kids off at school and make it to work on time.

morning traffic congestion on Lakeshore at Anne Mclymont school - we need a pedestrian overpass for the kids going to school so they don't cause a massive traffic backlog which happens every morning. Lack of left turn lights onto Harvey. Unsynchronized traffic lights on main arteries.

Most important ... Increasing traffic volume on the Highway 97 corridor . Failure of the city to follow through on completing the bypass just north of the highway has been shortsighted . As far as bikes go ...Safe bike significant allowances do not exist along all busy routes ..support dedicated lanes separated from cars with barrier or boulevard . Traffic projections often make unrealistic assumptions about bike use in winter conditions . Failure to remove winter gravel from shoulders make use of the paved shoulders unsafe for bike and consequently for vehicles sharing the road with the bikes .

Most important issue is the lack of sidewalk & crosswalks for pedestrians.

Most important transportation issueS in my opinion. 1) PLEASE continue building off-road bicycle/walking corridors like Ethel Street, Abbott Street, and part of Gordon !! These are absolutely wonderful and necessary for people to feel safe, and a super easy way to travel around Kelowna. They don't need to be wide or fancy...they simply need to be separate from cars/trucks. These are needed on major corridors. Thank you for allotting a budget for that, and please the sooner the better, even though some people will complain about taxes... 2) I also take public transportation often and we need to get business people ON THE BUSES !! The mentality is not there yet unfortunately. I see lineups of cars leaving Landmark Bldgs where people drove, parked all day in the parkades, then drive back home, one person in the car. I'm sure that is important on your transportation agenda as well, and a more difficult one for sure !! I look forward to seeing better, quicker, and more frequent bus routes from the Mission and Glenmore and Rutland. Thank you !!

Most streets don't have sidewalks on either side of the street, even if they had one side having sidewalks that would make walking with kids easier. Sometimes we walk to school some times we drive, sometimes it depends on the state of the roads (puddles, mud, snow not plowed) tough to walk or use stroller on no sidewalks in snow or not plowed shoulders or roads. Actual roads are not in the greatest shape on side streets from main roads

Moving people. Some of the people can easily transition to public transportation, but some people can't. In addition to improving public transportation, this city MUST also develop a more effective way of moving vehicular traffic. Don't let our beautiful city of Kelowna become the tangled mess that Vancouver has become. At this time, we are poised to make productive decisions on moving traffic. Please don't screw it up!

moving traffic efficiently. better public transit.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Moving traffic, lack of advanced left turn signals at ALL major intersections. Number of lights on Hwy 97, lack of over passes because city did not anticipate growth so therefore did not expropriate land and allowed development when they should not have and now it is too late.

Putting roundabouts in inappropriate places so that a full size pickup can not make the circle properly let alone when it is towing out of the area with an RV on behind. Two in Rutland on the same road and on dead end road to boot. Mugford road changes make no sense!

Housing shortage being dealt with by allowing in-law suites in single family neighbour hoods causing traffic congestion in the streets. No support for the people who are paying the bulk of the taxes. Our neighbourhood has been ruined and is now turning into a rental area.

Homeless people - stop catering to them. The more we help the more come. Look at all the abandoned clothing laying around in piles on the sidewalks, roads, parks etc. We never saw that before but they just go get more at goodwill. What is being done is NOT the answer.

My kids would love to have bus service where we live so they could get to town to meet friends or to open up the possibility of getting a part time job. They rely on us to drive them everywhere. A big challenge for public transportation is that the system would have to grow way more in terms of route capacity and frequency of service in order to allow residents of the more rural areas to give up their cars. More bike lanes would help too.

My son uses the HandyDart . . . Why can't the HandyDart have the same kind of notification system that Uber or the food delivery people use? Currently, if we schedule for 9:45am, he has to be ready at 9:30 to 10:00 and be waiting for the bus. However, sometimes the bus is earlier (like 9:20) or it's been as late as 10:10. We were actually advised against using HandyDart because of this, but he cannot attend school otherwise - even though it causes him distress, especially the later it gets. For our population most in need of assistance, it seems timeliness would be a priority.

My teenage children have to drive because the bus system is very inconsistent in our area. Busses don't arrive on time or don't show up or leave because there is a breakdown and another bus does not come to replace the broken down bus. My son has missed a midterm in College for this reason. They cannot work unless I drive them since buses do not arrive in our area at the times they are done work. They work in the fast food industry so they work late hours. Riding a bike 10 km uphill after you have work an 8hr shift is out of the question. As a family, we are making several trips for pick-ups and drop-offs for this very reason. The bus service in our area is terrible.

My wife uses the trails to get to and from work and would use them year round if they were cleared of snow in the winter. She has the proper tires to use the bike in the winter. The trails from Lucky to Downtown are consistently cleared but not south of downtown.

Need a turn lane on Hollywood at McCurdy

Need alternate routes to go through Kelowna

need another bridge and another main road through town.

Need better transit.

Need to divert through traffic off Hwy 97 via a bypass through Kelowna

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Need buses to run more frequently. It is kind of a Catch-22 situation: many people I know don't use the bus because it doesn't run often enough, but then transit authorities don't recognize that more people *would* ride the bus, if it ran more often! Too much traffic on roads around Kelowna. Need to encourage people to get out of their cars! I have heard several times that Kelowna has the highest per capita rate of car ownership in Canada. If this is true, this is nothing to be proud of -- not with climate change and dwindling reserves of fossil fuels.

Need for more transit

Need more bus service on weekend evenings.

Need more busing from destinations outside of the core of Kelowna. Also dangerous riding bikes in our neighborhood.

Need more busses to relieve traffic

Need more lanes in Rutland area.. Highway in Kelowna needs alternative route for semi trucks..or trucks need to be only designated for 1 lane .. so other vehicles can get by them, as traffic is very heavy at times..if HOV lane is suppose to be HOV lane need to be more regulated..Maybe this lane could be used for only semi trucks..Highway 33 should not have buses stop on the road. Should have all pull outs for them, traffic would flow better.

need more protective bike lanes. protective meaning physical barrier between motorized vehicles and bikes / need more AAA best practice cycle infrastructure

Need more routes to get through town. Bypasses are needed, and left hand lanes. Trucks should not go through town.

Need more transit options - Rapid Transit to Airport & University

better bike lanes

do construction in the winter not just summer

Need more/better bike lanes/routes

need more/better bus transit especially for older or disabled

Need roads that support the traffic volumes that are now present not 20 years from now. The city caters to developers not the needs of the citizens of this city. Easy tax dollars from high rises but no concerns about not having parking or changing the parking spots to hold bikes not the average car or a pick up truck. Stop selling off what little parking is still useable and make more parking. Stop with the under used bike lanes and make more traffic lanes.

Need to complete new or upgraded road projects to meet the traffic volume demands.

Need to have a pedestrian/bike corridor on Hwy 33 (like there is in on the mission on Gordon Ave near the H2O center)

Need to increase bus frequency. Need to improve pedestrian safety (safer crosswalks, better lighting).

Need Uber for convenience if we are going out for dinner or to friends and having more than one drink.

Would also like to see overpasses or underpasses on the west side to make it easier to drive to Vancouver or Penticton or places south.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Need UBER, Ebike rental and Scooters

Needs better road network to keep vehicles moving.

No access to public transport

No alternate route for through-traffic travelling through Kelowna.

No alternative routes through the city other than Hwy 97. Not enough left hand turn lanes along the Hwy 97 corridor. Absolutely ridiculous HOV lanes

No bus service in immediate hilly vicinity

No bus service in our neighbourhood. If the kids want to take the bus, the nearest bus stop is 1km away.

No bus service to our area of residence for us.

No bus service. Too many big hills to be able to use my bicycle to go places.

No buses

no by pass roads too many people using hwy 97, too many lights

no connecting road from downtown to Rutland/Airport. The Clement bypass stops at Spall. If the city was smart and proactive, they would open this roadway up. Also the city's lights, while they say they are timed for the speed limit, are 100% false. Both my husband and I have tried this multiple time and on multiple different days and it does not work. The city while it is busy handing out building permits left, right and centre, has failed to take into account the roadways and traffic problems. The city may want people to stay and live in their communities, however people need to travel around the city and the roadways are simply too congested and backed up. This creates more drivers running red lights, losing their patience, and creating more traffic accidents. The city needs to wise up and if they want more people to move here, they need to focus on the roadways as well. Also the city transit is terrible for cross city traffic. It shouldn't take me 45-50 mins and 2 buses to get to work if I can drive it in 20 mins especially when its to the local college. The city needs to smarten up and if they want people to use transit make it more convenient than driving.

No easy, reliable, QUICK form of transportation.

no grocery store within walking distance

No issues at this time.

No left turn at Lakeshore/Old Meadows. People go into the bike lane to go around cars turning left - this is due to impatience.

No local shopping within walking distance.

No longer having a greyhound service

No Parking, scary bikelanes

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

No pedestrian crossing light for more than 70 seniors residences who cross Hwy 33W to access bus service, shopping centre, restaurants, on foot or by vehicle. In addition there are hundreds of additional people who use the same intersection for church attendance.

No proper bike or walking infrastructure along Lakeshore Road between Dehart Road (Sarsons Road) and Lexington Drive, very dangerous for walkers and bikers as traffic moves at a higher than posted speed limit and I have personally been in many situations where distracted drivers (i.e. on their CELLPHONES) have invaded my personal space while walking or riding my bike along that particular stretch of road especially between Hobson Road and Lexington Drive. There needs to be a proper separation of cars from walkers and bikers like the work that was done between Lexington Drive and Barrera Road.

No proper through roads - every route through Kelowna involves multiple stop lights, wasting time and fuel and increasing the chance of collisions. At the very least, coordinated traffic lights would save time and fuel and decrease Kelowna's carbon footprint.

no public bus within walking distance

No public transit

No public transport available. No other way that to drive a vehicle as biking is too difficult in the mountain.

No ride sharing services such as Uber

No Right Turn lane onto McCurdy Rd from Rutland Rd

No road going around city after exiting off the bridge

no sidewalks in our area and also live on a thru road -cars go too fast down our street. there should be speed bumps to slow people down.

No subway or skytrain. If there was I would use it.

No transit

Noise from non-commercial vehicles which have noise- enhancing exhaust devices

Noisy vehicles/lack of enforcement of them

Non motorized options are limited (Cycling)

Transit availability in many parts of the city is too limited.

Non sync lights around town suck. Especially on spall/glenmore. |

None,we live very close to town center,Bus transportation is a half a block from the house,But once we are in the main stream like Harvey ave. Springfield ,Spall its crazy out there.

Not a great walk score. Public transit is not that convenient

Not enough advance green lights at intersections (left turn signals)

Not enough bicycle lanes.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Not enough bike paths. I would like to replace my car trip from home to UBCO with a bike trip, as many of my coworkers would like. John Hindle bike path is great, but to get there I need to be on Glenmore rd., where even with the reduced speed limit cars go really fast and it feels unsafe to bike there, especially when it is dark. Please put in a bike path for students and faculty of UBCO to get to work safely!

Not enough bike paths. The ones that we do have aren't all that connected (Houghton corridor for example). Biking on 33 is dangerous, we need a path there.

And traffic volumes - infrastructure is not growing at the same rate as population.

Not enough bus routes and frequencies

Not enough bus stops. Bus does not run enough nor does it work for late night passengers

Not enough choice with routes or times with public transit.

not enough city buses

no bike paths or walking paths along the main route to and from school

not enough cycling lanes and the ones we have are often not clean (contain debris: leaf waste, snow, sand, rocks) and illegal parking in cycling lanes

not enough different routes to get to places

Not enough direct routes. Hwy 97 should have a bypass to eliminate through traffic congestion. Lights could be timed according to posted speed limits

Not enough easily accessible public transit

Not enough East - West through streets

Not enough e-scooters

not enough free parking

Not enough green arrow left turns and the lights on HWY 97 Harvey are not timed together.

Not enough left hand turn arrows on busy intersections. Lights are not aligned on some road ways. For example coming on richter and going across harvey the light from highway to Bernard are usually all red at one time which cut down the flow of traffic. City needs a by pass.

Not enough left hand turning lanes

Not enough left turn lanes/traffic lights

not enough left turn lights

Not enough left turning lights, traffic during prime hours, school zones where parents dropping off children cause significant congestion, not enough bike lanes

Not enough left turning signals and traffic lights that are too short to move traffic that is turning efficiently.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Not enough left-hand turning traffic lights. Existing left-hand turning lights are not functional at all times during the day.

Traffic congestion at peak periods of the day force me to plan my trips.

Insufficient number and length of right hand turning lanes at major intersections such as Benvoulin and Springfield.

City bike lanes make turning right in a vehicle much more dangerous for both vehicle driver and bike riders. |

Not enough main roads to funnel cars through. Highway is always clogged.

Not enough off route bicycle routes off the roadways. Roundabouts juggle traffic and slowing down traffic are needed. More sidewalks on city streets on major routes in Kelowna.

Not enough options or frequency for public transit during peak and non-peak times.

Still gaps in safe cycling route.

Greatly needed education for drivers on sharing the road with cyclists.

Not enough parking for staff at work.

Building (both housing and commercial) has exceeded road infrastructure spending.

Extension of Clement Ave to the University has been forgotten about and has lead to bottlenecks on Enterprise Way.

The interchange at Hwy 97 and Airport Way has also been forgotten about. The light at Hwy 97 and University Way in order to go northbound is a joke. An interchange should have been built there in conjunction with Airport Way when the southbound interchange was built.

Antiqued road construction: intersections with lights on the widening of Hwy 97 North instead of using interchanges (on and off ramps).

Lack of proper right turn lanes all over the city. When there is a right turn lane, it is one or two car lengths long and is blocked by through traffic. This leans to too many vehicles idling at intersections when traffic could be moving.

Not enough proper public transportation and small roadways

Not enough public transit with suitable times to connect with work and home times.

Not enough public transport options. Bus takes an hour and doesn't arrive to hospital in time for my shift. Drive is 7 minutes.

Not enough public transportation

Cycle routes are improving.

not enough public transportation to encourage citizens to use it

Not enough road infrastructure. Not enough easy access to public transit. No light rail - missed opportunity with the rail trail. Kelowna is the absolute worst. I hate living here because of the traffic and the horrible drivers.

People do not obey the HOV lane rules, drivers are aggressive and there are not a lot of alternative transportation options for people who live in the more rural areas of town.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Not enough safe bike lanes, not enough efficient buses, not enough attractive side walks

The city is lacking noise barriers beside loud roads as well

If we want people to use public transport and bikes it has to be attractive and taking the car has to be unattractive (high parking fees, traffic jams...) |

Not enough service roads. Too many traffic lights. Not enough roundabouts. Not enough flyovers.

Not enough side walks to walk safely.

Not enough sidewalks and cross walks that don't line up with where the sidewalks are. More crosswalks are needed. Happy to see more bike lanes.

not enough snow removal service. We need to get to work safely all the time in the winter, not when it is convenient for the city to clean the roads.

Not enough travel corridors through the city; the secondary ones aren't satisfactory...Springfield (too long waits at main intersections) & Enterprise (needs to be widened to accommodate higher traffic volume).

not enough turn signals on the roads. HOV lane should be removed as it doesn't help the flow properly & everyone drives in it anyhow. Bus stops are too close to intersections in places & there should be better pull outs at bus stops so it doesn't impede traffic so much

NOT HAVING A SUNDAY SERVICE...PICK UP AND RETURN TIMES ARE OVER BOOKED...NOT ENOUGH DRIVERS OR HANDY DART BUSES

Not having adequate or appropriate public transit both within city limits and up and down the Okanagan Valley. We have both tried using the transit from home to work or shopping and it typically adds an hour each way or does not even service the shopping areas outside of malls.

We just purchased a new vehicle. We were entertaining either a hybrid or electric car. However either the costs were prohibitive or the dealers did not have any demos to drive other than gasoline.

There are no car share programs near to us either.

I realize that we need the population to support alternative options and to further the infrastructure but the Okanagan is from my perspective behind in providing these services. The Valley is a commuter valley so any options being considered should interact with the communities throughout our region.

Not many buses and they are always late

Not many travel issue near the University of British Columbia. Many of the students walk and bus to school.

Not wanting to walk or ride a bike due to feeling unsafe with vagrants in the area who approach us with demands for money. Also congestion on the roads and lack of adequate public transportation.

Nothing immediately comes to mind, as I've driven my own vehicle for a significant amount of time. When we bike in the summer, busier roads are often a bit of a concern - even with bike lanes it feels a bit unsafe. We also tend to have a few accidents right on the corner of our road, Rutland and Hartman.

number of cars on the roads. Stop lights not timed very well.

Number of lights and intersections on Spall road from Bernard to Highway 97. 4 traffic lights in a very short distance. There is a need to extend the 4 lane north connector to Highway 33.

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Often the bus connections are not coordinated. Eg. travelling west on 97 getting off at Capri to get No. 5 headed south. Misses connection by minutes, then it's a 30 minute wait.

one bridge to access West Kelowna.

Safety of pedestrians (school students) crossing Gertsmar.

One cannot ride a bike from out where we live to go to town for shopping so a car is necessary. It is silly for council to try to ban us from taking our vehicles into town. This is a small town and there will always be cars needed. Until there is enough people living here it is hard to have buses running all the time if there are no riders to help to pay for it.

One issue is that too many people are unable (or don't want to) to live near where they work, so they're dependent on their vehicle to get around. So many people commute into Kelowna from other municipalities, which congests Kelowna's roads, which strains our infrastructure maintenance costs, which means less money is going towards other important public services.

There are too many single occupancy vehicles on the roads (and we're guilty of that, too). So for people to not need a vehicle, it needs to be more convenient to use other transportation methods, and there needs to be the density required to support things like transit and carshare programs (such as Modo).

Summary:

Too many cars per household.

Housing isn't affordable enough in urban centres.

Too much sprawl and building out.

one main road and one bridge thru Kelowna. Too many houses being built in Kettle Valley and not enough roads to transport all the vehicles. Noisy Cars and Trucks Not enough Radar and speed traps. We have a 30 KM speed limit 24 hours a day on Lequime and cars go up to 80 km's or more everyday

One main road through town, it is very inefficient. There are not enough back roads or alternate routes. Not enough over passes/under passes.

Ongoing road construction and disruptions. Damage to car and tires from road construction and potholes

Only 1 lane on Lakeshore and Gordon at the school zones and the traffic backs up until after 9 am. More homes are being built in Kettle valley and south Gordon areas with only 2 lanes for access/exit.

Only 2 roads from Upper Mission and both have Elementary Schools and are school zoned 30 kph!

Only having one bridge.

Only having one choice to gain access to many parts of Kelowna

Only one main road through Kelowna...need a perimeter road for people who are just driving through

Only one way up and down through kettle valley

Only two routes out of Upper Mission -via Lakeshore or Gordon. All take commuters through school zones.

only way to get around is by driving... parking a big issue
walking very limited to downtown or pandosy corridor
and expensive taxis

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Other Drivers

OTHER DRIVERS AND SPEEDING/BAD HABITS. WOULD BE NICE TO SEE MORE RCMP PATROLS OUT THERE!
TRAFFIC ON HWY 97 IS OFTEN CONGESTED AND SLOW/UNSAFE. SPRINGFIELD NEAR ORCHARD PARK IS ALSO BAD (YEAR ROUND). TRAFFIC LIGHTS NEED TO BE RE-ASSESSED. MORE TURNING LIGHTS ON HWY 97 TO SIDE ROADS LIKE COOPER AND DILWORTH!!! TOO MANY ACCIDENTS BECAUSE NO ONE WANTS TO WAIT THROUGH ANOTHER RED LIGHT!

Other than bad drivers that speed and don't signal is the lack of synchronicity in the traffic lights so traffic slows at rush hour. Also the left turn signal on Leathhead and 97 lasts approx 15-30 secs in the early morning with cars lined up 8 or more past the A&W turn in. 2 cars get through and 3-4 go on the yellow and red. Later in the evening when there is no traffic it is longer. Doesn't make sense. There is the lack of left turns on 97 in general. Rush hour is as early as 630 in the morning and again starting at 4 pm. That includes Hwy 97, Springfield and Enterprise. There is no escaping it

our community needs better traffic flow

Our highways aren't set up at all for city's growth. Traffic is way heavier than it needs to be

Our mayor and councilors keep approving building condos and town homes along Lakeshore and lake front to get more tax revenue mean while Pandosy and Lakesore cannot be widened to take all the additional new traffic .

Our roads are not designed to carry the amount of drivers on them every day. Causing congestion and multiple accidents. Parking as a result is also a struggle in certain areas such as the hospital. public transit does not run enough places or often enough for working professionals to utilize. Biking in the summer is by far the best way to transit, the addition of multiple bike lanes in the last year has been incredible.

Overly aggressive drivers.

Overuse of Glenmore Rd by large, noisy trucks.

overwhelming traffic

traffic glut at orchard park mall - right hand turns off the highway to the entrance block cars for miles.

too many traffic lights to allow traffic flow

bridge development

we desperately need overpasses to get vehicles moving and allow vehicles to bypass the city if desired.

painfully slow construction.

Parking

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Kelowna Residents

Parking

parking

narrow streets due to parking on both sides of the streets

Parking and over building downtown. There is virtually no parking downtown now, and yet the powers that be, continue to approve more large scale housing complexes without any consideration for downtown access.

Parking and taxi

Parking around Rutland Elementary school

Parking at the hospital

Parking at the hospital

Parking downtown

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Parking downtown and congestion along Enterprise Way and Harvey Ave/Highway 95 year round.

Parking Everywhere Traffic Congestion

parking for all of the buildings going up and flow of traffic on the highway 97

Parking for vehicles - We no longer do any shopping, eating or business in the Downtown area because parking is an issue. We avoid Downtown completely.

Regular Bus service in parts of the city, Magic Estates, Wilden etc is non-existent unless you book a ride with BC Transit. Not convenient for workers or for impromptu shoppers etc - Compared to other cities comparable to Kelowna across Canada, we rate Kelowna POOR and we have lived here since 1994. No Change in our area for 24 yrs!

parking from construction crews in street, parking and double parking (sometimes triple parking) in front of house, by-law has never enforced even though they have been notified several times. Parking restricts view exiting residence. Lack of parking for home owners and their guests. Street racing on graham st (no stops for several blocks), put in 4 way stops again (removed about 20 years ago) at all intersections. Speeding is awful on graham st, and lots of parked cars (non resident), at martin ctr

parking in downtown core - especially when buildings do not have any parking spaces for visitors and hockey fans take all the available parking (especially the free spaces)

parking in the downtown area and KGH

Parking in the downtown core

Parking in the Kelowna down town area.

Parking is always a concern downtown. its hard to get bus schedule pretty often. from the pharماسave.

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parking issues

Parking issues downtown

Parking on our street is often crowded with little space for visitors to our home.

Parking overnight. Taxi's over priced. NEED UBER!!!!!!!

Parking to be removed on Sutherland Ave.

Parking! It behooves me to see so many developers slapping up complexes without adequate parking, especially underground parking! It then becomes an issue when these, such as 50 housing complexes, have vehicles parking all over the front streets (if available), back streets, alleyways and barren land. Point in case is Brookside Avenue off Gordon Drive. What a mess that is! A very narrow dead end street packed with vehicles on either side, that often times it is barely driveable! Why is it not compulsory for any developer, no matter the size of building, to include and prove parking plans for at least 2 vehicles per unit, before any building permits are allocated!

parking, more easily accessible public transportation for shopping areas.

Parking, parking parking parking

Parking, the set-up of the intersection leaving the mall on its east side heading to super store, and the T-intersection. At the end of Union Rd. No one knows how the three-way stop works.

Parking, traffic congestion & road rage. People running Amber lights, distracted driving

parking. Construction happens but available parking is tough. Take sunset drive as an example. Two new high rises that will not provide enough parking for the people living there, businesses, visitors etc. and then the City sees an opportunity to make some money by strictly enforcing parking all the way down sunset. Where will people park? If you have one spot assigned to your new condo and you have two vehicles, street parking is your only alternative.

Parking. I own a car, but many days pass without me using it. I mostly walk short distances, as my neighbourhood is very walkable. I have a place to park, but many of the multi unit buildings in my area dont have sufficient parking. Many new housing units are going up, but not enough visitor parking is provided in them. New housing that is for sale just blocks from me doesnt have enough on site visitor parking, 9 visitor stalls for a 50 unit complex is just not enough. Make the developers provide more visitor parking, as the side streets are packed with 2nd and visitor cars at night. Dont make those already living in the area fear new developments

People are in a hurry-everyone want's to be first in line. Speed is another factor.

people are too much in a hurry, not enough patience. we have good infrastructure compared to many countries. thanks

People don't know how to drive, icbc have handed out licences to far too many unqualified drivers of all ages. I find especially 30 to 50 year olds have no idea what road signs and lines mean etc.

People live too far from their work, play and shopping.

People need to live near work

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People not driving by the rules. I find the bus system great here in rutland.

People not driving safely ei. Speeding, tailgating, cutting off, RUNNING RED LIGHTS, texting or on phone while driving.

People not obeying traffic rules and regulations. (like speed and bike lanes and jaywalking etc.)

People often don't feel safe biking and therefore choose to drive. Educating drivers and cyclists on rules of the road may be helpful, as well as ensuring bike lanes are clear

People people and not enough roads. I live in Orchard park area, traffic is hourendous. Not enough roads to get from point a to point b. Kelowna is a transportation wise it is a mess.

people speeding to their destinations instead of following stated road speed signs.

People use their cars because it's faster than taking the bus. Bus service in our area has a reputation for not being reliable or user-friendly. As an example - a bus just passing by a person standing at a bus stop.

Please see previous. Not enough buses, scheduled to miss each other so you would miss your connection half the time.

Pollution, traffic volume. We don't need more roads but better public transportation systems. Bite the bullet city councils!

Poor bus routes and times

Red light violations

poor bus system. build park and rides with just a few loops for the Pandosy area, downtown, Rutland, and the mall area. make them free and frequent so we can keep our car out of the downtown and pandosy/hospital area.

Poor city bus service and rapid transportation

Poor development thinking.. You are now cramming the shore area with high rises... Good luck with the outcome from those developments.. Your downtown is a giant shame.. and does not attract people to come and spend money.. It has nothing...to bring people to that area.. You lack sufficient parking for evening events at your recreation/community facilities.. You have created a miserable traffic jam thru the town with the lack of a bi-pass road around the city.. Evening traffic is a mess.. Do you want me to go on... Moved here and have been disappointed...

Poor drivers, traffic congestion during to and from work times (7-9 AM and 3-530 PM)

Poor driving habits - speeding, tailgating, not stopping when you are supposed to, distracted driving...

Poor frequency of buses and lack of feeder buses. Establish a bus route with fewer stops to get to the airport.

poor infrastructure.

Lack of alternate routes for commercial vehicles.

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Poor infrastructure. There are only two access roads from downtown Kelowna to lower/upper mission. Lakeshore is not a major arterial road since it has two roundabouts. Council continues to say okay to more developments (more people more cars) without proper roads. Impossible to improve the roads at this point because buildings have been built too close to the roads. More development is expected at DeHart and Swamp road, McClure and upper mission. And the two roads Gordon and Lakeshore will stay the same. in one, two, three etc...there will be even more cars on Lakeshore and Gordon and it will be grid lock for longer periods of the day. One council after another has let down the residents of Kelowna. Grid lock leads to more angry and frustrated drivers which I believe will lead to more accidents. Too late to fix the roads, so stop jamming more people in to areas where there is already major issues. |

poor maintenance & coordination

poor public transportation

poor road networks and design. No foresight or long term planning.

Poor road planning in relation to developments on the outside of communities. Ie (kettle valley, ponds) public transit is a waste of time for families living in these areas. Home-daycare-work and back again would take too much vsuable time out of the day to make it feasible

Poor road planning. Short term thinking governments (re budgets) for long term issues. Comments from city planners that were expressed this year such as ' we won't build more roads because then people will just use them' are not very appropriate. We need realistic planning not idealistic dreams.

Poor road system for the amount of traffic Poor planning . Do not allow more building until you have better road system

Poor timing of lights - having to stop at almost every single intersection. Many intersections that don't provide a 'yield-on-green' left hand turn light leading to excessive time waiting at red lights when there is plenty of opportunities to be able to turn left when no oncoming traffic or breaks in oncoming traffic are present. Lack of multi-lane routes - can be stuck in single lane traffic for long portions of a single trip where vehicles often travel unnecessarily low below speed limit.

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Poor traffic flow. Too many intersections and lights. The Trans Canada Highway should not be crossing Okanagan Lake. Why try to drive over or through an obstacle when you can easily just go around it? The William Bennett Bridge and Highway 97 from Vernon should not be handling as much south bound/ west bound traffic as it currently does. Bypass the lake and let traffic flow around it more easily. Highway 97 through Kelowna was widened at the north end just in the last year. It is only a temporary solution and will need to be widened again, but you can't keep removing all of the businesses along the highway to make more room. Also, widening the highway doesn't help much since the bridge over the lake is not just as many lanes wide. Once you hit West Kelowna, you hit another mess of intersections and traffic lights which impedes traffic flow, often to a crawl. Highway 97 through Kelowna should not have as many crossing intersections. Springfield Road runs parallel to the highway on one side and Enterprise, Clement, Bernard and Lawrence run parallel to it on the other side. Cut out some of the crossing intersections and let traffic use the parallel roads to move north or south and have a limited number of crossing intersections for vehicles to cross the highway. Less intersections equals less lights and less stops which equals more flow. Put in more left turning lanes and right turning lanes as well as more left turn signals. Get rid of all this backed up traffic trying to make a turn and stuck behind other traffic or by oncoming traffic when trying to turn left. Move the HOV lane to the left lane instead of the right or just skip having an HOV lane anyway and let drivers use whichever lane seems to make traffic keep flowing smoothly. Overpasses and underpasses work great. Start looking forward to increased traffic flow and design the roads and highways to incorporate under/over passes (and traffic circles on the smaller streets and roads) before everything gets so built up and jammed up that it's near impossible to install them.

Poor Transit Bus schedule up to Black Mountain for my kids

poor transit options, lack of safe sidewalks and bike lanes, roads that are not lit well

Poor transit system. I know it takes riders for it to work but Kelowna schedule is crap.

Poor transportation planning from the city

Poor walkability and road safety issues (it is dangerous to walk and bike in Kelowna).

Poorly designed road network for such a large population.

poorly maintained roads, potholes and unfinished work... faded or missing painted lines makes dark, wet roads hazardous to motorists, pedestrians and bicycles

poorly planned HOV lane. The HOV lane in the far right of HWY 97 (Harvey) is ridiculous. People moving through the city should be in the far left lane.

Poorly trained drivers (complete lack of mandatory recurring written & road tests - should be standard for all drivers every five years)

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Possibly the congestion on the bridge but it does not affect me; I find the outside lane travel restrictions on Harvey a problem. I prefer to travel in the lane I need for making the next turn. I plan ahead and watch the vehicles around me and then when I need to move to the outside lane, someone has made a right turn on a red light or from a Yield sign and squeezed in the empty space the other drivers had to leave open. Also, there seems to be a discrepancy in the left turn arrows which I rely on -- just when do you trigger the arrow? the sequences seem to vary from intersection to intersection and the length of the arrows is compromised by other left turners on the opposite roads. I am seeing so many infractions - drivers running red lights, illegal u-turns and other turns. There does not seem to be enough visible traffic supervision. Cyclists are constantly running red lights and do not observe vehicle regulations.

Price of gas.

Price of gas.

Priority should be given to Hwy 97 bypassing Kelowna.

Probably how busy the highway through Kelowna is.

Probably the limited capacity crossing of the lake over the only bridge - if the bridge is unviable, the alternatives are limited and for some, unreasonable.

Proper accessible bus routes for seniors.

Providing bus service to public with less than 16 minutes between rides.
Moving bikes to protected routes off roads major roads.

Providing more main arteries in Kelowna area as traffic on Hwy 97, Springfield and Enterprise is very heavy.

Providing safe, efficient cycling and walking options.

Providing transit services that meet the needs of shift workers, the elderly, parents, students and visitors.
Difficult to manage the extra time it takes to make bus use work when it can add hours to your travel time.

Public infrastructure roads and congestion Lake Country to West Kelowna is brutal especially in summer.

Public parking downtown Kelowna

Public transit

Public Transit

Public transit

Public transit

Public transit and light rail

Public Transit from Dilworth to downtown. Must go to the mall, transfer and then downtown.
Buses are too infrequent up Dilworth. Especially on Holidays.

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Kelowna Residents

Public transit is difficult for teenagers to use. There are not enough bus routes and the frequency of the buses is poor. It takes them too long to get to where they are going (most often travelling between home and downtown Kelowna).

Public transit is not convenient - my daughter used to take public transit from school, and it would take 2 buses (a transfer needed) and over an hour to get home, for what is a 20 minute drive in a car. I have checked the transit route from my house to the airport - also over an hour, and multiple buses, for what is an 11 minute drive from my house.

Public transit is not convenient.

public transit is not frequent enough, traffic is very congested during peak times

Public transit is sub-par.

Public transit not running 24 hours or at least close to that.

Public transit scheduling and Highway 97 traffic flow

Public transit shortfalls, urban sprawl, and poor planning of arterial routes lead to congestion and far too many vehicles required for day-to-day activities

Public transit system in Kelowna needs lots of improvements! Some routes have bus only once an hour, some twice a day! That's very inconvenient for our family to get to stores or school through taking buses! And my daughter said that she found the buses in UBCO have almost same problems

Public Transit to our neighbourhood.

eBike/ECar options that are supported by the Electricity Suppliers - Fortis Electric presently uses a two tiered system of billing that provides a base household rate with a surcharged higher rate for anything over base. If ecologically viable choices for transit such as E-based bicycles or vehicles are to be a preferred option, the cost of electricity to support these options should not be surcharged above and beyond an already low surcharged threshold for any combined household/E-Vehicle consumption.

public transit to serve the small population over the vast area that is Kelowna.

Public transit unavailability on weekends and during non-peak travel times.

Public Transit. I try to be environmentally friendly and take public transit where I go but the transit system to the university from the mission area is not efficient. The roads are not conducive to public transit in many places, and the only bus that runs to the university has an extremely long trip to make through the town. Good for picking up lots of people, less good for speed. Using the rail bed that runs through Kelowna past the university for an electric train is, though expensive, a far better use for an existing rail bed than trails to walk on, it cuts down on emissions and could take stress off the roads.

Public transport could be much more user-friendly, with more routes and access etc.

Bike lanes could be more maintained, especially in the shoulder seasons.

Car share not accessible in our Rutland neighbourhood.

City in general is designed to move around by car - not as pedestrian or transit friendly as could be.

Would like to make choices that are better for the environment but it currently is challenging.

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Kelowna Residents

Public transport required waiting times and routes that are not direct. I wish I did not have to use a car all the time but am always in a rush to get things done at this time of my life.

Public transport such as buses do not arrive at time said and are always full, sometimes to extent that you have to wait for the next bus cause their is no room for you

public transportation - one should look into a more efficient way of bus transportation into the Mission/Crawford areas. A bus ride from the College to the Lower Mission can take up to an hour, whereas a car ride can be as short as 10 minutes

public transportation and safe walkways to and from school

Public transportation has to be more efficient for people to use. The bus service in Kelowna is certainly not very good when I have used it. The buses do not run frequently and I was always caught somewhere waiting for the bus for a long time. Not good for Seniors. There are far too many vehicles on the roads and the the roads cannot handle the volume. Something must to done to move people around more quickly and efficiently.

Public transportation is awful in Kelowna. We are growing out instead of up.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS NOT USER FRIENDLY WITH TIMES AND MODES.
BIKE LANES AND SECURE BIKE PARKING NEEDS SIGNIFICANT UPDATE

Public transportation is too infrequent in the Mission. Transfers are awkward and too long. Kelowna needs more and better transit.

Public transportation needs to be in my community as a travel option.

Public transportation not very accessible and isn't regular in our area

Public transportation- poor availability unless living in city central.

Public transportation system and bike-friendly transportation systems/infrastructure

Public transportation, accessibility, infrastructure (ie: traffic lights) and modified streets and byways allowing safe bicycle transportation

Punctual Public Transit

Putting in developments and more and more housing but not upgrading the roads to accomodate all the people moving here.

R got stuck in a loop for did you make trips, fixed it but travel day got changed to thursday dec 6th

Rapid Growth. Roads and Cycle paths aren't keeping pace

Rapid transet for people working, going to school or shopping. Frequency.

Readily available, and affordable, downtown parking.

Reduce the number of people travelling by car and provide more and better infrastructure for cycling to encourage more people to cycle to work or for shopping and errands

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reducing automobiles on the roads

Reducing GHG emissions

Reducing the CO2 in the air to stop the climate from changing so rapidly...so reduce the no. of cars.

Reduce any expansion of roads... roads are unhealthy & expensive.

Safety - provide more bike lanes, side walks and lower speeds. eg for streets with no sidewalks - reduce the speed to 30 km/hours and put speed bumps on the sides.

Changing people's opinion about walking, biking and cycling...so much fun (and better health)

Reducing the use of cars by single persons for regular travel by shifting the infrastructure and service dollars spent from automotive transportation to alternative modes.

Regular dependable bus service

Safe bike lanes away from roads.

I would love to see a safe bike route from North Glenmore to Reid's Corner. I would like to ride my bike to work but currently far too dangerous.

Regular, reliable and accessible public transit and bike paths!!

Regularity of transit on the weekends for people who need it in outlying areas; safe bicycle lanes and continued improvements; traffic flow on Harvey; left turn lanes for safety

Reliability and being on schedule

Reliable bus service. Our 15 year old relies on the bus, but service is not always available. Ex. on Sundays. He works at the mall

Reliable, affordable transit options for all bodies and purposes.

remote housing, density way to low to support public transportation. encourage live-work-shop areas where car trips can be minimized for daily necessities. And it builds community and encourages small businesses

remove HOV lane, it's useless and nobody obeys the rule. Add additional mode of transportation between Kelowna and West Kelowna. Increase bus frequency esp during weekend. add bus route along benvouline

Removing 'through' traffic from Kelowna to the west side from the downtown core route.

Residents who speed. We have a 30 km posted speed limit and many many many push that.

resolving driving 'pinch points' such as the convergence of Spall, Clement, Enterprise. The city has done an excellent job connecting bike paths but traffic remains an issue and citizens would be well served by the implementation of one of the highway bypass plans.

Richter St (across from the mall) has a crossing not used to its potential and another set of lights is necessary for traffic to stop better.

Ride sharing availability and alternatives like Uber

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Right now I drive to work because other options take so much more time. If buses were more direct, I would consider other options. I am considering an e-bike, but right now they are expensive.

Road capacity, transit use, safe biking lanes

Road congestion

road congestion

Road congestion - especially from the Mission Hills to town and from town down Benvoulin to KLO

Road congestion! Road upgrades not matching the new subdivision approvals and increasing population.

road construction delays

Road construction not completed according to schedule. Seems to be always very late.

Road infrastructure is falling behind population growth in our city, because of an overly simplistic desire to follow a 'green' philosophy that will push everyone to using public transportation instead of their cars.

Road infrastructure not keeping up with population growth - both resident and tourist.

road infrastructure

Road lines. A number of roads I travel do not have center lines or center lines that stop half way down the road. Driver's are often to far over on one side forcing oncoming vehicles off the road or to slow way down

Road maintenance

Parking

Road maintenance, upkeep and construction

road system and transit system is awful.. because of this parking is congested as are the roads

Road widening and maintenance

Roads are clogged and there isn't any traffic control out there, I mean RCMP traffic officers, Highway 33 thru Rutland is a speedway and so is Springfield Road and never any RCMP officers monitoring traffic speeds

Roads are getting grid locked, not easy to get in and out of Kelowna , it has heavy traffic areas that are hard to bypass.

Roads are not accommodating the volume of traffic. We need an alternative road to get to hwy 97 from kettle valley rather than only Chute lake road. Housing has grown here and still is and roads have not changed. Traffic delays are still largely happening between 8am and 9am because of school zones and 2 traffic lights backing up vehicles. There was a traffic circle put in but most people do not know how to use them properly and stop instead of merging or never use a signal when leaving the circle causing delays. Drivers need to be educated on proper use of a traffic circle which would also help.

Roads are too crowded, need a bypass through or around Kelowna.

Population is growing faster than roads can handle.

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Kelowna Residents

Roads are too busy. Meridian in front of house is dangerous and makes it difficult to enter and exit driveway. We have seen it hit by vehicles many times

Roads are very congested at peak times. My route to and from work gets very backed up and what could be a 5-7 minute drive turns into quite often at 15-40 minute crawl.

Roads barely adequate for traffic volume.

Roads cannot support the amount of traffic causing air pollution. Not enough parking required for new buildings making the roads very unsafe. Having to pull out half way into the traffic before you can see what traffic is coming.

roads not adequate for current traffic volume and yet we keep increasing population density without regard for increase traffic volumes . No public transportation in our area.

Roads very busy and a lot of building going on |

Roads,streets, highways in and out of the city, and with in the the city cannot seem to handle easy flow of traffic.Development of subdivisions, etc. has increased traffic beyond what roads can handle at the usual peak times of the day.

Roadway infrastructure inadequate for volume of traffic. Regardless of desire to move away from fossil fuels and internal combustion engines I believe the general public will always desire private modes of transportation requiring continued roadway design and improvements to move people safely and efficiently.

roadways are too small (one lane) to handle traffic, especially around schools at school drop-off and pick-up.

Rush hour congestion and more bike lanes are need specially safe ones for seniors.

Rush hour congestion on the bridge and major corridors. Also, taxis are unavailable and too expensive.

Rush hour on Enterprise Road and parking at Pearson Elementary School

Rush hour traffic on Highway 97

rush hour traffic, and potholes

Rush hour traffic. As a retired person I try to stay off the main roads between 3 and 6 pm

rush-hour congestion, especially in the Mission

Rutland road is unsafe for walking and pleasure use, lots of speeding

Rutland road is very bust, and traffic is jammed.

Rutland Road needs to be 4 lanes. The backup is too much. Please don't 'pretty' it up like you did in some places, ie. Ethel near Harvey, and make it not efficient. The mission needed more lanes to move traffic through and the City made bigger sidewalks there and traffic is so backed up. We need traffic flow to get places quickly.

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safe and accessible cycling routes. There needs to be more dedicated cycling lanes, including those with barriers between cars and bikes (e.g. like in Vancouver)

public transit - more routes required (e.g. in the Mission area)

Safe and affordable Late night transportation for people who have enjoyed alcohol.

Safe and convenient (ie. reasonably direct) cycling routes.

Safe and reliable and timely public transportation on well developed transportation infrastructure.

Safe bicycle routes

Safe bicycle routes on busy roads

Safe bike lanes

safe bike lanes

Safe bike routes

safe biking lanes

Safe biking paths to UBCO, and around the city.

There is no public transit up Clifton Drive to Magic Estates.

Our children would use public transit, but the closest bus stop is a 45 min- hour walk away. This has forced us to purchase another vehicle.

Safer bike lanes and more of them! Especially on Clifton

Love the progress so far though

SAFER BIKE LANES THAT ARE CLEARLY MARKED

Safer intersection at KLO and Spiers rd.

safety as a pedestrian. Intersections can be hazardous. Drivers don't pay attention.

Safety concerns for people who use bicycles

Safety for all modes especially bicycles

Safety for cyclists and pedestrians and access to transit.

Safety of alternate uses to cars, including access to safe pedestrian and bike infrastructure, especially for children, and distracted and speeding drivers.

safety of bike lanes

Safety of riding bike, which I do most days from April or May until September and encouraging more people to utilize alternate transportation methods

Safety Travel of Road Bikers (in the summer time)

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Safety, reducing the risk of accidents at major intersections and flow of traffic during peak hours

Safety. Too many are in too much of a rush, making for a very unsafe environment.

Scheduling buses so the time to get downtown is comparable to driving.

School and Public availability

Schools built on main arteries slows traffic flow. Other traffic travelling much faster than posted limits. Hwy 97 bottleneck seems to be all day long.

Scotters driving on sidewalks. Their high speeds are hazards to foot traffic and vehicles turning.

secondary road ways for making your way around the city of Kelowna without having to travel hwy 97

seqencing of traffic lights

Sequence/timing of traffic lights at connecting intersections and left turn signals.

Shelter while wating for bus

Side walks near our home that make it safe to walk or ride our bikes safely. The traffic is very busy with large trucks and semis.

Sidewalk and biking route construction.

Since we are retired we can choose the times that we travel along the main Highway #97 corridor so we really don't have any issues with getting around the City.

Singapore uses " prepaid cards " and street side signs to indicate parking rate at specific locations. Car owner simply punches his own card -- and leaves it on dash. If he is ' late ' leaving his parking spot -- he/she will find a wheel-lock in place ! ie They do not even need a lot of Tow trucks . You can well imagine how rare it is that drivers ' goof up '. Not sure how heavy the fines are -- but ... SO - we could reduce our costs thusly !!!?

single occupancy vehicles, reliance on automobile for transportation, weather preventing more cycling

single passenger trips that take at least 30 minutes return. I love having a neighbourhood grocery store a five minute walk from home - it is the only time I don't feel car dependent.

single passenger vehicle commuting. Takes up more resources and parking than needed. people need more incentive to either carpool or find alternative means of transport.

Slow and busy traffic flow.

Slow downs to vehicle traffic by creation of bike path crossings on main arteries. Smarten up and put elevated walkways/bike paths. Create left hand turn lights crossing 97. i.e. Dillworth. Learn how to use over passes / underpasses. Far too much spent on the MINORITY interest groups. (bike path on old rail line) creating traffic delays from Sexsmith through Spall/Glenmore. The tactic will not increase use of unwanted public transit and cycling. Stop stealing street parking in downtown core.

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Slow traffic at busy times

Slow travel along hwy 97.

Snow removal in the winter. Kelowna is a very walkable city in spring, summer, and fall seasons. During winter sidewalk clearance is terrible. My 40-45 minute walking commute to work becomes a difficult 60 minute commute each direction. When there is fresh snow the times are even longer. 60 minutes is just traversing the uncleared sidewalks from past snowfalls.

Some bike lanes are not accessible from the first snowfall until spring. Snow gets plowed into them and even if it melts and the roads are clear for another month, the debris left behind makes them impassable. The bike lanes that are separated by bollards are never clean and I never feel safe using them because I can't tell if there's something dangerous on the road.

I also find it prohibitively expensive to take the bus. If I can't bike to work, I'm more likely to take the car because it's cheaper than taking the bus. I'd have to leave at the same time I'd leave if I were walking (it's a 45-minute walk), so I can't see myself getting up extra early and paying more than I would for a car trip.

Some major roads don't have a left turn light (Pandosy and Harvey)

Enterprise is a more than busy road.

HOV lanes are misused and kind of useless in Kelowna.

Some of the main arteries through Kelowna during the afternoon are not adequate; Springfield Rd., Enterprise, Dilworth.

Some places on highway 97 the pavement around utility accesses are done terribly and need to be redone, because they are creating big bumps. (Particularly between Hwy 33 towards Banks rd, Richeter st toward Ethel) Bicycle lane on Glenmore road towards Vernon is very much needed as there's no shoulder there making it uncomfortable to ride.

Some problem with the buses, schedules changed or discontinued, which delay my time by 20 minutes so I could attend that church any longer. Two buses were in its place and too much of a delay.

Sorry I can't name just one.

There aren't enough designated bike paths to encourage cycling. They need to be separated from traffic with a curve. Maybe instead of stamped concrete add bike lanes to sides of roads. Bike paths that do exist in Glenmore are in disrepair from tree roots making it difficult for road and commuter bikes.

Sidewalks along Snowsell over grown with bushes especially close to North Glenmore Elementary narrowing the path to about half its size.

Snowsell street could use finishing. The dirt and mud along the edges of the road gets on the road making it a hazard to cyclists and just looks awful.

This is probably my most troubling issue due to safety concerns for children. Traffic coming down from Wilden going way too fast. Is it possible to get speed humps close to the linear park crosswalks? There have been numerous times where traffic ignores posted speed limits and cross walk markers.

Thank you

Sorry, I can't help you. I've never used public transportation here and I haven't experienced any difficulty getting around in the city.

In answer to the next question I'm probably not a good candidate for providing useful information on this topic.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Speeding

speeding and congestion

Speeding on Dougall Road South

Speeding, I think more should be done in Kelowna in regards to speeders, every one does more than the speed limit, if your doing 80 on a 50 km bridge or faster.

Sprawl is the most important challenge. You need a car to get around Kelowna conveniently. Driving sucks, it pollutes the environment and it's not fun. I'd like to cycle but 10 km each way is a lot.

Springfield Rd is in good condition and the 97 is now fixed as well. Enterprise Rd needs fixing.

Stigma of taking the bus! and the distance to walk to get to a bus stop

Stop and go traffic on the highway (Harvey Ave)

streets are not made for traffic we now have. Biggest issue is the speed people use and the lack of patience in traffic. I consider myself a good driver and I do not drive any too slow but people are making stupid and unsafe moves in and out of traffic just to get to the next traffic light first! Police seem to pull people over for silly things not unsafe or speeding issues.

Students seem to get back and forth to UBC easily on public transit.

Summer time congestion, there needs to be an alternate route so that transport trucks and tourist not stopping in the okanagan can bypass without clogging street through each community

Summer traffic along main roads (Ie, Harvey)

Summer traffic is extremely heavy and traffic light timing should reflect that to avoid long lineups and yellow light running.

Summertime volume of vehicle traffic.

Super happy with cycling infrastructure that has been invested in in kelowna. Looking forward for Ellis and Ethel to each be completed all the way to knox mountain and through to raymer. Please consider separate cycling and pedestrian lanes through city park (hard to navigate along boardwalk from sunset to Bernard when there are crowded pedestrians).

The north end needs more sidewalks. Areas of particular concern include richter street near the craft breweries (packing district) and near where our middle schoolers take the bus (west side from both north and south leading to corner of oxford - impossible to navigate with snowetc). Also, east side of Ellis from Broadway/poplar all the way to Bay ave (dirt, puddles, snow banks, potholes are problems). Finally crosswalks are needed at the four way stop at Broadway/poplar/Ellis, with sidewalks along poplar to dog park (why is there still temporary barriers for flooding from two years ago?). High numbers of people walk their dogs or go running in this area.

Also - parking is very cheap downtown, which dissuades people from taking their bikes. There's a misconception that there aren't enough spaces, but with the new parking garages,there's plenty of space for those going out at night. The public needs to be educated that there's plenty of space (but fees apply!).

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Sync the lights on Gordon, Springfield and Harvey.

No more lights on Harvey, rather overpasses.

We need an alternative bridge access, driving through West Kelowna is horrible.

Why is Casorso and Gordon on a timer? We are a city and need sensors.

Parking downtown is terrible.

Transit is expensive for only winter months 10 trips a day at \$70.00 a month plus my commute time is not worth it (more worth it to pay for parking and have the convenience of my car downtown to run errands after work.

When creating bike lanes please ensure the curbs are flat and not bumpy - hospital side of Harvey on Ethel is good. Ethel on downtown side of Harvey (Lawson, Martin, Fuller) the curbs are terrible. Please fix these with the next bike lane contract.

Taking transit is no cheaper than driving my car to work downtown and paying for parking. It's hard to justify paying \$5 per day when I can park for \$6. Even considering that I live 5 minutes from work and my building is right on the Queensway bus loop. Taking this bus is also a pain because the drivers are often early by 5 minutes when it's a mid route stop, and you miss the bus, with the next one not coming for 15-30 minutes. If there were better discounts, I would take the bus everyday, but I can't afford a \$70 monthly pass and I have a good income. No idea how folks on fixed income can do it.

Taxi are brutal. Start allowing ride share companies to operate in BC. It's a crime Uber isn't here. Quit be so tyrannical an allow business to to flourish and people to save money with private sector solutions.

Taxi rates are too high!

taxis are far too expensive- almost 1/3 - 1/2 more \$\$ the same distance trip in Vancouver
the transit is only convenient if you are a student between the university & college. otherwise they are sparse- unreliable- rude drivers - expensive & less accessible after 6 pm

-Taxis are one of the most expensive costs of going out, and often passengers are left hanging without a ride (unacceptable in a City of this size and dangerous). More options for getting home safe after a drink would improve safety for everyone in Kelowna

Taxi's sometimes hard to get one

Terrible bus schedule/availability

Terrible driving habits of most people on the road. But I guess that's not a regional issue.

Terrible public transport, bus system takes too long. No option for Uber, taxi service is terrible. No overnight parking after a night out

terrible traffic light sequinces. Almost imposible to traveres some intersections

Thank you

Thanks for the rail trail, cycling lanes. I can get almost anywhere on the multiways & rail trails.

Thanks

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

That my daughter cannot get to work any closer than one hour before her start time on weekends. We live in Kettle Valley, and she takes 2 buses to get there. She has to take the bus to and from work every weekend. There are NO buses that can bring her home past 7:00 pm on ANY day. She gets off at 9:15 pm. We have spent a lot of money on taxis to bring her home when we can't.

We also have concerns that Chute Lake Road doesn't get plowed as often as it should when snow starts falling. I feel that communities with big hills, and high altitude (more snow), should receive some priority with road clearing. Also, we live in a cul de sac, and are left to dig out, as the city doesn't come unless someone complains.

That the highway passes right through the middle of Kelowna.

The # 10 bus is always full so we need more of them. The drivers are excellent but the bus is too full. The # 9 bus needs more buses as well. The schedule of the # 9 bus should be reviewed and improved.

The 2 lights on Clifton Mountain and High Rd I usually have to stop at the red light.

The absence of ride sharing such as Uber or Lyft. It is ridiculous to me that literally the rest of North America has figured it out and B.C. is still nowhere NEAR adopting it. It is embarrassing that international travellers come to our tourist heavy province and we can't offer this. It's also inconvenient and unsafe at peak times like Christmas when you cannot get a cab for hours and you need to get home somehow in the cold. It would also help the massive congestion we see on a daily basis here in Kelowna by taking cars off the road and offering people an alternative transportation method to get directly where they need to in a timely and affordable fashion. The taxi companies have had long enough to figure out how to co-exist. We should be leading in issues like this, not falling literally years behind.

The absolute gridlock and congestion on major roads such as Hwy 97 (Harvey Ave), Springfield Rd, Enterprise Way, Cooper Rd & Dilworth Rd. Extremely dangerous for cyclists.

There should be a route around the city so truckers and those traveling through have an alternative to Hwy 97. |

The alternatives to personal vehicles are not convenient enough to encourage their use. Walking has to compete with bikes on sidewalks and long distances to cross major busy roads safely. Also there are increasingly more aggressive homeless asking for change .

I like the bus but I've noticed more tension among riders. It seems to be connected to the number of homeless riding with some of their stuff. My wife won't ride the bus because of this and her past experiences. |

The amount of traffic because of the lack of more alternate routes and the lack of synchronized traffic lights on the main corridors

The amount of traffic in the city and the number of lights on hwy 97

The amount of traffic lights on the highway makes for a much slower drive. Also the potholes are not being addressed as they were in the past.

The amount of traffic on the roads. The current road system cannot not handle the ever increasing number of vehicles on the roads. Also, the lack of traffic laws enforcement, especially speeding and the running of red lights.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The amount of vehicles on the roads.

Hwy 97 through Lake Country, Kelowna and West Kelowna has such heavy traffic now and the red lights are causing major traffic congestion back ups. Hwy 97 is like a freeway and new road infrastructure needs be considered and the red light issue. We all need to try figure out more carpooling options and some better bike paths as I would like to bike to work but still too dangerous

The area I live in is older, and we need another lane for traffic especially on Springfield. Congestion can be brutal at rush hour.

The biggest challenge is moving traffic along the main highway (Harvey). I work in real estate so I'm on the road a lot at all times of day, so I see the congestion in different neighborhoods at different times, and the most significant areas are travelling to West Kelowna between 3pm-5:30pm, travel time can double. Likewise travelling from Kelowna to West Kelowna between 7:30-9am.

The other biggest stall I see is commuting from the Upper Mission/Kettle Valley area especially in the mornings, the congestion can in cases triple travel time passing by the schools on route. I don't see any working to remedy this currently, and there are new building permits being stamped out just as quick as city hall can for these neighborhoods, which obviously is only going to increase the population and traffic.

The biggest complaint in our household is the time it takes to get through Kelowna from our house to the end of West Bank getting onto the highway to the coast..even with minimal stops there is a good amount of time spent getting across town due to the amount of lights and traffic as this is the one main route

The biggest issue I have is speeders and people who don't respect lights and road signs. I see so many people going through red lights it is unbelievable. After driving for fifty years, it seems that the drivers are getting worse.

The biggest issue in travel is the HOV lanes on Hwy 97 through Kelowna. Using the curb lane for HOV is by far the most useless utilization of infrastructure spending in the last while. Secondly spending large amounts of budget to build special bike paths and bike lanes for a mode of transportation used by so few people and for a small amount of time per year. Few people bike in the winter. Standard bike lanes would be sufficient.

The biggest issue is that we live out of town so need cars to get in to town. We are proud that we have our daughters share a car or go to university and that I walk to and from work.

The biggest issue that I see is the speed of the drivers on the roads. Too many people speed. With most of the main feeder roads having homes on them it creates dangerous and unsafe conditions.

The biggest transportation issue is that the City is growing too big too fast and the roads are congested because of poor planning years ago. The biggest challenge is dealing with all the aggressive drivers on the roads, due to the lack of Police law enforcement, as well as being patient enough to go long distances in traffic jams...Roads and traffic signals not designed for left hand turns either.

The bike lanes are terrible. It's too dangerous riding a bike on the busy roads

The bottleneck of the WR Bennett bridge between Kelowna and West Kelowna.
The congestion along Glenmore Road between Union road north to Lake Country

The bottleneck on Chute Lake Road from the Upper Mission on schooldays. Every school day from about 7:45 to 8:45 AM.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The bridge on Sutherland near Pandosy st has very low visibility and is only wide enough for one car.

The bridge slows traffic going into town or west bank. Just one incident will lock it up for a while.

the bridge to West Kelowna - we need another one as this city is growing so fast. Harvey not having a bypass road for trucks and people passing through Kelowna (especially in the busier summer months). Parking down town is SO limited and expensive.

The bridge,
Traffic flow to and from Kettle Valley and SE Kelowna

The bus did not announce the stops, which it always should as I am blind. Also the connection between the 8 and 11 takes too long, the loop only goes in one direction on the 11, in the winter it can be very difficult especially being blind. An express downtown bus from Rutland would be very useful.

The bus is always late and doesn't take people to where they need to go easily.

the bus schedule from queensway to UBC or vice versa (line no.97) has delay (most of time) and my daughter has to wait to get a bus. Please ask your drivers to be responsible.

Also, it seems the public transport needs to renew the buses such as Vancouver.

Thanks

The bus schedule is not convenient, especially during weekends and late evenings.

The bus schedule on Sunday. Inconvenient for times and delays to our schedule is annoying. Travel is on Sunday as well.

The bus service is bad. You need a bus doing lakeshore all the way (by the Minstrel do a bus terminus Junction kettle valley or downtown) and , no stop at H2O, do a shuttle terminus -h2o. smaller bus, more frequent. You need to developpe a Metrobus system like in Quebec city for example.

Left turn on Harvey is a suicide. |

The bus service is horrible. Bike riding in the bike lanes is dangerous because people driving huge pickup trucks like to get close to cyclists with their huge side mirrors.

The bus service. This has been brought to the attention of First Transit and the city repeatedly by myself, coworkers and students. It was the first question asked during the mayoral debate. We are continuously told that there will be improvements (new signs, etc.) but nothing actually happens and new signs will only tell us what we already know, that the bus is late or a no show.

The bus system does not run late or often enough. There have been times late at night, where I would miss the bus and either have to wait 45min-hr, or walk home, which can be sketchy in certain areas in Kelowna.

The bus system in the area of Black Mountain is horrendous for it's size. I'm disgusted that we have been ignored by the bus system in my area as I have lived here for 48 years and still need to have a car to travel. Utterly ridiculous in the 21st century.

The bus system is flawed, and buses need to be increased in off hours.

The bus system is inconvenient system to get places. Parking is quite a problem in the downtown.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The bus system is not efficient enough, and it is very expensive, it would cost me 3 times more to bus with my kids than to take the bus... so the bus system is not attractive, it takes 2x more time (or 5x depending where the person is going) , and more money than the car... with a cheaper and more effective bus system, maybe more people would think about leaving the car at home... In a lot of situation , it doesn't even make sense to try to use public transit if an other option is available. Also I bike, and I don't always feel safe, cars are not always respectful.

The bus system is not practical for shift workers at one of the biggest employers in the city (KGH)! If the system was improved, Ie: if I could take a bus STRAIGHT down Lakeshore Rd to KGH I would use that every shift and leave my car at home!

The bus system isn't good and the bike lanes are too narrow.

The bus transit doesn't run early enough on weekends. I was without a vehicle this September and had to use a taxi service to get to West Kelowna for work. 8:00am on a weekday morning is too late in my experience as many workers have an early morning shift on the weekend. Luckily I am able to drive and now have a new (well used) vehicle. However I am aware that not everyone has this privilege and rely on public transportation to get to and from work.

The buses are terrible. They do not come fast enough and the one that specifically comes down here only comes once an hour usually which is tough to consider doing when you're either extremely early or late for something.

The buses do not run frequently outside of rush hours and I have to schedule my trips to coincide and the connections are not particularly good and is double the times by vehicle, if you have one and can drive.

The buses don't always run on time neither do they always go where you want to get to. Getting to appointments between 10am and 3pm can be quite the adventure making various connections in a round about way just to get to where you want.

The buses don't run frequently enough to enough locations to make it a viable alternative to driving. There's no shuttles for Rockets games for example, no park and ride options. The city is very much car focused.

The buses don't run often enough to/from North Glenmore. In order for me to use a bus to get to work I have to leave home almost 1hour before my shift starts. I can get there by car in less than 10 minutes (usually). The second issue is lack of parking in the downtown core. It's ridiculous that there's not enough parking and not a decent bus schedule. It limits our transport options too much

the buss system is not a reliable as some cities. the buses don't run as often or go as far.

The Catch 22 of bus service. It's widely believed to be not very good service, yet most of the buses I see driving through town have very few people on them. Hard to justify better service when it's not used as much as it could be.

Another pet peeve I have is the corner of Richter at Bernard, southbound on the north side of Bernard (beside Interior Savings). It's only one lane, yet is treated as two, as everybody wants to make sure they don't get sucked into the left turn only lanes between Bernard & the highway.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The challenge of continuing to preserve my passengers and my own safety. I require my vehicle for work and in order to keep fuel costs down I drive a small economical vehicle. However, I often experience other drivers tailgating, speeding and on occasion, road rage. Many of these drivers have larger vehicles, which can be quite intimidating and raises safety concerns. There have been several occasions when I have experienced near misses when other drivers were driving erratically / not following the rules of the road.

The city bus transportation is very poor in Black Mountain. Buses need to run more frequently and end later than 7:30 pm. There are many teens living up here that have no means to either leave the mountain or return home after 7:30 pm.

The city hall does not put the public transit on the priority list. Here is an example: The Kelowna Airport is the 10th busiest airport in the country. However, there is no direct bus route from any place in the city to the airport. I don't know any other similar-size cities in the country which don't have direct public buses from the city to the airport. If you want to take a bus to the airport, you have to go to UBCO campus first and make a transfer. Even you want to do this, you will be out of luck on weekends. At the airport, there is a bus stop located far away from the terminal building and there is no walk way to the building. On the other hand, the taxi rivers, private shuttle buses, and private vehicle have the best spots at the terminal building. I can't help thinking they did this on purpose to discourage people to take the bus and boost the taxi business. Of course, there is a sea of parking lots at the airport which generates revenue for the city. The air pollution in this valley city does not seem to be a concern of the city hall. I think it's time to have a direct bus route from West Kelowna to the airport with stops on the way.

The city keeps growing outwards and the road arteries keep getting busier and busier but not wider and many are now 'bursting at the seams'. Maybe stop the growth of the city, just kidding, that couldn't happen here. This city will always be the most used car per capita city in Canada due to its layout, especially with the main highway cutting the city in half and because of the demographics.

The city needs to encourage more access by proximity (i.e. more density in urban core areas, people living closer to where they work, play or shop, etc.) so that we don't need to make every trip in a vehicle.

The City of Kelowna has made it too easy and too inexpensive for people to routinely opt for driving, and have failed to invest adequately in active transit, including cycling, walking, and public transit. This has led to an unhealthy population, inactive children, increasing GHGs, climate change, increasing air pollution, increasing traffic congestion and sprawl, poor utilization of public space for parking instead of better uses for the whole community, (probably at a large economic cost to the City), higher than necessary MVA rates, non-viability of public transit (inadequate frequency of buses and inadequate reach of bus networks), increased flood risks due to loss of green space/drainage/too much concrete, and inadequate personal safety of cyclists and pedestrians. The corrective action plan, such as it is, is underfunded and is projected over vastly too long a timeframe to encourage active transit and to do an adequate job of dealing with the urgency of climate change. At a provincial level, more should be invested broadly across the province to encourage uptake of EVs, public transit, energy efficiency, green space protection, and active commuting. At a federal level, a series of governments have failed to act urgently on worsening climate change and have invested in fossil fuel extraction and shipping instead of making appropriate urgent investments in energy-efficiency, active transit, public transit, expansion and protection of green spaces, renewable energy innovations, anti-pollution measures, and adaptation to climate change. Consequently, in my area, we are paying a higher and higher price in terms of disastrous health- and economy-threatening wildfires and flooding, and it will only get worse, unless our governments at all levels shake off their wilful ignorance and expedite investments in mitigation and adaptation.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The city planners need to understand that traffic FLOW is important and that just installing more traffic lights is not the answer. I do not understand why this city (unlike Kamloops) will not install under/overpasses, seemingly unless it is on WFN lands!

The city sprall; everything is so spread out, you have to drive quite a distance to get places. Public transit is not an option for daily tasks being completed in a timely manner.

The community needs more benches, it is difficult for seniors having nowhere to sit, If I had more places to sit I would walk more.

The congestion of traffic is getting worse. I believe the rail trail will help during the months when weather is favorable. I think more bike lanes (especially those separated from the road) will help the congestion. Other options must be considered for the winter months like carpool incentives, better public transit options or even more pullouts for buses on busy roads and better timed or sensed traffic lights that adjust during peak times. Thanks for asking our opinion!

The congestion on both Springfield Road and Enterprise Way is becoming unmanageable, and will be much more severe with the population growth of Kelowna in the future. Harvey Avenue is extremely busy as well, so most people who live in Kelowna use these alternate streets to get around. Also, parking downtown is a serious issue, and planning for alternative routes for a substantial increase in the population downtown and elsewhere needs to be happening.

The congestion on Spall Road between Bernard and Springfield and the congestion in High Rd/Clifton/Clement corridor.

The congestion on the highway to and from West Kelowna.

The continue delay in building roads to accommodate the continued and expected growth of our city. We can not think people will use transit when it doesn't accommodate such a large spread out population.

Continually creating only one lane roads isn't what we need, we need more major roads that are two lanes.

Maybe rather than making major roads smaller (Lakeshore) make it wider and move the pedestrian corridor to another non major arterial road.

We continually hear that Kelowna and area is growing and we continually encourage population growth but we do nothing to prepare for that extra needs of that growth |

The cost of parking downtown to get business done.

The crossroad from Glenmore Road West and Beaver Lake East in cannot handle all the traffic it is in dire need road re-configuration in that area, also the bad condition of some roads in Lake Country particularly Beaver Lake Road.

The decision to split one route into two and separate them on either side of Glenmore. We would be able to take the bus more often than we do if the schedule was similar to the old #7.

The #18 downtown one should at least cross glenmore and down valley to Cross Rd, and the #19 should cross glenmore over to Snowsell.

That overlap is crucial, especially for us.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The dominance of motor vehicles as inhibitors to walking. We walk a great deal, and stick to quiet streets and walkways where possible. But, for example, crossing Hwy 97 as a pedestrian is a nightmare- so many speeders, red-light runners, etc. Would be great if a)more people walked, and b)motorists had respect for pedestrians.

The eco communist insistence on bikes and pathetic hybrid cars.

The price of gasoline.

<https://biologydictionary.net/abiogenesis/>

The false paradigm of global warming based on an excuse for 'science'

The *****s that believe all the lies about the west's 'carbon footprint' - oh dear I said ***** ...

I only go out on Tuesdays and I make many trips to stores with food on sale so I can afford to eat.

Without sales and the mobility that my car provides, I would not be able to afford to eat.

Public transit sucks.

Thanks Canada!

What a great excuse for a 1st world country!

Corruption, lies and stupidity everywhere I turn. | Pathetic!

The exit from my complex is onto Pasnak and onto Pacific. Difficult to get onto Gordon and in peak times, Burtch is a nightmare with congestion from the Landmark area. It's going to worsen with the high density planned on Pacific.

Highway 97 NEEDS TO HAVE advance lights at EVERY intersection.

The fact that Hwy 97 runs right through the middle of the City and that all the transport & logging trucks use that route. There should be a by-pass for the transport vehicles and travelers who will not be stopping in the City. Second issue is only having one bridge to access West Kelowna. This causes huge issues, traffic delays resulting in people being frustrated and taking chances driving including speeding.

The fact that Kelowna and Vernon both have a major Highway running through town. Just not good for moving people through the valley and makes big problems for the future, nowhere to get out of the horrible traffic congestion. This used to start around 4:00 in the afternoon, now it is all day from noon on.

The floating bridge, we need another crossing. Distracted/impatient drivers is a close second.

The frequency of bus and the start time on weekends. It is easy during peak hours but harder off peak n weekend. Also hard to go outside 'city '

The frequency of some buses is poor. Also, during terms, the buses to the University and from the University are very crowded. Some areas of the city are poorly served or not served at all.

the frequency of the buses

staying in the cold waiting for the bus

the lack of uber in BC

The great increase of traffic & also how great the speeding is.

The heavy volume of traffic on Enterprise. Speeding on Clifton Road.

The high speeds that cars travel down Glenmore. The high volume of traffic is noisy to those who back onto Glenmore. The city should install high cement fence panels to help reduce the noise pollution for residents from Union down the Yates.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The high volume of traffic on:

Highway 97 from Westbank city centre all the way through to the north end of Kelowna.

Major arterial roads in Kelowna such as Springfield, Spall, KLO, Benvouln and Glenmore.

Lack of Advanced Green lights at major intersections along Highway 97 through town, such as Cooper!

The highway needs overpasses or an alternate route for thru traffic.

The highway splitting the city in half...its a mess.

the highway through kelowna at rush hour

The hours for the bus are limited (they stop at 8pm) and aren't frequent/direct enough for me to use for work or pleasure (date nights etc). For our senior tenant often on snowy days buses just don't come.

The HOV lane should not be on the right hand side. There are too many times vehicles turn on or off of the HWY - its slower to take the HOV lane because of this.

I would HIGHLY suggest a left hand advance turn arrow on Richter and the HWY. Trying to turn Left onto the HWY going Northbound is very hard. Some times we are waiting 3-4 lights just to get through. Typically difficult to turn between 8:20-8:50am.

The HOV lane through Kelowna is absolutely ridiculous and does nothing to ease the flow of traffic. That lane is just as congested as all others and only creates more difficulty to those drivers needing to turn. The HOV lane needs to be removed.

The HOV lanes on highway 97

The huge difference in traffic volumes from season to season as a result of Kelowna being both a tourist town and a residence for a high number of snowbirds. This makes it difficult to justify spending on projects to strictly handle peak surges.

The cheapest solution to the normal off season congestion is probably to induce Costco to add a location on the West side.

A bypass for commercial and logging trucks could alleviate a lot of the congestion. Perhaps the Okanagan Regional District can induce Elon Musk's Boring Company to bore a tunnel below the existing Highway 97.

The infrastructure of Kelowna roads was built for Kelowna 10 years ago, the population has outgrown these roads.

The infrequency of bus routes. The unreliability of the bus system. The lack of route coverage of the bus system. The lack of a comprehensive network of bicycle lanes.

The infrequent transit operation.

The intersection of Butt Rd. and Carrington. The lack of access to Hwy.97 at Elk Road has forced significant traffic to Butt and Carrington. At peak times it's difficult and dangerous to navigate that intersection, resulting in many traffic accidents.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The intersection of Glenmore and Union needs to be addressed. Very dangerous when kids are crossing the street to head to school. Cars are always turning left in front of them while they are walking across. My son has almost been hit twice by a city bus at this intersection.

Also cars far exceeding the speed limit going both up and down the Union Rd hill up to Wilden.

The lack of a ring road or other motorway to bypass downtown for through-travelers.

The lack of adequate alternate roads such as the Clement St. bypass. With the on-going construction along Enterprise, this already overworked street is going to become unbearable.

The lack of continuity in traffic flow control

The lack of diamond overpasses on highway 97 at major intersections. Lack of right turns lanes. People running red lights slowing down traffic trying to turn left. Too many single lane roads. 5 lanes of bridge instead of 6. 4 lanes to West Kelowna instead of 6. Shall I continue???

The lack of main roads for traffic. It gets so bottlenecked during rush hour (all main roads)

The lack of planning for infrastructure before allowing high-density housing to be built. As a single example just look at Clement/Spall/Enterprise. It is already terrible (being polite) and now there is a hotel and condo complex being built without any additional traffic infrastructure. Combine this with being one of the only truck routes out of the city and the issue is compounded. I actually question whether city council and city planners ever physically visit these locations at different times of the day before they approve projects similar to this. Furthermore, busing is a joke. When our office relocated to Rutland from downtown (where I used to ride my bike every day all year round) I thought I would try busing as an option to driving my truck. 1.25 hours to get to work after switching buses etc a monthly pass for \$70. - Add that up - 2.5 hours a day lost in travel the bus pass. It is cheaper, if I factor in my time, for me to insure my truck and drive to work.

The lack of secondary roads/bridges. Every road is super congested during much of the day. The infrastructure does not support the population. It also does not help that the bus system is super unreliable, and super slow. I do on occasion take the bus to work and back, and it takes twice as long, so long as the bus actually shows up. With it running 'every 15 minutes' you can count on every half hour, but never ever 15 minutes. Also taking twice or longer to get to destinations also means that more people will not take the bus if they have a car, and thus congesting the roads that much more. Also as a young female, I feel the bus system in most parts of the city is unsafe to take, as I have been approached or harassed by unsavory people. More security, particularly on the buses needs to be there in order to feel safer. As expensive as it might be, a LTR or similar system may help with this, as it will take less time to get to certain places, and may help get people to take the public transportation.

the lack of turning lights

THE 'LAKESHORE CRAWL' DUE TO TRAFFIC DENSITY, TIMING OF TRAFFIC LIGHT AT ELDORADO AND LAKESHORE, SCHOOL ZONE TIMES INCREASED IN 2017 FROM 730AM, ADULT 'SUPERVISION' OF SCHOOL CROSSING WITHOUT ANY IDEA OF THEIR ACTIONS AND HOW THEY IMPEDE EGRESS FROM THE UPPER MISSION NEIGHBORHOOD ON A SCHOOL DAY. ACCESS FROM ELDORADO ROAD NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED AS ONLY ONE OF TWO VEHICLES HOLD UP ALL OF THE TRAFFIC COMING DOWN FROM THE UPPER MISSION AREA. MOST OF THE TIME FROM 800AM, TRAFFIC IS BACKED UP TO THE SUMMERHILL WINERY/TRAFFIC LIGHT AT BARNABY ROAD. AN ELEVATED CROSSWALK WOULD SOLVE THIS ONGOING ISSUE AND PROVIDE A SAFE CROSSING. ALSO PARENTS NEED TO STOP DRIVING THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL OR AT LEAST CARPOOL.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The lane markings on the roads are not visible especially at night and/or when it is raining. A reflective paint should be used to make the road markings. Also, the reflective tabs on the centre divider on the highways are in line with oncoming headlights, so they 'get lost' in the glare. I have a very difficult time determining where I am in the lane on our highways. We should fashion our road markings in the Okanagan after the markings used on Vancouver Island. I can easily see exactly where I am on the highways there.

The largest challenge is the congestion of traffic on our major routes and highways and not having more bypasses for just getting to and from work when we work in the downtown core. Although public transportation is available it is not flexible enough or wide spread enough to utilize when you have the option to use a car for transportation.

The left turn lights with an arrow on Harvey need to be of a longer duration. For example, the left turn arrow from Harvey onto Leckie ends too early during the weekday hours. Many drivers don't have enough time to turn with the light, so end up going through a red light which makes it dangerous for all drivers. The lights on Harvey need to be synchronized to improve traffic flow.

The main arteries of Kelowna need to be expanded even still! And less intersections accessing road ways. More ramps and merging.

The main highway going through the city of Kelowna is ridiculous. Some days it takes me over an hour to drive 30 km.

The main highway through Kelowna is in need of modern infrastructure. At the majority of the main intersections traffic flow could be increased by the use of traffic roundabouts as in many other major cities around the world, the stop lights and traffic lights add idling time which creates a lot of pollution. A though to the growth of this city should include light rail to the airport and via the major commuter routes. A rail link to Penticton and Vernon would also be smart thinking.

The main roads going through town need to be widened to accommodate the large amount of traffic we now face daily. They have been widening Harvey Avenue, but somehow Springfield rd and/or Enterprise rd need to be bigger.

THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY IS THE TOTAL DISREGARD FOR SPEED LIMITS. THE CHALLENGE IS GETTING ANYONE TO AGREE TO INSTALL SPEED BUMPS. IT IS A DISGRACEFUL SITUATION AND VERY FRUSTRATING FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY. ALSO THE LOCATION OF THE BUS STOP ON COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, EVEN THOUGH APPROVED BY TRANSIT, IS DANGEROUS. ONE DAY SOMEONE IS GOING TO CRASH INTO THE REAR OF THE BUS. SEVEN TIMES THE HYDRANT NEAR THE BUS STOP HAS BEEN 'TAKEN OUT'. TIME TO RE-ASSESS THE TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC SITUATION IN THIS AREA. THANK YOU.

The most important transportation issue in our community is traffic congestion especially in the Upper Mission.

The need for densification to enable a comprehensive public transportation system

the need for more walking and biking options: sidewalks or pathways, safer bike lanes

The need for much more reliable, functional, available, and widespread public transit.
Also too many cars on the road, and not enough parking.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The need to have enough bus routes to increase ridership yet keep costs under control during the transition of low ridership to higher ridership

the new emphasis that is being put on travel by bicycle especially. The lanes are over the top aesthetically to the detriment of vehicular traffic. I am not able to ride a bike and need to travel by car to pick up/drop of grandchildren. Four grandchildren in three different schools! Improve the roads, improve the buses and then use the leftover money for bike lanes that are used by the minority of our city population for perhaps 4 months of the year. Enough said.

The number of bus is limited. I used to take #4 to work, but the schedule doesn't work. I wish it did and I could take the bus. It's not worth my time having to have to transfer in the morning but I would take the express.

the number of stop lights on the highway. There should be over passes and the speed limit shouldnt be 60km through downtown and over the bridge for 6 lane traffic

The only issue is traffic congestion at peak times. We try to go out and make only one round trip to necessary places before returning home and go out in between peak hour driving times

The only issue was trying to illustrate a dog walk where my beginning and ending destination was the same address (my home) so I have to improvise.

The only problem I've ever had is with bicycles, one almost hit me 2-3 days ago on Pandose she just wasn't looking, I stopped, and they don't seem to stop, at stop signs, they slow down then put foot on the floor and go. When you get older your drive a little slower, it's upsetting when something like that happens, she went on her way and I went on my way.

The overcrowded roads and the length of time it takes to get to destinations

The over-reliance on the car. There should be a plan in place for getting people out of their cars. I would recommend a tram up and down Gordon and another tram down HWY 97.

The perception that traffic in Kelowna is bad so the city or province should build a larger, more extensive road network and bypass system

The poor traffic flow due to poor planning of road systems to keep up with development-developers should have paid more of these costs. the sheer number of lights on highway as well as secondary roads that cause backups at any time of day now but particularly in the morning,noon hour and after school/work hours. The amount of road work that is completed and then torn up as proper planning for development or sewer etc was not done by city Planning dept.

The price of gas.

The price of government insurance. It is a total rip off. The price of auto fuel. It is a total rip off. I feel that I have worked for thirty one years and have gone to university to be completely taken advantage of. It is a criminal offence to steal.

The problem I have with the bus system is that I think it should be more often on a sunday. I've filled out so many things; nothing happened. I hear this from everybody. In the peak hours it should be every half hour; non peak times every hour. I am on the bus every day.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The public transportation has got worse because of no more double deckers. It is too crowded

The reduction of the #9 bus, shoppers shuttle, trips and times.

Burtch Road requires an advance green light at the intersection with Hwy 97 at all times. The air pollution from idling cars along Burtch Road is noticeable. It can often take 3 lights to make a left turn onto the highway or require a longer trip by going straight through.

The roads are too congested. It's hard to get around in a timely manner. Especially morning, lunch and home time.

The roads dont get cleaned fast enough. The road is unusable for public transportation as well as personal vehicles.

The roads have not kept pace with development and traffic gridlock and not enough public parking in the downtown area.

The roads in the city of Kelowna are designed in a way that with the ever increasing number of vehicles, there are bottlenecks all over the place. It takes me double, or triple the amount of time now to drive from place to place throughout the entire day. A rapid transit system and overpasses to cross Harvey at a few places would be helpful I think. Not sure the space though allows for that, however city officials are very much pro-development which is increasing the population and vehicles on the road and people have no where to go. A city with the smaller space that makes up Kelowna cannot be a big city like Vancouver just because city officials want it that way.

the roads, especially along hwy 97 seem to be getting VERY congested, especially during rush hour, but any time of day, it is taking longer and longer to get to a destination!

The roads/infrastructure are not keeping up with the traffic during peak summer months. Public transportation is also not a priority for the city and is not easily available.

The roadways are inadquete to carry the amount of traffic.

The safety of and disrepair of McKinley Road

The south end of Kelowna is a disaster. Too many developments with too many people who have too few ways to get into the city. Too much infill in the lowe mission, without any thought for the infrastructure.

THE SPEED LIMITS ARE TOO HIGH, PEOPLE SPEED TOO MUCH AT 8AM AND 5PM ESPECIALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES

The speed people drive is becoming more dangerous, also the amount of people that are distracted, not signalling and cutting people off is making it difficult to go anywhere in the city.

The speed that people drive at on Rutland road. Also the congestion at the intersection when vehicles are turning into 7 11 or Starbucks, can be dangerous also due to speed through the intersection.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The speed that vehicles carry down our back alley is waaay to fast . . . Since the main street is a dead-end and vehicles are not able to make it through to Ethel Street they resort to detouring through the church parking lot . . . and carry regular street speeds through the back alley. Regularly, these cars nearly miss us as we cross the back alley and we fear for our young kids as we simply load them into our vehicles. Speed bumps would be the perfect solution that would force people to either slow down or resort to taking the main street that runs parallel to the street with a dead end cul-de-sac and allows them access to Ethel.

The terrible public transport system, not enough buses. Buses are late or do not come at all, sidewalks are not cleared properly (snow removal delayed) so it is hard to impossible to get to the bus stop.

The time limit for the current transit pass is 90 min and it is too short for us. 3 hour would be ideal for me to take more public transit.

The timing of the lights. You cannot flow thru town. My brother is a trucker and they learn the speeds they can drive thru a city so they don't have to stop. Kelowna is the worst of all cities in BC for the starting and stopping due to the timing of the lights. This is not environmental sound practice. I used to work in West Kelowna and then I worked in Kamloops and I would spend less on gas for one round trip to Kamloops from this address than I did for a week of travel to West Kelowna and back due to all the starting and stopping (aka acceleration)

The topography of the valley and the city make it very difficult to use public transportation - therefore I must use my car

The traffic and construction going on in Kelowna. The roads become very congested making it difficult to travel by car.

The traffic back ups going down Lakeshore Rd between Summerhill Winery and Ann McClymont School during the morning commute. Also backed up on Gordon Dr. from Steele Rd to Dehart intersection in the morning. There are only 2 ways to leave the upper Mission area.

the traffic coming in and out of Kelowna via bridge

The traffic congestion going just about anywhere from the Costco area to 'downtown' - especially during the AM or PM rush hours and on Saturdays I realize this may be considered somewhat normal, but it seems to be getting worse. Parking downtown is also an increasing problem. I think the city would do well to consider building a parkade downtown and generating some revenue from it.

The traffic congestion in Kelowna is obviously a big problem, but it's tough to consider alternatives. I sometimes bike to work/school, but that's only possible in the warmer months. Additionally, if you need to run errands or get groceries, that's much more difficult on a bike. I take the bus quite often (school, work in the summer, downtown, etc.), but that's because I have the U-Pass and live near popular routes. Once I'm out of school, I doubt I'll pay for a bus pass because I don't believe the service you receive with the Kelowna transit system is worth it to offset the convenience of using my vehicle (buses are rarely on time, the headway between buses is often large, I've been left behind at stops many times).

The traffic congestion in Kelowna. I think everyone will agree with me.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The traffic congestion out of the upper mission is ridiculous and at times even dangerous. Many times have witnessed people caught in the huge line, doing u-turns to try another route. This congestion is caused by traffic around Anne McClymont School and totally ineffective planning by city planners. The problem starts at 0800 to 0845 and be backed up past Summerhill Winery. Millions of dollars spent on upgrades left less parking for parents dropping off children and more traffic congestion. The unnecessary amounts of stress this must cause people who have to children to school and get to work and have no choice about travel time could have prevented with better planning and another route out of the area. Safety is a huge concern if there was another emergency evacuation. Second would be the excessive number of deer on the roadways.

The traffic driving down from Upper mission on Lakeshore and going around the traffic circle at Lexington. In a vehicle I could sit there for hours in the morning and not get a chance to turn right. I go down Gordon because of the lights. DI leaves early enough she doesn't have any problem. |

the traffic during rush hour is so brutal. heading into west kelowna at the end of the work day is so backed up on highway 97. and going into kelowna in the morning before work is also brutal. luckily for my personal commute this isn't an issue usually. my patient's at work always complain about it.

The traffic flow on main routes. Congestion. Speed.

THE TRAFFIC IS HORRIBLE,
THE SCHOOL BUS IS NOT HAVING ACCESS UP HERE, OUR KIDS NEEDS TO WALK EVERYDAY AND WINTER IS DAGEROUS FOR THEM BECAUSE THE ROADS ARE SLIPPERY. |

The traffic is too congested, there should be some forward planning as to what they're going to do in the valley. They need a bypass, around Vernon and Kelowna.

The traffic lights along Harvey need to be more efficiently timed. They are inefficiently timed.

Better public transit. It should not take an hour and a half to go from the upper mission to the mall with all the transfers and stops.

There needs to be more parking downtown. I won't shop down town or visit the local businesses. The parking is horrendous and public transit is inefficient. The City seems happy to have more high rises built to collect money but is actually reducing parking. Allowing condos to be sold that do not come with a parking stall is ludicrous. All comes down to greed so do not expect anything to be done.

The traffic lights are extremely frustrating!

The traffic lights are not synchronised. This is not beyond current technology. I grew up in a medieval city in the 70s and the lights were synchronised. Shame on Kelowna.

Our roundabouts are too few and some of those that have been built are too tight.

Buses from the suburbs...impossible to use.

Can't wait for driverless vehicles!

The Traffic lights don't line up. If you go the speed limit you are stopped at every light. If you speed or go 15 under you hit straight green lights.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The traffic lights should be better synchronized. Some major streets have too many entrances and exits from businesses. There should be more advanced green lights for left hand turns on the main arteries. I feel the commuter lanes are unnecessary and cause more congestion. There should be shuttle services to downtown from outlying areas when there are major events occurring, also to and from the hospital from an outlying parking area.

The traffic on highway 97. Even with the added lane after Edwards, it is still often congested. The 'merge on' from the university is a nightmare at busy times of the day. The most challenging, the interchange at 97 and the airport. The volume of traffic in all directions continues to increase and just having traffic lights at this corner is now dangerous for everyone.

The traffic operation and winter road maintenance is very poor in the built-up area of Selkirk Drive and nearby collector roads. Selkirk Drive operates as a collector for number of roads serving different housing subdivisions in Dilworth Area. The city has treated this road as a local road - allowing parking on both sides of the road and in winter the snow removal service is below standard - causing major safety, efficiency and operational problems. Selkirk Drive is used by all road users - motorist, cyclists and pedestrian. The road itself is located on location having several sharp curves and has visibility issue for motorists when cars are parked on both side. With cars some times parked on both side, there is room for only one car from one direction to go through and this has caused concerns for safety for other road users (cyclists and pedestrian) for their safety. The built up section is unsafe for all road users and has a high potential of having accidents. I have witnessed some close accident incidents!

My suggestion is that the City upgrade Selkirk Drive road classification to the status of collector and by doing this, it restricts parking to one side of the road. The area on the other side where parking has been restricted be converted a multi-path for use of pedestrians and cyclists only. The City also restricts parking on areas where the sight distances for motorists are poor by proper signage and marking.

The traffic-- the 3 lanes of traffic is very busy especially for my return home drive.

The traffic lights are not in sync, and lineups daily.

the HOV lane is ridiculous--everyone should be able to use--the trucks etc just take so long driving behind.

This city needs another route to get across the bridge--let alone get around in the city.

The TRAFFIC!!!

the transit bus does not stop on Benvoulin Road near us, so if we want to take the bus we must walk to either Springfield or Orchard Park mall to get on a bus. so if we must drive or walk to a bus stop we might as well take the car. We would go downtown or to the west side more often if there was a bus stop closer to where we live. We would also go to Vernon on a transit bus.

The transit bus service could be improved by having more buses running on Sundays. People go out on weekends just like on weekdays, but the bus service is greatly reduced on Sundays. Also, there is too much traffic for the roadway systems, making it a long wait each time Harvey is crossed, since all lights are geared to favor Harvey, and cross street waiting at lights is often too long.

The Transit system is horrible. Why does my son has to wait half an hour at the Capital News Centre for his next bus before he can come home? It is good in the morning but in the afternoon it takes him almost an hour to get home by bus when driving would take less than 15 minutes at the most. No wonder people dont take the bus in Kelowna. There is no reason to have a bus transfer at the Capital News Center or Downtown for that matter. This is not Vancouver or Toronto.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The transit system needs to be more timely. If you had to stand and wait for a bus for 45 minutes to an hour, you would get pretty tired of that.

The transportation via bus takes far too long, with far too many connections. The few times my children have attempted it have been disastrous and I have had to go and pick them up.

The travel infrastructure and management of traffic must be addressed, like the speeding that occurs after being in a gridlock is terrible. There was an accident and after it was cleared the speed is of highway speed in a residential zone was ludicrous, and unchecked by law enforcement.

the upper mission has been totally neglected with roadworks and changes necessary to facilitate appropriate travel times as new developments are approved, it is an absolute joke how many people live up there in expensive homes paying huge taxes yet roadworks changes have been pathetic and offer no improvement in travel time like widening lakeshore road with no additional lanes, traffic circle at the bottom of the hill, etc... a road to connect chute lake rd to gordon has been vital for over 10 years, one was closed, a new connection started and been sitting waiting for paving for 6 years??? It seems no one is willing to take action yet it takes over 30 minutes to drive a 10 minute drive at school drop off time, we are moving for this exact reason, hundreds of people have moved because of it and upper mission property values are dying because no one wants to face this traffic, it literally is pathetic how neglected this issue is.

the use of bike lanes by cyclist

The vehicles often travel far too fast through our neighbourhood. I have contacted the City of Kelowna before (in 2016) to ask about getting some speed bumps installed (traffic calming) and was told that we (the Hall Road area) were 65th on the list for traffic calming.

The other need is for more bicycle lanes throughout the city. We are thrilled with the great number of new cycling pathways and encourage the city in their excellent efforts. We need more to make the city even more cycle friendly.

The very high rates that taxi companies charge in Kelowna and the lack of them. I used them a lot when I lived in Vancouver however the prices of taxi's in Kelowna are too high to use. For example: I was charged \$18.10 for a taxi from the airport to my home which is 5 km away. Taxi fare from downtown Kelowna to my home is over \$75 now. Kelowna needs to impose after hours zone pricing of taxi's.

I would use a ride-share company if available.

The very low uptake of active transportation despite congenial climate and infrastructure improvements. When I cycle in winter, I'm basically the only one on the roads. Northern European cities are often much snowier, but there are thousands of cyclists.

The volume and flow of traffic throughout the city, and especially in our residential area.

The volume of Traffic on Lakeshore Road makes it extremely difficult to get out of our parking lot onto Lakeshore Road. As Lakeshore Road is an arterial route for the Kettle Valley subdivision I see car accidents and injuries in our future. In the summer the situation is exacerbated by unregulated parking on the west side of lakeshore road in front of blue bird park. These vehicles not only block the bike lane forcing bikers and pedestrians out on to the road, they also block vision of oncoming traffic, making it impossible to see oncoming cars without sticking the nose of my vehicle out into traffic. |

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

The volume of traffic on the Bennett Bridge and Highway 97 through West Kelowna and Kelowna, as well as the alternate routes through Kelowna, such as Enterprise and Springfield Roads. Even on the weekends, these routes are ridiculously slow due to the amount of volume. Also, the bus alternative is terrible.

the whole city isn't pedestrian friendly so the streets aren't ideal for walking/taking transit compared to somewhere like Vancouver where it is much nicer to walk and take transit than drive.
also the frequency of busses especially weekends and evenings needs to increase for people to use it more especially.

The Wilden community has a walkability index of 0 out of 10. ie. extremely poor.

No bus services; limited bus service for students.

** Streets were designed and built with very poor foresight. ie. limited width for 2-way traffic while allowing for street parking and snow storage. **

there are 2 traffic circles on Mugford road where drivers do not follow yield signs because of the circle itself, it is a serious hazard for accidents and both my husband and I have had close calls with drivers ignoring the signs, not sure why money would be spent on traffic circles that create accident hazards in a low traffic neighborhood instead of using it to resolve other issues
traffic congestion on the major routes is also a problem

There are baracades on Gordon Drive and Lakeshore Drive which is slowing the traffic down. If these were removed (there is ample space for two way traffic) the traffic would be quicker because ppl turning left could take the inside lane where the baracades or cement divider (whatever they are called)
Bottom line, remove them and traffic would flow better

There are limited bus routes. Also no sidewalks or bike lanes .

There are many issues with traveling in Kelowna. The main problem is that the 97 Highway is the main road of transportation for all travellers in our city as well as every traveller passing through Kelowna. There needs to be many bypasses and overpasses added to make the city functional, not to mention transit only roads added, and bike only routes. An electric light rail network throughout Kelowna would surge the city to the forefront of BC infrastructure. The highway is over crowded, extremely dangerous, and a bottleneck at every light along the entire stretch from West Kelowna through to Lake Country.

there are no close bus stops to our home - over a 1.5 km walk. The Black Mountain bus route could use re-evaluating for times and schedule - perhaps adding a stop down Gallagher at Brentwood? I am required to drive my daughter everywhere and it has been an issue with her being able to find a job that is easily accessible to her (without my availability) . The school bus is over-full (kids sitting on floor) so I end up driving my daughter to and from school every day.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

There are no sidewalks for kids and strollers to safely walk. No sidewalks for kids to learn how to ride bikes. No plowing of the bike lanes in the winter. I ride all winter but my family and I do not feel safe pulling the chariot in the winter. It would also be nice if the greenway was plowed in the winter. There are many gaps in the bike lanes, meaning that you have to travel sections of roads with no bike lanes to get to certain places. For example getting from the greenway to trails with rails. Also more bike crossing buttons would be useful. When I am alone on my bike and there are no cars I can just press the pedestrian button to get the light to change, but when I or my wife pull the chariot and there are no cars at an intersection we cannot reach the pedestrian crossing button. The chariot is too long and not easy to maneuver to reach it.

When driving the HOV lane seems to be ineffective as it is full of people turning right. I strongly believe in this to encourage car pooling, but it doesn't seem helpful.

There are no stores or services within walking distance, so even if we wanted to walk to the store or the bank or the post office if we just need milk or something quick we don't have that option and even if we had bikes and had places to store them we would not be riding them in the winter in this town.

there are not enough left turn signals on main thoroughfares in Kelowna and as a result, accidents at intersections are frequent

There are not enough people opting for public transport, cycling and walking...

There are not enough turning lights in this city, it makes it extremely difficult to get around. People get impatient and it causes accidents. Having the HOV lane on the right hand side is the most ridiculous thing I have ever seen in my driving life. We are the laughing stock of people that come in from out of town as it is completely useless. I can't tell you how many people have said something to me about it. Traffic flow is extremely important given there are very limited main thoroughfares in this city. It needs to be improved greatly.

There are not sufficient grocery shopping locations in the area of our rental or the new home we are building. Poor places for locking up bikes at Save On or Urban Fare and electric bikes are expensive to leave. Definitely feel that city planning must change from the idea you need to travel to a large box store or grocery store for needs. Have lived in Montreal and was able to walk to grocery store, hardware store, bank, fruit store and bakery all on the same st. City design forces you to get into car

There are problems with traffic flow and volume on highway 97 through Kelowna and in fact from West Kelowna to well north of Kelowna which contribute to accidents. Springfield Road is almost as bad. Parking fees and lack of parking in general in the Kelowna downtown area and around the hospital mean a lot of us just avoid going there.

There are still a few key separated bike paths missing; however, with the completion of the master plan in the future, hopefully these areas will be taken care of. Richter street north of Clement is unsafe for kids to bike. Traffic lights after the bridge makes no sense. The traffic is unnecessarily stalled. I DO NOT believe a second crossing is the answer.

There are too many cars for the amount of roads we have. Everybody wants to live in Kelowna and they flock in here, and there is not enough room for everyone. We need to update the infrastructure to accommodate the number of people.

There aren't any major roads without intersections which leads to stop-and-go traffic throughout the city. There are too many intersections crossing highway 97.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

There aren't are any major issues from my perspective. Car pooling isn't an option for me and the bus would be quite a bit more inconvenient and time consuming than driving.

There is a definite lack of feeder roads to move traffic efficiently through the city. It is causing backups and frustration which leads to issue of road rage and accidents. We believe the city has been very shortsighted when designing roads to move people. The bus system is inefficient, overcrowded at some times of the day and empty during others and the routes from our part of the city are just not feasible for us. It would take over an hour to get our destinations instead of a 10 min drive.

There is a lack of safe, on-street segregated (with physical barriers) bike lanes. Also, all intersections should default to turning on the walk signal and NOT require that you push the pedestrian button to cross the road.

There is a massive amount of new units being built in this neighbourhood which will overwhelm the current road infrastructure system. More dedicated bike trails might encourage more people to cycle.

There is a TOTAL LACK OF respect for highway speed signs everywhere in the Okanagan. The bridge over Okanagan Lake is a disgusting example of driver compliance. In 2 1/2 years commuting from Quail Ridge to Kelowna I have seen a total of 3 RCMP cars...(no exaggeration)...all through the hwy 97 six-laning project the speed limit was 60km due to CONSTRUCTION ZONE ...many cars zoom by at twice that posted speed limit...again never a police presence...

There is an obvious lack of fore planning over the last 30 years. The congestion is a major problem. Buildings are being approved by council, built, and no expansion of the roads to handle the influx of people. An example is the corner of Enterprise and Spall Road with two new buildings under construction. There is huge development in Upper Mission with only Gordon and Chute Lake/Lakeshore Road access. There is more and more truck transports using Harvey, Springfield and Enterprise with no alternative routes in sight. There is no action on another lake crossing. Public transit isn't going to be a viable solution, either. When are all the councils involved in this survey going to get their act together and do something.

there is just too much traffic and bus travel needs to be optimized to get people to use it. Even if it costs money or if free busses need to be run on random days just to get people to use them.
The only way to get less traffic is to get people out of cars.

There is no public transport in my community

There is no public transportation available for Magic Estates, Clifton or Wilden. With so may high school aged children in this area it is frustrating there are no other modes of transportation. We live off a hill (Clifton), which makes riding a bike a challenge and Clifton is not well light at night, so it is not safe for teenagers to walk. When is a city bus going to be available?

There is no traffic rule enforcement by police (lots of excessive speeding , no signalling etc.) Traffic lights are very poorly timed.

There is now public transportation from Kelowna to Vernon starting at 7:00 AM

there is red lights on the HIGHWAY!!!!!!!

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

there is too much building of commercial and residential properties in this city. roads have not been adequately built to handle this. traffic has become too heavy for the additional developments being built. also a lack of left lane turning signals or not activated at heavy traffic periods.kelowna is becoming a poor and dangerous driving city.kelowna is slowing losing its appeal to its residents and outside visitors.

there is too much congestion leaving upper Mission and need new roads to alleviate this problem.rush hour traffic is getting worse on lakeshore and Gordon

There is too much of it, or the City isn't designed for the amount we have. And there is a lack of parking (separate survey issue). We need more people to use alternative methods of transportation. Some people are close enough to walk or bike (that's why we moved to where we live now) but others live too far away from their work for that to be feasible. Work schedules can vary day to day depending on workload so people may feel the need to drive themselves to work (rather than carpool) to keep their independence. The bus system is too unreliable so we really need a rail transit system to get people to stop using their cars.

There is too much traffic.

THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE DOWNTOWN PARKING PROVIDED

There needs to be more smaller buses, like handy dart to transport seniors with mobility issues, it should be a public system, not private. It should be reasonably priced.

Also now that Greyhound is no longer in business there needs to be public bus services provided to connect the Okanagan towns, cities. Penticton, Vernon, Peachland etc.

There seem to be many areas of Kelowna that present challenges to being served by public transportation (i.e. East Kelowna), which unfortunately leads the residents of those areas to have multiple cars. Not sure how those challenges get addressed, but hopefully participating in this type of survey will help the experts figure it out...thanks for the opportunity to participate!

There should be a bypass through Kelowna so that people travelling through town don't have to clog up the main artery (highway 97)

City council keeps promoting busses but doesn't take into account when a family needs to buy groceries etc
Need more left turn signals & they need to last longer

There should be more traffic signal arrow lights.

There should be no charge for parking at KGH for visitors and emergency patients.

Love all the walking trails - Thanks

They still haven't paved the section of highway at my buildings location on highway 97. The rest of the project has been completed except the Ethel & Gordon portions, the highway noise is maddening when it rains sometimes and the manhole at the turning lane before the DQ restaurant is chronically misaligned causing large traffic to shake the building. Rattles the glasses in my cupboards at its worst. I've phoned the city but I can't find the right bc highway number for the project. Any information would be much appreciated on those topics.

~Kind Regards

three main arteries east/west - very difficult during busy times (springfield/hwy33/enterprise)

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Three main themes:

- 1) Bike theft. ~80% of the people I know in Kelowna have had their bike stolen. It prevents me from biking to nearly everywhere except work, where I am allowed to leave my bike indoors. I do not feel confident leaving my bike locked up past sunset, or in some areas of downtown. Biking to a restaurant or bar in the evening is not a viable option, because I don't trust it left outside. Would love to see a ton more bait bikes being left, and bike thieves prosecuted.
- 2) Strata's not making it easy to commute by bike. Our strata doesn't allow bikes on the balcony, nor in our stairwells. We have a locked bike storage area in the basement, but it is so crowded and overfilled that it is not a practicable solution if you commute and use your bike daily. It is a constant battle with our Strata to cycle to work and back.
- 3) Climate change & traffic. It seems like many people are living in neighbourhoods far from their workplace to take advantage of cheaper property, and then driving into downtown every day. Negative externalities are being caused by people who drive everywhere, but the cost of those peoples decisions seems to be borne by everybody. We love the amount of high-density urban apartments being built and would love to see the sprawl up into the hills be halted.

Timely transportation service during the evenings and weekends.

Timely/dependable bus service would be of benefit to the out lying areas of Kelowna.

TIMING OF LIGHTS ON HWY 97

To be able to connect Kelowna to all the other surrounding municipalities in an efficient manner. The low population and the size of the area to cover makes it very challenging...

To beef up transit. For example when I was working up in Rutland the only bus was the #8 on a Sunday evening close to 10:00, if it didn't show up I was stranded, it's a long way from where I live, when I worked on holidays or weekends I had to walk 20min to the mall in the dark or rain, they really need to review that. It's scary in the evening I don't go any where in the evening if I have to take the bus. They need to improve, they're still operating on the idea that people are working 9-5, I know people who had to give up working at Walmart because they couldn't get out there, so the whole thing needs to be revamped. Could put community buses in, the smaller ones, for the less popular routes, that would be an awesome thing. Where are they going to put all the parking for the high rises down town?

to busy

To many cars

To many cars and trucks on the road for the infrastructure that we have. We need another bridge crossing to take the load off highway 97.

To many deer on the roads. Summit drive is extremely dangerous.

To many left turns on Harvey and placement of HOV lane . Need a bypass around the city

To many people drive. More people should bus, car pool, or walk to where they need to go.

to many traffic lights your always starting and stopping.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

to many traffic lights. It seems the city uses traffic lights to help the bad drivers. it costs tax payers alot of money and slows traffic alot.

To me, the biggest issue is when trying to navigate the many single lane streets downtown and in the mission area when construction has rerouted a bunch of traffic through areas not meant to sustain a bunch of traffic. It makes for some painfully slow trips, even when they're short distances.

To slow down the growth of congestion on our main roads a change in where new development happens needs to be seriously addressed. The continued push for residential development (whether single family or multi-family) onto hillsides and more than 5km's from town centre's needs to be dramatically slowed down.

Too car focused, not enough frequent public bus service, all school students should get a public bus pass. Public perception of transit is that it is for poor people. Bike lane improvements and new painted bike lane markings are fantastic.

too few alternative modes of transport.

Too few main arteries through town for too many people

Too few routes into and out of the Upper Mission create huge congestion problems. No or very short right hand turn lanes at major intersections cause traffic buildup as cars unable to turn right on red lights, and vehicles in main travel lanes needing to almost come to a stop to turn right. This does not allow traffic to flow.

Too many cars . The city should work on other means of transportation . More separated bike path as on Ethel street . Pollution is a huge issue

too many cars and traffic lights stopping traffic at every corner
one bridge to cross to the west side that is continually backed up

Too many cars during rush hour

Too many cars in our city. It seems most households own more than 1 vehicle. I would like to see better transit and more people cycling instead of vehicles.

Too many cars on the road and highway. Especially rush hour. Unpleasant/unsafe to walk/bike to/from work.

Too many cars on the road and road system not satisfactory. HOV lane in wrong place and really not necessary. Too many traffic lights but not enough filter signals. And not enough information for Canadians on the correct way to signal around Roundabouts!!!

Too many cars on the road, causing congestion during peak transit hours.

Very limited options as the public transit system is not streamlined for efficient service to the wider community.

too many cars on the road, too many large transport trucks going thru town. They need to be re-routed making it more efficient for them and for the traffic moving thru town. Also, cars that are not stopping in town need a by-pass to get thru Kelowna more efficiently. It is a nightmare on Hwy 97/Harvey Ave.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Too many cars on the road... I leave for work early so I can avoid the back log of traffic on Chute Lake Road and Lakeshore. I do not want an expanded road system... I want to stop the urban crawl and development of houses in the upper mission. I already think a 30 minute commute to work is too long... I would consider public transport, but not if it is going to take me longer to get to work.

Too many cars on the roads not enough infrastructure to support quantity.

Too many cars on the roads, especially at rush hour morning and evening.

too many cars, lack of wide-spread frequently available transit system.
-council seems to think this will all be fixed by high density, before transit is in place.

Too many cars.

too many condos/townhouses being built without the infrastructure to include parking within the complex - too many cars being parked illegally on the roads

Too many houses built without the proper infrastructure in place.

Too many houses with insufficient roadways especially with ongoing development eg. Kettle Valley, the Ponds etc

Too many large trucks on the roads. Excessive speed along Casorso Road between Lanfranco and Casorso (school zone).

Too many lights, walk lights that slow down traffic during rush hour, should have pedestrian overpasses or something that won't stop the flow of traffic. If I was to take the bus to/from work it would take me 30-45 minutes to get to work versus the 10 minutes to get to work. For husband to take the bus to/from work would be over an hour

Too many new housing developments and not enough expansion in the infrastructure to support it. Traffic lights with poor timing cause huge backups around town.

Too many new traffic lights. In my opinion, the city should adopt a policy that seeks to convert intersections that are currently controlled by traffic lights to traffic circles. Further to that policy, the city should adopt another policy that requires 2 traffic light controlled intersections be converted to traffic circles for every new traffic light controlled intersection created.

Too many people and not enough main roadways to get around. (I moved here from Calgary)

too many people and not enough thorough fares, limited by Kelowna's geography to build more roads. Too many traffic lights due to street access to highways.

Too many people drive to far-away suburbs which pushes politicians to suggest things like the second crossing. We need more active transportation options, better transit, and more density centrally.

Too many people in single-car vehicles coming into town from the suburbs. Better mass transit is needed to get these people out of their cars.

Too many people living here, very few take public transit, public transit not very convenient.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Too many people not enough roads.

Lack of parking downtown

Too many people using the out dated infra structure, no other means of transportation other than the bus system. When the parking spots are being deleted, and no parking vehicles overnight down town, what should an impaired driver do with their car. Taxis are few and far between, very hard to get.

I think there should be parking overnight with grace to have vehicle moved by 9:00 am the next morning so people can walk or taxi

Too many personal motorized vehicles on road only carrying one driver

too many single driver cars

poorly timed bus schedule

Too many stop lights in Kelowna and area.

Too many stop lights, causing congestion

Too many traffic lights that aren't sync

Too many traffic lights, especially along Harvey and Richter. Seems to back up traffic, especially during rush hour.

Too many traffic stops on the highways. More over passes or service roads are needed to move traffic.

too many vehicles

Too many vehicles on the road

Too many vehicles with too few occupants traveling on too few routes.

too much bridge traffic for only one bridge to West Kelowna and not close enough bus stops to our area

Too much congestion for vehicles through the city, need to find a way to expand infrastructure rather than trying to convince drivers not to drive. We live in a city that is too spread out to bike or walk... Frustrating that bike lanes were put in place of all the parking spots along my street and when there is already a parallel bike lane several streets up and neither are overly used.

Too much congestion on main roads.

Too much congestion down Hwy 97 and Enterprise

Too much construction tying up traffic.

Too much new housing infrastructure with no thought given to how we are going to move all those people around. We need to quit tearing down one family homes and replacing them on the same lot with fourplexes. This is madness. Kelowna is growing way too fast.

Too much traffic

Too much traffic congestion.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Too much traffic congestion. It is getting worse each year. Highway 97, Enterprise Way, and Springfield Road are overcrowded daily. A designated by-pass which goes around West-Kelowna, crosses the lake, and completely avoiding all of Kelowna, would be, by far, the best solution to reducing the daily traffic congestion along HW97 and the other two major roads running parallel to Harvey Avenue.

In other words, create a true 'ring road' around our 3-4 communities (Kelowna, West Kelowna, Peachland as well as potentially Lake Country to be included).

Separately, I feel the City of Kelowna is not paying enough attention to creating better and safer bike lanes throughout Kelowna, as we both are avid E-bikers, and commute on our bikes almost daily during the summer months to do local shopping and visiting family/friends on our bikes.

Too much traffic congestion. Traffic lights are poorly calibrated.

Too much traffic congestion; we need better public transit/rapid transit so people won't depend on their cars as much.

Too much traffic due to very poor city planning and lack of alternate routes across town.

Too much traffic for a road network that was suitable 25 years ago.

Too much traffic for the size of the city. Need a bypass and better timing of traffic lights.

Too much traffic in Kelowna !

Too much traffic in the city

Too much traffic in vehicles and not enough police nabbing distracted drivers.

Too much traffic on Highway

Too much traffic on main arteries...backed up at traffic lights...have to sit through 2-3 green lights before getting through intersections.

Too much traffic on too few roads. Need more arteries.

too much traffic, and crazy drivers, wow - everyone is in too much of a hurry :(

too much traffic, not enough infrastructure

Too much traffic, not enough left turn signals or lights that are in sync. Hit too many red light after red light

Too much traffic, not enough roads. Enterprise should be four laned as well as Rutland Road.

Too much traffic, only one bridge to get back and forth from Kelowna to West Kelowna.

Too much traffic.

too much traffic.

Too much traffic. The main arterial route through town has too many traffic lights. Coming off the bridge and hitting a traffic light immediately upon entering downtown Kelowna was a major planning blunder. A bypass or an improved road on the westside of Okanagan Lake is necessary.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Total gridlock? Apparently, the Okanagan is the most car-centric city in Canada? which makes the challenge all the greater. Very glad to see ever expanding bike paths, and reasonably maintained bike lanes. Constant up-grades, and trip adjustments to transit, are also welcome changes. However, changing peoples attitudes towards travel alternatives is still likely to be the largest stumbling block to overcome. Good Luck!

TRAFFIC

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Traffic - particularly in the summer months. My husbands travels over the bridge to and from work and then all the way through Kelowna. On a bad day it can take him well over an hour to get home. Better road planning (ie. overpasses) could alleviate this.

Traffic - To go anywhere in Kelowna I have to drive down Chute Lake/Lakeshore Road from Kettle Valley. As it is only a 2 lane road and the number of residents in the Upper Mission has grown dramatically since I moved here 15 years ago, I see a need to expand the driving lanes in this corridor. If I drive down in the morning as parents are taking their children to Anne McClymont school, it invariable results in a delay of a minimum of 10 minutes to get past the lights at the school. I used to be able to leave home at 7:55 am and now must leave by 7:40 am to miss this incredible blockage.

In terms of traffic in general I am appalled at the lack of enforcement of speed limits and accepted driving conventions in our city. I tend to drive at the posted speed limit and am generally passed by most if not all of the traffic where it is a 4 lane road and the speed limit is 60 kph. I notice a lot of stop sign and stop light 'creep, of drivers who don't come to a complete stop at the indicated location but appear as if they are doing to drive right into the intersection without stopping. And, saving the worst for last, the number of people who run red lights is absolutely terrifying.

As a personal comment I do find that HOV lane on Harvey is bit of a pain if you are driving in rush hour (which seems to be almost all day now!). It is relatively easy to move from the HOV lane into the middle lane on Harvey but if you don't attempt to get back in the HOV lane well in advance of your right turn, you may get frozen out and miss your turn due to all of the drivers who don't move out of that lane. In fact, I have noticed that when driving from West to East on Harvey that drivers who wish to exit at Orchard Park don't bother to leave the HOV lane at all. I do question whether the HOV lane is effective at all. |

Traffic - which I know is difficult to adjust. But both Hwy 97 & Enterprise are jammed every day.

traffic / pedestrian management along certain routes

traffic across the bridge and along highway 97 at peak hours

Traffic and construction do not mix well.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Traffic and infrastructure. Road quality is bad (potholes and very rough patches). More advance lights going off and onto hwy 97. Need overpasses, fix Beaver Lake Rd and Hwy 97 intersection, bypass Kelowna to West Kelowna

TRAFFIC AND NO INFASTRUCTURE

Traffic and people's bad driving habit (tailgating, running red lights, not signalling, speeding)

Traffic and road construction when trying to get back home.

traffic and the crazy ignorant driving habits of tourists

Traffic and traffic lights |

Traffic and traffic lights through the city and to West Kelowna. Need a by-pass around Kelowna to decrease vehicles traveling through to Vancouver or Calgary.

Traffic at peak hours on main arteries. Left turn signal northbound on highway 97 turning left onto sexsmith is way too short, allows only 4 to 5 cars thru if lucky.

Traffic between Gordon Drive and Highway 33.

Traffic bottleneck issues on Lakeshore Rd between Chute Lake Rd and DeHart during 'rush hour' times of day.

Traffic bottlenecks around the city, such as Gordon drive, Springfield road, Enterprise way.

Traffic build up on HWY 97, especially coming over the bridge into Kelowna.

Traffic conditions

Traffic congestion

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

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Traffic congestion

traffic congestion - it might be helped if people felt safe taking the bus but many do not.

Traffic congestion / lack of a freeway. We live and work downtown because the road system in the rest of the Central Okanagan is very bad. We are thinking of moving away entirely.

traffic congestion

lack of advance green arrows for left turns at many intersection

some advance arrows are only in effect from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM which doesn't even encompass rush hours

Traffic congestion along Harvey Avenue / Highway 97.

Traffic congestion and gas prices

Traffic congestion and lack of sidewalks.

Traffic congestion and left turns on highway 97

Traffic congestion and lousy drivers

Traffic congestion and not enough left turn lights. Public transit has a long wait time.

traffic congestion between Kelowna and west Kelowna

Traffic congestion caused by a woefully inadequate transit system including, but not limited to, limited HandiDART hours of operation.

traffic congestion downtown and across the bridge

Traffic congestion due to lack of highway bypass

traffic congestion hwy 97- clement ave corridor would help.

Traffic congestion ie I have to turn right in most cases even if my destination is in other direction.

Cyclist mixing with traffic and not obeying traffic rules or becoming pedestrians

people in general not obeying traffic signs or laws.

Traffic congestion is horrible everywhere in the city at rush hour and through the entire summer it is ridiculous.

Traffic congestion mostly on hwy 97 with semi trucks, people passing through kelowna

Could use more roundabouts

TRAFFIC CONGESTION NOT ENOUGH LEFT TURN ARROWS

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Traffic congestion on all roads_ Bike lanes don't belong in narrow winding roadways originally designed for vehicles & now being reconfigured to accommodate bike lanes, which are underused by people, who disregard 'right of way ' laws , etc' etc_ until they are run over by a vehicle.

Traffic congestion on arterial roads.

Traffic congestion on Glenmore/Spall road, especially in late afternoon.

Traffic congestion on Harvey Avenue, especially in the summer. Lack of public transportation in SE Kelowna.

Traffic congestion on Harvey.

Traffic congestion on highway 97

Traffic congestion on Hwy 97 and Enterprise Way. There should be an alternate route for semi trucks rather than through the center of town. Another huge issue/challenge is the bus stops on Springfield Road. There are no 'pull in' areas for the buses so all traffic in the same lane behind the bus must also stop and wait till the bus moves -- and the scenario continues at each bus stop.

Traffic congestion on lakeshore road

TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON MAJOR ROUTES (HWY 97, ENTERPRISE, SPRINGFIELD, GLENMORE, GORDON ETC) DURING HIGH VOLUME TRAFFIC TIMES AND DURING THE SUMMER. HWY 97 SHOULD BE MOVED OR CHANGED TO NOT HAVE SOME MANY LIGHTS.

Traffic congestion on major routes at peak times.

traffic congestion on Spall and Harvey
need some rapid transit to the airport

Traffic congestion on the Bennett Bridge and on Harvey.

Traffic congestion on the highway and on Glenmore Road during morning commute times, lunch times and after work

traffic congestion resulting from one main road..hwy 97 difficult to get on and off of at any time of day due to increasing traffic volume...ridiculous to have one road thru a big city... Springfield road traffic getting really heavy too...need a by-pass at least!

Traffic congestion returning home from school

Traffic congestion with major north south highway combining with local traffic makes kelowna a difficult and congested city

Traffic congestion with red lights that are not synchronized.

Traffic congestion within the city and on highways

Transit is slowly becoming more accessible which is very important

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Traffic congestion!!! However I do have an appreciation for the challenges presented by a rapidly growing community, the geographical constraints Kelowna is faced with (road construction-mountainous), and, as I recently discovered the highest # automobiles/capita in Canada. EGADS!!! Those are challenges. Since we are retired we do try to plan the time we take our trips and our routes to coincide with the least volume of traffic .

Traffic congestion, especially on Highway 97 between Gordon Ave and the bridge.

Traffic congestion, for sure.

Also, lots of bikers and not many bike lanes.

traffic congestion, hwy 97 (and other major artery's) was not planned out properly 25 years ago for the increased population that exists today. now we are all screwed.

Traffic congestion, lack of right hand turn lanes and people sitting at lights when they could turn right if there was a turn lane to go into

Traffic congestion, there are no bypasses and too many stoplights on the highway. A 80km zone often doesn't get above 60km with all the starts and stops. Need to streamline some areas of traffic to keep traffic moving. Really need to remove the HOV lane and focus on getting commercial trucks into one lane and more signage and education regarding slower traffic keep right.

Traffic congestion.

Traffic congestion. High density housing means more vehicles packed into those areas. The present infrastructure is unable to cope with this increased volume of traffic. There needs to be more advanced left turn arrow options in these areas accessing major arteries.

Traffic congestion. Highway 97 traffic lights. Not enough left turn arrows turning onto and off of highway 97

Traffic congestion. Inconsiderate drivers. Drivers are tail gating & speeding more then ever. More policing and fines might be a deterrent to those driving behaviors. The timing of traffic lights need to be adjusted is some locations to improve traffic flow.

Traffic congestion. It's no secret that kelowna has a lot of condos being build in some areas and no plans are being made to adjust flow of traffic. When these are done, they will add to the pain of getting around. Buses do not run every 15 minutes. It may be unreasonable in a city our size, but it would make an improvement on certain lines other than the College or University.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Traffic congestion. There are either too many lights, not enough turning advances. Second is parking.

Traffic congestion. There is no consistent highway or bypass that goes through Kelowna without stop lights. Furthermore, there are not enough alternate routes to get to my destination.

Traffic congestion...lack of left turn lights.

Lack of easy access turning left onto Guisachan Road from Stillingfleet Road and no left turn land turning off Guisachan onto Stillingfleet.

No left turn access from Cameron/Stillingfleet onto Gordon Drive despite there being over 500 homes on this one street! |

Traffic congestion-Hwy 97, Enterprise, Lakeshore, eg. Lack (of planning for) convenient, eco-friendly, efficient transportation options, other than buses for major traffic corridors? (West Kelowna, UBCO, Okanagan College, airport, Orchard Park, downtown, Pandosy/Lakeshore, hospital.

Improve, expand safe, convenient walking/biking paths to popular public areas, not just roadways and sidewalks. Improved transportation considerations with high density population development - if you build it, they will come, only if they can get there!

Traffic conjection

traffic control, lack of public transportation to airport. bus times to airport don't correspond with hours that airport operates.

Traffic delays

Traffic density and poor driving habits.

Traffic density has increased so dramatically, we don;t venture out unless it's necessary.

Traffic down Lakeshore, primarily during the 8-9 am hours.

traffic during rush hour.

traffic flow

traffic flow

Traffic flow

Traffic flow - I also think the HOV lane on Hwy 97 should either be the far inside lane or be abandoned altogether.

TRAFFIC FLOW (OR LACK THEREOF) ON THE VERY FEW MAIN TRAFFIC ARTERIES IN KELOWNA.

traffic flow

the lights do not have consist flow patterns you leave one light get to next light and it's red longer left turns

Traffic flow along the main streets / highways thru the city.

Traffic flow due to excessive traffic lights.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Traffic flow from east to west and vice versa along Hwy. 97, Enterprise and Springfield roads.

-Traffic flow in major arteries such as Highway 97, Enterprise Way, Spall/Springfield, etc. with bottlenecks at lights and intersections

-Unreliable public transportation

-Concerns with safety on public transportation and transport

Traffic flow should be improved - traffic lights could be better coordinated.

Traffic flow through Kelowna

TRAFFIC FLOW, INCLUDING LACK OF ADVANCE LEFT LIGHTS/LANES AND SHORT ADVANCE LIGHT/LANES CAUSING HABITUAL RUNNING OF RED LIGHTS ON THE BUSIEST INTERSECTIONS ALONG HARVEY AVENUE FROM THE BRIDGE TO HWY 33. ALSO THE SENSELESS HOV LANE ALONG HARVEY.

Traffic for people living in West Kelowna but working in Kelowna.

Traffic getting to the children's school because of insane traffic coming down the hill

Traffic gridlock

traffic heavy on hwy 97 almost always, a bypass is required to reduce central traffic. Traffic on Gordon and lakeshore heavy during school start and stop . Caused by poor planning of school locations and access to schools for parents. Should be off the main thoroughfare. People going to work are affected far too much.

Traffic in and out of Kettle Valley

Traffic in and out of Mission area, especially during school start and end times.

Traffic in general and in particular the timing of lights. You hit a red light a literally every single controlled intersection.

Traffic in Kelowna. Snow Removal on the Big White Rd.

Traffic infrastructure is inadequate and not maintained adequately..

Traffic is a nightmare, it is taking too long to get around.

TRAFFIC IS CONSTANTLY INCREASING AND A LOT OF ELDERLY DRIVERS SEEM UNSURE AND SCARED TO DEAL WITH THE FASTER PACED DRIVING SKILLS NEEDED. CURRENT ROADS ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC CURRENTLY USING THEM.

Traffic is excessive for the roads we have.

Traffic is horrible in Kelowna. I am glad I am centrally located and able to bicycle around during peak times.

Traffic is really busy during rush hour and lunch hour on both Harvey and Springfield. Leaving Kelowna over the bridge after work is really slow.

I would really love to ride my bike to and from work but traffic is so bad that i don't feel safe

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Traffic is usually backed up and very congested on Hwy 97 from Hwy 33 intersection to Water Street intersection and also backed up on Enterprise Way from Banks Road intersection to Spall Road. I always try to avoid these roads by driving over Summit Drive up over Dilworth Mountain.

Traffic is very frustrating; I take enterprise every day and so does my husband and the lights take forever... there's no quick way to get anywhere in Kelowna!

Traffic is very heavy for a vehicle, so I pick my times of travel very carefully. I could walk to the bus but the load of groceries to carry is difficult.

Traffic jams due to lights and amount of cars on the road. Especially in summer

Traffic jams on Benvoulin are ridiculous. People go flying south in the slow lane then cut in to the fast lane before KLO so they can continue straight through the intersection. Why do they do that? Because there are far too many people driving south on Benvoulin then turning left on KLO at Benvoulin which plugs up the fast lane that wants to go through the intersection at Benvoulin and KLO. Dangerous circumstances there for sure...

Traffic jams on the way to school.

Traffic lights along highway 97. Take a page out of Kamloops or Penticton's book and route the highway around town with minimal or no stops. Adding lights constantly has to stop. Lobby the provincial government and then kick in the necessary city contribution to build interchanges instead of lights. That is the #1 reason why we have so much congestion and so many accidents that cause delays.

Traffic lights need to be synchronized to help moving traffic through Hwy 97 corridor.

Traffic lights not synchronized, need more roundabouts & overpasses. Takes forever to get anywhere. Lack of bus service to my home.

Traffic lights. Too many red lights.

Traffic mediation

Traffic on 97, need a ring road for commercial vehicles.

Traffic on Gordon Road and construction in many areas that are close together. Do these really all need to be done at the same time?

Traffic on Harvey (hwy 97) through Kelowna in the summer months.

Traffic on Harvey and Enterprise between Spall and Dilworth

traffic on Hwy 97 was really slow on that day.

traffic on HWY 97, need a heavy truck bypass

Traffic on main arteries.

Traffic on main roads

Traffic on our roadways

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Traffic on the highway going through Kelowna

Traffic on the hwy is so bad I do not use it unless necessary because we wait at each light. I do not go downtown because of a lack of parking.

Traffic on the main arteries, Hwy97 and Springfield Rd

The addition of separated bike lanes has been great but more are needed

Traffic on the roads in Kelowna is getting to be terrible! Too many cars on the road, or just not enough room for everyone. Traffic is getting so busy from approx 7:30am to 8:00pm. Need more space on roads, and need to get rid of HOV lane. I also don't travel to West Kelowna often, but when I do I have noticed how busy traffic is over there as well.

Traffic patterns and high volume housing/business built in areas with little or no traffic control.

traffic stoppage due to traffic lights and slowed traffic due to big slow vehicles like long haul trucks, delivery vans and trucks, flatbeds, etc. They block off ALL lanes of traffic and halt regular traffic flow.

Traffic to and from Kettle Valley is restricted to 1-lane to and from the area on Lakeshore/Chute Lake Road. This especially causes congestion from 8am to 8:30am due to heavy traffic in the school zone at Anne McClymont Elementary. This traffic backup easily adds 15 to 20 minutes to a trip on many days.

Traffic to and from the mission area during certain times of the day. Availability of public transportation is also an issue

Traffic to and from the west side. There needs to be a train from Penticton to Vernon, a second bridge, or overpasses to avoid traffic

Traffic to and from West Kelowna over bridge.

Traffic volume along Enterprise. Also, the congestion on cross streets that intersect with Harvey Ave. I think we need better infrastructure for these major cross streets to avoid lights by building either overpasses or tunnels.

Traffic Volume especially on Harvey Ave. and also on Enterprise Way.

Traffic volume is ridiculous. Kelowna road system needs a serious overhaul. The Glenmore corridor is very congested and traffic speed is out of control.

Traffic volume on Harvey Avenue.

Traffic Volume.

Need more or longer turn lights .

Should allow left turns without turn arrows on green lights (ex - Leckie and Springfield).

Better timing of light changes on Harvey Ave (hwy 97)

Pull out areas for all buses so they don't back up traffic (especially on Springfield and downtown area)

traffic with lights

traffic, bridge

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

TRAFFIC, I OFTEN CHOOSE NOT TO GO OUT FOR DINNER OR SHOPPING OR TO FRIENDS HOUSES BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT TO FIGHT THROUGH TRAFFIC :(

Traffic, the city is growing too fast, for such a small area!

Traffic, We can see Springfield and Dillworth and its blocked most of the time during the day. Also, parking at the hospital is so difficult that we do not go unless it is an emergency. There should also be more transportation services for seniors, particularly to the hospital. For example, I do not drive, and my husband only drives during the day as night driving is too difficult. The bus is too inconvenient, hard to get to the stops, getting up and down the stairs, transferring and etc is difficult at my age, and the cost of cabs can add up to a significant and unmanageable amount for seniors on a limited pension.

Traffic. Getting in and out and busy times...

Traffic. I think the infrastructure needs to be more organized. Timed lights, Less 4 ways stops.

Traffic. If bus were more convenient, more regular, I would consider.

Traffic. Kelowna needs a bypass to remove the traffic through Harvey Ave that is passing through Kelowna and doesn't want to stop for 56 traffic lights. The bus system could be improved, but it will be of little use to me and my family honestly, as we are generally travelling with children and tight timelines for getting places. The HOV lanes on Harvey Avenue are completely useless as there is so much traffic entering/exiting Harvey Avenue that it makes that lane the slowest of all lanes, removing any incentive to carpool and travel in that lane.

Traffic. Too many lights, too many side streets that feed into the main highway. Not enough people taking public transport. Not enough buses running.

traffic...volume. A trip that should take 30 minutes take 50.

Traffic/ congestion on major routes.

transit

Transit coverage.

Transit doesn't work well for people who work, only works if you are going to major centers of the city. I would take the bus to work but it would take me 2 hours to get there.

Transit is not reliable, tardiness is a problem and over capacity. Additional buses are needed.

Transit is not something that can be relied upon. In my perfect world, I would like to take the bus however it simply isn't practical.

Transit is terrible. Buses are not on time, nor are there enough when you need them or too many when you don't. Red lights are NOT set up to deal with rush hour.

Transit not running early enough or running often enough in evenings, especially weekends.

Transit system. Very unreliable, especially in the winter months.

Transit. I don't use the transit system as I have heard it is inconsistent in timing and not enough routes.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

transportation for handi caps

Transportation for people with no vehicles between cities
The roads are inadequate for the population

trasit issues

Travel day dec 06

Travel in winter conditions will be in the upcoming months, considering I live up on a plateau, my concern would be with poor road conditions along slopes accessing the area.

Travel through main corridor (highway 97) during rush hour (4-6 pm), including crossing the bridge to West Kelowna at this time. I try to avoid this but sometimes can't due to timing of appointments.

Traveling by car

traveling via public transportation

travelling down chute lake rd. from Kettle Valley between 7:45am and 8:45am takes forever from school traffic

Travelling late at night and not being able to stay out later than 11pm.

try avoid high way 97 around morning and evening rush hours;

Trying to drive cautiously and avoiding other drivers who speed and break the rules and honk or give you the finger. I have seen drivers change lanes where there is a double solid line or run red lights so when I drive I have to be alert at all times.

Turning left off Hartman Rd onto Rutland Rd.

turning left on the highway, We need a couple overpasses or double left turning lanes.

turning left onto Hwy 97

Turning left to and from the highway

There should be advanced turn lights at every major intersection.

Turns on/off Sexsmith & Arab Rd. It is busy and often dangerous (especially in snow which is coming soon!) We heard this left turn option would be blocked and I welcome this.

*Shetland Road has fast moving traffic and heavy congestion with parked vehicles, travelling this road at any time gives potential for an accident with a pedestrian (especially children) and/or another vehicle oncoming (traffic must alternate due to one lane availability). We heard this would be traffic calmed, the speed bumps help, however the university students who reside in the plethora of basement suites here as well as students/parents heading up to the private school tend to drive over and catch air on the speed bumps. I have emailed the transportation planning department who responded with 'it is traffic calmed and is fine' when I know first hand from living [near] the speed bumps that this is fact false. Traffic congestion in academy way area is just going to get worse with more residences going in at the top of the hill. Hopefully our issues on these streets in the lower area will be addressed with a 30K/M speed limit next and by blocking the Arab/Sexsmith corner. (Please, I beg of you).

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Understanding that penalizing cars when there are no alternatives is unfair. 8 km walk to bus stop!! Rural BC is being penalized unfairly.

Unfinished construction

No Kelowna bypass

Unreliable public transport, no ride-sharing options. Poor traffic flow on Highway 97/Harvey Ave

Unsafe drivers and unsafe cyclists make both activities dangerous! I tend to avoid driving on cycling routes because cyclists travel the wrong direction on the roads, are not visible (no lights or reflective clothing at night) and don't tend to follow 'share the road' etiquette (that is, they tend to do what ever they want and then finger drivers for not being able to anticipate their erratic actions). As a cyclist, I will use cycling routes or the sidewalk on narrow roads/'fast' roads that lack a cycling lane. Motorists don't tend to look for cyclists when driving or when parked. Two of my acquaintances have died in road cycling accidents by the hand of motorists not looking. I know of 3 people who have been seriously injured by cycling or pedestrian accidents, also at the fault of the motorist.

Commute times have increased due to traffic volumes. People consistently run yellow and red lights. My daughter is learning to drive and I tell her to check to make sure the intersection is clear prior to driving into it...not looking at the vehicles appropriately stopped at the intersection, but to look for vehicles and cyclist (and sometimes pedestrians) who are illegally entering the intersection.

Bus routes are generally very good, although packed during peak hours. If my children have an appointment to attend during peak travel hours, I will drive them in case a bus is too full and doesn't stop. This has happened and the rider will miss their appointment because they have to wait for a bus that has room to pick them up. Sometimes, it is a very long wait (an additional 20 minutes!). I am also concerned about young females walking alone at night since many side/residential streets are dark and downtown is not safe due to incidences of unsolicited, random acts of violence, of which I am aware from experience.

untrained / bad drivers...this includes the so called professional drivers...bus / taxi

Upgrading and adding main access roads for vehicles. Improving regularity of public transit service.

Urban roads are inadequate as a result of all the new high density housing construction taking place.

Urban sprawl

Urban sprawl and associated car dependant behaviours

Urban sprawl means that there are only a few major arteries that are constantly clogged with traffic and the infrequency of public transit makes it impossible for people to use it reliably to get to work or school. Also, because of the distance, walking and cycling are also not options for many people.

urban sprawl people have to work so people have to drive to work

Urban sprawl. For example, you can't walk anywhere from my neighbourhood in Black Mountain

Using busses in Kelowna is difficult due to scheduling and transporting goods (i.e. groceries). Tough for families as well. Bicycling is my preferred choice and bike paths are great/improving here. However not always possible due to time, goods to be carried, weather.

Thank you.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Using Transit on Saturday and Sunday. As well as going to places in Kelowna where there is no Transit. Although this has improved since I moved here in 1990.

Vehicle traffic and the non co-ordination of traffic lights on major routes. Also the lack of use of the walk signs to indicate a traffic light will be changing (flashing don't cross hand while light is green)

vehicle traffic not stopping properly at stop signs (even on the bike/walking path!), sporadic bus service, unclean bike lanes in the ' off' season

Vehicle transportation through Harvey Avenue is poor. The province needs to coordinate with the Cities of Kelowna and West Kelowna to have a local representative available to address issues since the highway passes through the cities. Currently, the province is very hard to talk to and explain complex issues to when they are not here in person to show them the problems, and they barely understand the English language. All other driving around town is not too bad. I bicycle most of the time, so I would like to see more bike lanes put in around busy roads like Gordon Drive, Ethel Street, and Sutherland Avenue.

very few sidewalks in city residential areas. I would bike a lot more but I feel terribly unsafe because of poor bike lanes and aggressive car traffic (I've lived in lots of communities and this one feels far less biker friendly than most of the other spots I've lived).

I resent new development having waived infrastructure fees--that's a terrible choice that adds people / cars but underfunds the necessary supports for the city. Costs all of the rest of us.

Very minimal public transit (ie bus or monorail). Buses should run every 15 or 20 minutes at least from 6 AM to midnight. Traffic congestion is consequently bad in Kelowna. Bus fares have to be economical, however due to a poor economy in Canada. Transportation is essential for citizens to be able to work and recreate effectively.

Very poor road planning. Insufficient bus service. Too dangerous to cycle.

Volume and congestion at peak periods.

Volume and speed of traffic make travel for seniors a risky venture!

Volume is exceeding roadway capacities and leads to very long waits at lights and other safety problems. The intersection of Harvey and Dilworth is very unsafe because of the angle of the intersection making it hard to see oncoming traffic, while making a safe left hand turn.

volume not meant for the infrastructure of Kelowna - especially in the summer during high tourist season. Excessive number of uncoordinated traffic lights causing back ups that shouldn't be happening .

Volume of traffic

Limited bus service

Volume of traffic and no way around it. No easy options in some areas.

Volume of traffic in specific areas around the schools.

Inadequate side walks near schools

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

Volume of traffic. Town is not set up for the volume. Need options like Uber. Cabs are outrageously expensive here. A light rail system is going to be needed and may be the only option as bypass roads don't seem to be an option. Kelowna is only going to continue to grow out and out. The HOV lanes on Harvey are a waste. Just open the lanes up to everyone. Uber! Uber! Uber!

Volume on Harvey Ave and all the traffic lights. We need a #97 bypass for Westbank and Kelowna walking/cycling

Way way way too many cars on the roads, too much dependence on parking, fuel, etc. That space that sits full with empty cars could be put to better use.

We are encouraged to use bicycles but we don't have a 'bicycle' culture in Kelowna yet. Read of too many serious bike accidents especially in downtown area. Bike stolen from our parkade on Nov16 so not reliable form of transportation if security is such a big issue. The buses aren't convenient like Vancouver because we don't have the population to support more frequent bus schedules so a lot of time spent riding in buses. Noone to carpool with.

We are entirely reliant on cars, try to ride a bicycle in the summer and it feels dangerous with such big trucks everywhere, have been close to being hit several times. Public transportation is unreliable and does not run often enough

We are trying to live with one car for the family. This is sometimes hard (but it saves a lot of money)

We are well placed to access buses if necessary. We can also walk to many of the places we often go too. No real challenges. We live in a flat area close to recreational facilities, coffee shops, restaurants and parks. No complaints. If we didn't have a car we would still be just fine.

Kelowna Residents

We carpool with another family to get children to school. We need to leave between 8 am and 8:10 am to get to school on time (even though it takes 15 minutes at any normal time of day). School doesn't start until 8:45!! Leaving any later results in long and unpredictable drive times. EASY changes of lengthening the thru light times at Lakeshore/Eldorado and Gordon/Dehart (eg cars or pedestrians coming from Eldorado and Dehart do not instantly trigger a light change during peak hours) as well as having the pedestrian lights at school times not instantly trigger so that multiple pedestrians wait and cross at a time rather than 1 or 2 at a time (eg. adult crosswalk supervisors that have a timer at DWE pedestrian lights so button is only pressed every couple of minutes) would make an enormous difference in morning traffic flow from the upper mission. Better yet install pedestrian over passes for the school kids.

Also scheduling major construction projects in our areas from June (when many families are on vacation and traffic volumes are light) to the end of August rather than digging roads up in September right in time for school to start would also decrease complaints. We all know projects have to happen, but traffic from our area of town this fall was horrible and could have been mostly avoided by having the project completed during the summer. Between the Gordon bridge over Mission Creek, Swamp Road construction, the road improvements in front of AME and this years water project it becomes extremely frustrating. These projects cause huge back logs due to the limited road infrastructure from our end of town. If there was a viable public bus service that did not take an hour for my kids to get home after school we would use it. Other suggestions would be having public schools allow child drop off prior to 8:10 am, as this prevents many families from being able to leave the house earlier. I am hoping that there is an appropriate plan for transportation for when the new middle school opens in the Ponds in September 2019. It is going to turn an already ridiculous morning commute into a disaster when people have to drive up the hill to drop their kids off and drive back down. I have lived in multiple large cities in Canada with bad traffic so this is not new to me. Having 2 elementary schools on the two main roads out of one of the few areas in town continuing to allow significant building projects needs to be rethought. Surely we can have more creative solutions than commenting that the problems only occur for half an hour every day.

We do not have a transportation system that allows for movement of cars without traffic lights. The city tries to solve traffic issues by adding new traffic lights! We need additional roads and an improved road system. The city has spent a fortune on bike lanes where they are not used (funding should be targeted to where there are a higher number of users instead of the shotgun approach across Kelowna). Meanwhile traffic is slower and there is no parking on those streets as a result. Meanwhile our transit system has not kept up. We do not have transit where we live and this is the case for a large part of Kelowna. And the frequency of buses is not where it should be. Money from bike lanes should be spent on the transit system! This would benefit the poor and the elderly.

Kelowna should be pressing Victoria for an improved road system, however, City Hall in Kelowna does not have a plan for the future!

We have a very inefficient system of traffic control. Every left hand turn off of a highway 97 should have a dedicated turn signal. The intersection that impacts me on a daily basis, is the intersection of Richter ST and KLO Road. Making the left hand turn when traveling south on Richter ST onto KLO Road, causes problems during peek hours. I have personally sat at this intersection through three sets of lights because the person ahead of me was too afraid to make the turn due to lack of visibility caused by vehicles sitting in the turning lane opposite to ours. As a pedestrian, this intersection is also dangerous, with people traveling North on Richter St turning Left onto KLO road. I was almost struck last week by a vehicle turning left while i was using the crosswalk. This issue NEEDS to be addressed, especially with the volume of foot traffic in the area due to the proximity of OKC and the seniors residences.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

We have NO REGULAR bus service out here on Old Vernon Road. I'm retired now, but oh how I wish we would have had bus service so I didn't have to drive every day. And the walk to the nearest service is 3 km away (by airport).

We have not upgraded the road systems to the population that we have in Kelowna. We keep building and adding road systems to allow for the traffic. I love to cycle but this will not solve the traffic. We need to update the roads for a better flow of traffic. We absolutely cannot use cycling to solve this. Especially in the winter. |

We have too much traffic to get out on the road. We travel on Gordon, although we have a light, we don't have enough traffic so you have to wait for someone to cross the street, so it's very poor. We'd like the light activated, it's there, and the only way it works is if someone is there to cross the street.

we live a distance from shops and grocery stores so must use a vehicle, especially in winter months. during warmer months we utilize our scooter or motorcycles

We live in a condo complex on Enterprise Way behind London Drugs and our biggest concern right now is, they're building a big condo complex beside us and building a large hotel across the street, plus another condo. So our condo, one next door, and one on the corner, and a hotel so really thick congestion, and residency, in a quarter block or so, so my concern right now is getting out of our complex on a heavy used road, and that's bad enough right now. If in a car by yourself, it take you forever, cause your watching both ways, some neighbors have contacted the city, about some kind of caution or stop light so pedestrians going to London Drugs, and for us getting out of our complex don't get hit. Spall Road, on Enterprise we come out of our place and turn right, you come to a tee intersection, Spall connects to Glenmore road. It's become a main artery to funnel people coming south out of city, so good thing there's a traffic light, because there's a bottleneck of people depending on time of day you can be stuck there for a couple of light changes. Our streets, I want to commend our city for the excellent job of keeping up our city, where we use to live in Ontario, it wasn't part of the interest at all, but Kelowna does a good job. There's a concern about East and West traffic, there's Harvey and Springfield and that about it for the main artery, I think the city is thinking of expanding, Burns Road makes a lot of sense to me, right now it's agricultural land, it would be easy to funnel traffic from Upper Mission,

We live in a gated community however the gates are open in daytime hours. Buses should be available inside the community in the daytime. Some residents are older and cannot walk to the gates for public transit

We live in Indian reserves but not Indians ourselves. We are not happy with the rail roads turning into a bike/running trail from Kelowna to Vernon. Need to put in light rails for future reference. There are 3 more marijuana plants, and there are going to be an enormous amount of workers in this area, it will jam up the traffic with the added work population. Railroad will also be a major transportation method for people transporting North and South of BC.

We live near a golf course and have no need to travel far. Roads are kept in good condition.

We live on a mountain, so in terms of proximity, in the absence of bus transport, cars are really the only option.

We need a better public transport system.

One that runs more often and covers more outlying areas.

Not just the university routes.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

We need a by-pass around Kelowna for those who are travelling through Kelowna. Plus we could use more turn lanes and lights so that traffic is not backed up waiting for those who are turning. It would be nice to synchronize the traffic lights so that you don't hit red on every light. Springfield is so bad for that. I can hit 12 out of 14 lights red on my way home from work. There is no flow to traffic. We need a plan to move traffic more freely and not backed up especially during rush hours. I have seen every day, many drivers go straight through a green light, (because there is 13 cars not moving in the turn lane), make a u turn right after clearing the light, and then turning right on the road everyone is trying to turn on to. Traffic sucks in Kelowna and it isn't going to go away with people riding bikes and taking a bus that doesn't even start until 6am. Most people drive and that will not change.

We need a second crossing across the lake going from the Okanagan connector to Barnaby road and Lakeshore road.

We need a second crossing across the lake, from the old ferry terminal on the westside to hook up with the old railroad line in the city. Parking at the hospital is the shits, we have a hell of a time to find a place to park our vehicle, we have had to park at orchard park and bus from there. We need more security on transit busses for both passengers and the drivers, there has been too many tense moments on the busses, life threatening and serious injury. One guy died, his throat was cut, who's next? I drove all across the prairies, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Calgary, Edmonton, Whitecourt and home again. We never seen one dam speed bump anywhere the whole trip, here in Kelowna it seems every other street has them, what a pain. We might as well go back to mud and gravel and ruts everywhere filled with muddy water. We are 60 years behind the times, sure hope you can find somebody that has a brain to improve the [poor] situation we have here now.

We need another road thru town besides Hwy 97 and Springfield Road.
I think the HOV lane should be the lane closest to the the centre line. |

We need better biking infrastructure - I live in Rutland and there is no safe way to access the new rail trail or get to the other side of highway 97 - there are no bike lanes along Highway 33 and it is difficult to access any other safe bike corridor to get over there. If you make biking easier and safer then more people will do it!! Also, putting traffic light changing buttons along bike routes would also be very helpful so I don't have to go up on the sidewalk and push the pedestrian light to change it when there are no cars waiting at the lights.

We need bus to school or bus route Dilworth - Mission H20

We need left turn lanes at all intersections and some new roads to accommodate all the traffic...particularly in the summer.

We need LRT throughout the Okanagan or utilize existing rail beds for mass transit!

We need more bike lanes!

We need more bike paths, separated from traffic.

We need more bus routes and better reliability on bus arrival/schedule.

We need more bus routes or at least more often travel times.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

We need more bus routes, and more bike paths. When I use the bus on rain/snow days it take over 40 minutes to travel 5km, and it only takes 15 minutes on my bike when the whether is good. More of my co-workers would take the bus if we had more bus routes and more frequent bus times.

We need more buses, more often, and they need to go to places such as Hall Road and St Charles Garnier Parish.

We need more left turn advances and longer left turn lanes in areas like Spall.

We need more main roads to growing areas of town. For example, another route to the Upper Mission area, to join different parts of town more easily. Lakeshore and Gordon are overloaded, as are Glenmore, Springfield. As areas grow the road infrastructure should be addressed before building starts.

Parking is a major concern once people get to their destination. Absolutely must be addressed.

We need public transit that comes to the top of Blue Sky, Blackmountain

We need ride sharing!

We need some sort of bypass. We also need to focus more on heavily populated neighbourhoods and exits in case of emergency. Lakeshore looks great with the multi purpose corridor however it a bottle neck at peak times and in the summer.

I will not take transit unless it's faster and more efficient than driving.

We need to find a way to reduce wild animal deaths on our highways. Wildlife corridors or overpasses would reduce animal mortality and reduce costs associated with wildlife vehicular collisions.

We need to increase use of electric vehicles, better/more reliable bus times to increase ridership (our daughter misses 45 minutes of class because she has to take a city bus). If we were able to drive her direct she would be 15-20 minutes late.

Increase bike lanes. If you keep building roads for cars, more cars will come. We need less cars, reliable transit at reasonable transportation times to decrease number of vehicles on the road.

We require another main road/highway that doesn't go through Kelowna to reduce the amount of traffic on Highway 97.

A secondary lake crossing is also necessary. Particularly for safety instances as there are far too many accidents preventing traffic from moving, including ambulances, firetrucks etc. |

We require more dedicated bike lanes

we should have a by-pass route around the city with a second bridge

We should hire city planner for the Netherlands to design the city to be less reliant on vehicles, more pedestrian friendly. There are currently too many school zones on main streets, ie; Lakeshore Drive, KLO Road, Rutland Road... and too many bottlenecks. |

We tried to encourage the city to provide bus service to our neighbourhood to no avail. We would love to get rid of a vehicle and use transit but that can't happen. The closest bus stop is greater than 2 km away from our house.

We work away so work travel is done by car / plane. We need more local transportation alternatives. Traffic is always heavy.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

We would like more bicycle opportunities to be available for safe bike travel.

Make more car free areas downtown such as pedestrianizing Bernard Avenue in the downtown core.

We would like the city to develop more separated bike lanes taking cyclists off the road entirely. It is much safer for the cyclists and may encourage more people to choose to use their bikes for errands. I rode my bicycle out to UBCO for a work related workshop and I utilized the rail trail. I found the experience totally enjoyable and I am thankful that the city developed this alternate way to get to UBCO.

We would like to ride our bikes more; however, the roads are not safe as there are not enough bike lanes and people do not drive carefully enough to consider it a practical option for children. In particular, there is no safe place to cross Highway 97 around the Leckie/Baron Rd. area.

We would love to live closer to Spouse work so that she can walk and I can bike to my work.

But the apartments (for purchase) in that area are either restricted by Age (55+ apts), income (low income housing), have the potential for a wet housing facility (not desirable if we want to have children in the next few years) or too expensive (450K is 50% over what we could reasonably afford)

What I would like to see are buildings that are required to have a minimum height set, with shopping on the ground/second floors (depending on the size of the retail outlet, Professional services and other businesses on the second/third floors, and residential for at least 3-5 floors above that with some of that residential being 2 floor house style apartments (1800-2200 Sqft). The goal being to have buildings that have a lot of what people need in very close proximity to their residence so that we can reduce the amount of vehicle traffic (car, bus, etc.)

We would love to see more safe (separated/elevated/curbed) bike lanes along busy corridors and designated bike paths/streets for quiet corridors (much like Vancouver) We would love to see safe places to store/park bikes (bicycle garages) much like the Netherlands. We would use our bikes much more for everyday travel if these existed. Springfield/Gordon, the area we live in, is very busy and very scary for a child (or adult!) to ride along. Also - we would LOVE to see a pedestrian controlled traffic light at the Wilkinson/Springfield intersection (much like the Cameron/Gordon intersection that just went in..HORAY!) - the existing set of flashing lights, crossing 5 lanes of traffic, is too dangerous at certain times of day considering most traffic is moving at 70 kms/per hour. |

we would take buses if they were more frequent.

parking downtown is a bit of a challenge when we have the kids during the workweek, in terms of getting a spot close to our destination

We'd like to ride bicycles everywhere, all year round, however there aren't enough roads with bike lanes, and where there are lanes the vehicle drivers don't respect the bicycle riders, cutting across the path of travel, turning right while looking left, parking in the bike lanes, etc., etc., etc. If it's possible to get where we're going on the bike paths, or Mission Park Greenway, Kelowna is a most glorious place to cycle.

What appears to be a lack of public transportation compared to what I am used to in Vancouver.

Also, there are two very bad bottlenecks during the morning rush for people leaving the Kettle Valley area. These bottlenecks are at the two schools... Anne McClymount and Okanagan Mission

When commuting by bike there are limited bike lanes throughout the City.

The rails to trails should provide bikes with their own lane to make it safer for everyone on the new paved trail.

When I drive on Springfield I go the limit. Cars keep passing me. It is very frustrating. I am close to saying there is a bus service not far away.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Kelowna Residents

When the kids go to school they use the school bus.

Where I live in Kelowna, volume of traffic seems to be a big issue, as well as availability and price of parking. I own a car and will bring it to Kelowna in the new year and currently I do not have a place to park it where I live, or where I work (although I obviously don't need to drive it where I live now, but if I move further away, I would not be able to park it).

I would like to use public transportation more, but it is intimidating to use and I haven't actually tried to use the bus yet since I moved here even though I bought bus tickets when I arrived.

While public transportation is improving, some areas are still underserved.

While the trip history for my husband and I included travel by vehicles for both trips, this is not our normal method of travelling. We try to combine trips to limit the vehicle kilometers travelled.

I think the most important transportation issue in the community is having other residents think more about how often they use their vehicle and are there opportunities to either take alternate transportation (bike, transit, bike) or combine trips and passengers to reduce their GHGs and increase their physical fitness levels.

With all of the new condos, apartments, etc being build and no new infrastructures ie roads being made how busy are the roads going to get seeing that the roads are quite busy already?

Until the bus stops are made safer people are not going to use the buses.

With extremely heavy vehicle traffic on Guisachan Rd it is very difficult to enter Guisachan Rd either right or left from Stillingfleet Road. In addition combining the very heavy traffic on Gordon Rd and Rose/Guisachan in my opinion there should be a left turning signal at the intersection of Gordon and Rose/Guisachan for the Gordon Road traffic.

With increasing population and more vehicle traffic the City needs to provide in a timely manner the infrastructure to ensure efficient flow and safety. Another road to town (already planned it is understood) needs be built to serve the Southern Slopes. A number of intersections such as Dehart and Gordon should have left hand traffic signals operating throughout the day, not just a various times. Other intersections don't have such signals but should for safety. Continued construction of bike lanes is needed to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of residents choosing to use this mode for business and recreation.

With the handydart the way it is, and the city bus, there is not much of a challenge. The main difficulty is the waiting, but I have been doing it for six years so I am used to that sort of thing

Without question, the use and timing of turn lights at busy intersections. They should be on every major intersection. Make sure the best use of turning lights is made. For example if one direction has a left turn light, make sure the opposite parallel direction has a left turn light too. Keep traffic moving. Sometimes the turn lanes are so short that the cars turning block the cars going straight through the intersection and visa versa. This will reduce traffic accidents, insurance rates/claims and carbon emissions.

Would like to see smaller buses and run more frequently.

Year round transit route, not just school year, to provide options for daily commuters.

Expanded times for bus routes.

Timing of lights..municipal and provincial need to work together for smoother traffic flow.

RDCO East (Central Okanagan) Residents

75 Comments made by RDCO East (Central Okanagan) Residents:

Alternate transit for areas outside of the city does not exist. Unsafe bike paths in rural areas.

An on call shuttle bus from Tower Ranch to the Rutland Transit Centre would be great.

Another crossing across the lake. A bypass route to avoid town. Lots more parking, especially around the hospital.

Backed up traffic, particularly at roundabout at Reid's corner, excessive amount of cars and cars continuing thru yellow lights (accident hazards) or left hand turn signals, cars continue to thru.

Bike lanes, congestion on Harvey Ave

Bus service. We live in Ellison and if we were unable to drive ourselves bus service is scarce.

buses to run more frequently down my road. I have my own car so do not ever use the bus system but some of my neighbours use the bus.

City Bus system is not adequate for this area. there is only 1 morning bus and 1 evening bus

City Transit does not have a reliable route to my area.

Congestion on Highway 97. More advanced green lights.

Lower the speed limit on Highway 33 East up to Big White. This is really a residential section ... so many driveways off the highway. 100 km/hour is too high

Danger on roads for cyclists.

Sorry, but adding another... reduction to single-lane traffic on Rutland Road north.

Difficult to find transportation other than personal vehicle. Need bike lanes and transit

Dramatic traffic increase over the last 3-4 years. I feel HOV lanes might be helpful in large cities like Vancouver where you stay on them for a while but believe they are not helpful / practical in Kelowna. I believe that many local residents only stay on the highway for a few blocks and need to move of the HOV lane and back on to it within a very short distance which makes driving during rush hours stressful. The short distance between crossroads makes weaving in / out of traffic even more stressful. Further, I am in full support of re-routing traffic that is only passing through West Kelowna, Kelowna, Vernon to take the burden of the cities. In my opinion this would make a bigger environmental impact than HOV lanes.

Entering into Kelowna on Hwy 33 - one lane only

Extremelt limited bus service in our neighborhood for those who don't drive

For us out here it is no buses. It stops short of coming into our community, so we have to drive the boys to school. Sometimes the turn signals could be a bit longer, only 3 cars can get through the intersection. There is a lot of car idling, so lots of pollution. We have an electric car so we are not adding to the pollution.

Frequency of bussing not the greatest

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

RDCO East (Central Okanagan) Residents

Harvey avenue being the main artery through the city with too much traffic...

Harvey is too busy.

HOV lane is a gigantic inconvenience, difficult to turn right as traffic does not let you in to make the turn. HOV lanes are usually on the left

I think the traffic issues need fixing.

Improving transit, a lot of pressure on buses going back and forth to university, quite often they can't take everybody.

In order to get anywhere I am dependant on a car. There is no public transportation available.

It would be ideal if we had a subway. It would be good to have more buses. Or street cars which we can't have here. We would like to have as many buses as possible. It would be helpful to have another bus. Ideal for us for transportation just like the school buses. The downtown bus only comes once or twice a day.

Lack of a 'freeway' through Kelowna. HOV lane is completely useless with traffic lights everywhere and was a waste of taxpayer's money.

Lack of by-pass/ring road around Kelowna. Single crossing across bridge. Highway 97 traffic.
Public transportation not available in rural areas.
Greyhound closure throughout B.C.

Lack of good public transportation. Buses schedules are terrible. Takes too long to use public transportation. Taxis are too expensive in Kelowna. Need a service desperately like UBER.
Traffic more and more every year but no good options for public transportation.

Lack of infrastructure to support traffic volume. This causes inefficient traffic flow resulting in lengthy travel times and often gridlock. There is also a lack of public transport or alternate ways to get where you need to go.

lack of public transportation i.e. buses

Lack of regular public transit

Lack of regular public transit

LARGE TRUCKS WHICH CAUSE CONGESTION.
TOO MUCH TRAFFIC NOW FOR THE ARTERIES PROVIDED

Left hand turn lights

More bike lanes would be nice

Motorcycle Safety.

All drivers should have a short course on motorcycle awareness and how to spot motorcycles in traffic. How to properly see them when changing lanes, at intersections etc...

The many large condos going in down town will create a lot of traffic issues. There will be hundreds of more cars trying to fit into the Water street area every day.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

RDCO East (Central Okanagan) Residents

My community is very car dependent. There are no viable transit options nearby. The terrain is hilly and there is virtually no pedestrian infrastructure.

On a broader scale, kudos to The City of Kelowna for your investment in cycling infrastructure.

Next to no transit available.

No alternative to private vehicle. No bus service between home and work. And work and recreation that works with my work schedule

No bus service within a mile.

no buses in rural areas that work during work/school hours

Not enough roads and the state of those roads is terrible. (IE potholes,bumps etc)

Not enough routes to bypass congestion if needing to travel from one side of town to another.

Now that the 6 lanes on Hwy 97 are done, traffic runs pretty smoothly.

Impatient people running red lights is our biggest problem now

Of course, there is a high volume of traffic down highway 97 and it can be slow and frustrating at times. There also isn't a 'dangerous goods' road for hazardous materials. I don't have an answer, but it is concerning that a terrible accident could happen in the middle of Kelowna. Thanks for looking for answers - good luck.

Old Vernon Road is getting busier all the time, requires some widening and speed bumps. There have been some serious accidents and one pedestrian death in the past 3 years

Parking and traffic congestion. The HOV lane takes away from another highway lane that could be used by all. I have no idea who considers the HOV lane a good idea. The buses are empty most of the time, except for peak hours. As the Okanagan grows so will it's transportation woes. A bypass would be an excellent solution.

peoples perception of how bad it is in Kelowna. Honestly, I know I live out of town and will need a vehicle to get around, but I never sit in traffic more than a minute or two anywhere.

poor maintenance of secondary roads like greystokes road. This road have been in disrepair for over 10 ten years and need to be resurfaced.

Poor transportation and land use planning. I believe it's a good idea to encourage cycling, transit, and ride-sharing; however, there is too much emphasis on these expectations. Too much of the transportation budget is going in the multi-modal direction. Not only do people love their cars and don't want to be inconvenienced, the City has been allowed to sprawl to every corner with no real regard to the implications. Kelowna will never be like Amsterdam. The City needs to strike a more realistic budget balance between funding road improvements to facilitate auto movements vs. adding bike paths, etc. Too much emphasis on putting more cyclists in the road without improving traffic movements for autos will only increase the frustration and conflict between the two modes. I believe injury claims will begin to skyrocket if these ill-conceived traffic management objectives are allowed to continue. And it's not just the auto drivers that are at fault. Earlier this week, on the way to work in the morning, my husband observed a cyclist blow through a RED LIGHT--westbound on Springfield at the Dilworth intersection; one of the most dangerous intersections in the City.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

RDCO East (Central Okanagan) Residents

Public bus service only comes close the neighbourhood twice per day. That is not nearly enough service in the community.

Public transit just doesn't run frequently enough for people to make it a viable alternative to their cars.

reliable and timely bus transportation in rural area where we live

Single occupant vehicles and no light rapid transit

Snow removal in Ellison...Old Vernon Rd., Anderson Rd., Black Rd. etc.

However, the full repaving of Old Vernon Rd. this past summer should make a difference this coming winter...eg. no potholes and slightly wider.

The HOV lane is totally unfunctional. I feel it would have been more beneficial in the left lane. The right lane is not faster. It slows continuing traffic down as people make left turns. Many of the HOV users are a one driver no passenger vehicle because often you cannot get into the left lane when you do need to make a left turn. Also, the big trucks travel slowly in the middle lane which leaves one lane for moderate traffic to use. With traffic getting heavier through Kelowna I don't see the HOV as beneficial. If anything it makes the traffic move slower.

The speed on the highway should be lowered

The transit passes by my address twice a day which makes it totally unusable for me.

There is no public transportation in my area. As I get older I will become dependent on public transportation and would like to see it in my area.

There is no public transportation system. It is dangerous because they raised the speed limit on Hwy 33. There is often poor to no visibility because of thick fog and you don't know if you are going to run into it or not when you leave or come home from Kelowna to Joe Rich. There are often deer, high beams not being turned off by other drivers and impatient fast drivers following too close behind. I can't work very much in winter because of all of these things I arrive home a crying nervous wreck

there isnt really any transit in Ellison, only one bus that runs. Kelowna needs to take the lead and start creating a better transit, and stop worry about the car and build the transit and I would use it. Trains, proper buses, all there is are roads for cars and if you have road they will come, more and more cars. I have lived here for 27 years and in that time very little has been done related to transit. There was a railway access that could have been used for transit (light rail transit) but know I know that this valley will never have any light rail transit because we not have the space for it.

We let them build more auto dealers but we dont help people to access transit so we all have to purchase cars so we can get around the city. In 1990 the city talked about transportation needs and all we got was more road. Hope you do better this time. will all this information in this survey

There should be a bus stop on Lakha Road.

Too much congestion along hwy 97 from work to home (too many lights)

too much congestion. We don't even go into town during daylight anymore.

traffic congestion

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

RDCO East (Central Okanagan) Residents

Traffic congestion is an issue. Need to find a way to reduce the number of vehicles on the road. I don't understand why public transit is not given higher priority. I think public transit should be free (or nominal fee) and funded from general revenue. It would be nice to see a cost benefit analysis undertaken to document the cost savings associated with higher transit use. In the Central Okanagan, transit 'park and ride' facilities would help increase transit use.

Traffic congestion on Harvey.

traffic congestion.

traffic safety, so many people tailgating, pedestrians in dark clothes walking on wrong side of road, cyclists with no lights in dark clothes, inattentive drivers, not enough crosswalk lighting, poor roadway lighting in areas like Rutland North, too much confusion at traffic circle on Sexsmith and Rutland Road, poor road maintenance in snowy conditions on Old Vernon Road; not enough traffic police presence in high traffic areas during evening rush hour

Traffic! High volume times specifically morning rush hour, any time after 3 until 6:30. The HOV lane needs to be better policed.

Very limited transit schedule to and from services
No dedicated cycle/walkway on Old Vernon Road

We have no transportation in our community. I think the closest bus is about a km away and only comes twice in the AM and Twice in the PM. We are not considered in Kelowna although our address is Kelowna.

We live in Ellison, and we have 2 buses running and one at around 10 AM and other at around 2 pm. Essentially, this is no bus service, because it is very minimal as it can be. Almost zero bus services especially for student has to attend university across the highway. More bus route added to the area for better convenience.

We need lights at the intersection of old Vernon rd and hwy 97 north.

We should have built the Kelowna Glenmore bypass in the 1970's, but it is too late now.

Where I live, in Scotty Creek area, there are some bus stops, but the times they come are not available for people who work. We raised our two children here and were happy when they wanted their license right at 16... driving everywhere was a pain! If there had been a system they could have used, we would have. I would love to be a one car family and use public all the time. I know Vancouver's system very well and use it, as well as in NYC. Our daughter lives in Manhattan and does not drive at all. She doesn't need to. Our son is in Calgary and he has to drive considering where he is but he often says he wouldn't, if he didn't need to. Our family has traveled extensively through Europe and Asia. We dream of the systems they have there. Planning way in advance for when our area's population can truly change the way we travel. The earlier, the better. :-)

Lake Country Residents

185 Comments made by Lake Country Residents:

- Infrequent bus' available for university students traveling from lake country to UBCO daily.
- length of time taken for that transit route due to multiple stops and not direct bus routes

- 1) Alternate routes to Lake Country.
- 2) Constant warring between Kelowna and Lake Country. As a result, Beaver Lake Road is atrocious because neither district will take responsibility for repaving it.

- 1) Moving traffic efficiently through Hwy 97 corridor.
- 2) Lack of viable alternatives to driving.
- 3) Carbon tax penalizing drivers who have no viable public transportation.

- 1) Poor roads (the shoulders continue to crumble because the water cannot drain away into the ditch)
- 2) Absence of sidewalks and/or bicycle paths adjacent to roadways

- 1) unqualified, uneducated, ignorant drivers
- 2) congestion

1. Lack of fast public transport (ie. train) and
2. The routing of the highway through Kelowna (thru traffic is bottlenecked)

A lack of night buses that connect Kelowna and Lake Country

A second crossing of Okanagan Lake between West Kelowna and Kelowna

Accessible bus routes

accessible, reliable and affordable public transit

Adequate sidewalks for pedestrians. Especially on Woodsdale road. I see a lot of pedestrians (and even people with motorized wheelchairs) going up towards the highway 97 and there is no sidewalks and it is very dangerous.

Although it doesn't impact me directly, more bus service is required in Lake Country (particularly in the area of Davidson Road up to McGowan Road. There are many individuals who have to traipse up that hill. I can't understand why a public bus couldn't drive through that area (even once an hour) to provide those individuals with service. There are many seniors and young families whom I'm sure would benefit from bus service.

Although there is a bus system now that is accessible to many, it is difficult to access if you cannot get to the bus stop. I cannot get to the bus stop and therefore it is not very useful to me.

Amount of traffic between Lake Country and Kelowna. Not enough lanes between Airport and Lake Country and too many stoplights in Lake Country.

Amount of traffic going through Winfield, Lake Country, at certain times of the day (morning and evening when people are commuting) particularly at Beaver Lake Road/Glenmore Road/Highway 97 intersection.

Beaver Lake Road Intersection

Better transportation between Vernon and Kelowna. More buses?

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Lake Country Residents

breaking the one person / one vehicle paradigm with multiple options and creating awareness of the carbon footprint of individuals travel habits

bus does not travel on roads that require public transportation

Bus route wait times, lack of destination options.

Bus scheduling/times/frequency. Need more local service and stops. Also need faster Express commuting to Kelowna/Vernon.

Bus service from UBCO to points north of the airport ie Lake Country could be better.

More frequent bus trips from Lake Country to Vernon would be helpful

buses to expensive and poor routes

Congestion and danger at Glenmore Rd and Hwy97.

The number of single vehicle accidents on Glenmore Rd seem to be rising with vehicles ending up in the ditches summer and winter, surprising often at night and the none rush hours. The accidents seem to be happening on the curves suggesting to me people are driving too fast or distracted.

The geography (hills, lakes, blocks of farmland, winter weather) will not allow public transportation and bicycles to be an efficient way to make a significant reduction in congestion in this valley. Living close to work or immediate to a bonifide public transportation corridor is the only way public transportation and bicycles work practically (like a Westend or Expo Line in Vancouver). Harvey Ave can't even be that public corridor with its limited and dangerous crossing, distance from residences, and just not the population. |

Congestion coming into Kelowna starting at Edwards Rd. The HOV lane just adds to this problem as there is now a 3 lane highway but most people going to work between 8:00am and 9:00am are by themselves and so that 3rd lane is just empty.

Congestion during peak periods at key pinch points - Hwy. 97 at Beaver Lake Road and Glenmore Road

Congestion on Glenmore Road in Lake Country, and the corner of Highway 97 and Glenmore Road is dangerous and congested.

crappy bus schedule that takes 2 hours for me to go 10 miles. buses ONLY go to the mall and the university. connections suck. the schedule is hard to figure out. it is SO heavily subsidized, why not just make it free, and get the buses filled. Oh, and the total lack of foresight, turning the okanagan railbed into a walkway, when in 15 years it will be crucial to have a light rail line. what a bunch of morons.

Cyclists on narrow windy roads create a danger to themselves and drivers. Also, the intersection at Ocoela and lake hill is very busy and can be quite dangerous especially in the winter time, I've been cut off there multiple times. A round about would definitely help.

Diminishing white lines and roads are not cleaned quickly in winter and poor lighting

drivers who don't know proper use of a traffic circle
speeders

Driving around Kelowna is extremely congested and frustrating on most days. Why doesn't this city have several overpasses like Red Deer which is a smaller city. Kelowna desperately needs a by pass.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Lake Country Residents

For 20 years we raised kids and there was no bus service near Camp Road so we had to drive them to the nearest bus stop on Okanagan Centre Road East in order to go to Kelowna for school.

For myself fuel prices, for my nephew not enough bus from Kelowna to Lake Country. Waiting for buses.

Getting environmentally sound choices.

Getting onto the highway 97 from Okanagan centre. The deplorable back ups on Glenmore Road.

Getting us out of our cars. I love to ride my bike and use the rail trail to commute from Lake Country to UBC on days that I am able and for trips within and around Lake Country. However, there is no appropriate and safe route for trips from Lake Country into Glenmore, along Glenmore Road. More safe bike routes throughout the RDCO would help enormously in getting many people on their bikes. Frequent bus service is also essential, especially for those who are not able to cycle.

Getting vehicles to obey the posted 50kph speed limit between the isthmus and Evans Road, and to restrict all those gravel trucks from using the Pelme wash Parkway.

Glen more road access, lack of adequate bike/walking lanes

Glenmore Rd interchange

Glenmore road and the hwy is a nightmare. It needs another lane for people turning from Glenmore road on to the hwy going into Lake Country

Glenmore road exit onto highway 97 in Winfield

Glenmore road in Lake country needs to be improved.

4 way stop @ Ocielo rd and Okanagan Centre rd east is an easy cost affective fix to the long waits

Glenmore Road lack of bike lane/pedestrian pathway and congestion due to it being a two lane road that is used frequently by commuters between Lake Country and Kelowna. Beaver Lake Rd/Hwy 97 intersection leading to Glenmore Rd is multi-jurisdictional and there are frequent complaints by motorists about the failure of this intersection.

Going through construction on the way to Kelowna via Glenmore Road

Have the schedules so the buses connect better. It is sooooo frustrating to get to an interchange and the bus you need is just pulling out.

I have done these surveys before and it seems that the schedules don't work, and nobody listens to what we, the passengers are saying.

Also, the buses are sooooo filthy inside.

Anyway, I bought a car so I can get to appointments on time.

Having a functional alternate mode of transportation (transit) that gets one to destination in a reasonable amount of time

Having a second route to Winfield from downtown Kelowna. The backed up traffic at Glenmore on to Highway 97 at afternoon rush hours makes it illogical to use between 3:00 and 5:30 PM.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Lake Country Residents

Having enough population to justify a more efficient route with more busses.

Having road infrastructure keep up with growing population. The intersection of Glenmore Rd and Highway #97 is becoming a real problem

High congestion at rush hour at Beaver lake road, a simple solution is a dual turning light off Glenmore onto HWY 97 north

Highway 97 flow through Lake Country needs to be improved especially at Glenmore/Beaverlake Rd intersection with Highway 97.

We are happy to note the increased use of bicycles around the City of Kelowna and are very pleased with the bike paths and infrastructure, but would like to see a safe bicycle connection from Lake Country to Kelowna (completion of Rail Trail will achieve this)

Hills (not great for commuting on a bike). Lack of bus routes.

HWY 97 and Glenmore are both out of control and that's no joke! I've watched many many problems unfold there. Money needs to be spent to streamline the connection to the highway, removing the big trucks off and on Hwy 97 to Beaver lake road before the intersection. Connect Glenmore in a merging lane or roundabout. Create a highway widening through lake country so there is a safety space between the road and hwy 97. Try walking it yourself it feels like your walking in the middle of the highway. The BC Hydro poles should be removed and all the lines buried for obvious reasons with safety in mind and for reduced power outages caused by accidents. Very dangerous choked off area around there and everybody just lives with it as it is...time for some infrastructure changes to save peoples lives and better the future of the district.

I believe N Glenmore should not be a commercial route - passenger vehicles only unless business required - too heavy for roadway - they should be restricted to Highway 97 - especially now that John Hinkle now completed.

I live in a rural area which provides minimal options for public busing along with school bus services. I have grave concerns that I've brought forward to the Transportation School District 23 office for the lack of busing services to our area, leading to an over congestion of single vehicles blocking the roads around my daughter's school (Peter Greer) in particular. There is also limited busing and my son would have to walk 2 km to reach the local bus stop, whereby we are experiencing ongoing concerns with wildlife- bears and cougars on the 2 km stretch, thus I've been driving my children to school. The current bus route is obstructing any review of extending the local bus stop to travel the 2 km up this road and back which would provide safety to the local children and would save them 40 minutes of walking in dangerous areas and exposure to the cold during the winter months . . .

I live in a rural community which is expanding rapidly. More public transportation is urgently needed. I am a senior citizen and realise that I will need to use public transportation as I age and will no longer be able to drive.

I take the bus weekdays but use my car on weekends to shop. I find there is too much traffic for the infrastructure; long waits way before intersections, and this remains constant throughout the year (it used to get better after summer). A bypass through Kelowna would solve many problems...

I use my OWN transportation then busses are to far away and difficult to reach from our location we live. The distance is about 4 km to the bus stop and their is partly no walk way.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Lake Country Residents

-Ignorant drivers, not enough education on the rules; legislation that does not promote education and rules of the road; driving is a privilege and we should have a robust system to educate/train people the rules of the road and penalties should be stiff

In our community (Lake Country) there is not accessible alternative transit options that are feasible to the two working communities of Vernon and Kelowna. There are no bus stops nearby. Combined with urban sprawl due to valley geographics, we are heavily dependent on single person motor vehicles for our primary transportation needs. Consideration needs to be given to increased alternative sustainable transportation methods between the North, Central and South Okanagan that work for the common 9-5 worker.

In the area where I live there is only one way in or out of this area. If there's a natural disaster there would be traffic jams because of this limited access.

Incomplete RailTrail

Insufficient bus transportation.

Intersection of Glenmore and 97, along with the immediate west section of Glenmore from there. General interruption of traffic on 97 due to downtown Winfield area, instead of having downtown on a non-highway main street. Same issue in Kelowna from Harvey being treated as a main street instead of continuing as a highway. Same issue in West Kelowna.

Kelowna area needs more busses and Uber!

Kelowna needs a bypass. getting from lake country to points south is dangerous, time and fuel consuming, and unpleasant, especially on a motorbike.

Lack of access to and from Kelowna

there needs to be a better access off of Glenmore Road to Hwy 97 North to wards Vernon

Lack of access to transit in the neighbourhoods of the community. We have steep hills that make walking difficult, especially carrying groceries or dealing with ice and snow. No busses come up into the neighbourhoods, they are only on the major routes.

Lack of bus transportation, direct from Lake Country to Kelowna

Lack of close and frequent transit. The frequency of bus trips is poor and we still have to drive to where buses can be taken. Bicycle transport is not feasible due to large hills and narrow roads. E-bikes would be an answer but there cost is high. Perhaps there should be incentives or assistance to buy e-bikes as there are with Ev's.

Lack of effective (!!) public transportation options. That is, insufficient public transit to realistically support a commute to work/school/volunteer/accomplish errands/attend appointments/pursue social or cultural connectedness. This lack is felt both in terms of timely availability and length of time eaten up by public transit = the Okanagan Valley does not have a truly workable public transit system. I would love to see government (all levels) 'bite the bullet' and plan for the long-term future by providing a public transit corridor from the South Okanagan through to the North Okanagan, using a methodology such as a 'Sky Train'.

Lack of planning for pedestrians

lack of public transit

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Lake Country Residents

Lack of public transportation and bike paths. We moved from the Netherlands and never had to own a car there. Not safe to ride our bikes in the area and lack of public transport so we were forced to buy a vehicle

Lack of public transportation in remote areas/suburbs

Lack of safe walking/biking routes from Carr's Landing into town

Lack of short- or medium-distance transportation options other than by private vehicle.

Lack of sidewalks

Buses don't service enough areas and/or timing is too limited

Lack of street lights, limited public transit

Lack of transport options in rural areas - no public transit, no bike paths.

Lake Country needs more entrances and exits to Kelowna.

Large spread out community that has limited access to transit. A greater transit network would bring more cars off the road

Lights on Hwy 97

Limited bus access in Lake Country, although adequate for transportation to/from school

Limited options! For accessing main arteries and access to quick and efficient public transit. The Rail Trail will provide the option to bike.

Limited transit routes in Lake Country. Unless you live on a main bus route, it is very difficult to get around without a car in Lake Country.

Limiting urban sprawl so that transportation, whether public or private, is easier to plan

Local (to lake country/windfield and to Kelowna) on a regular, frequent and easily understood routine. We are new to the area (about 6 months) and I have yet to figure out the busses. As far as I know, no shuttle runs from the area in which we live (sub division to the shopping area of Windfield or to Kelowna shopping districts.

Many people who might use public transit (i.e. bus) live too far away from bus stops to make it feasible for them, especially seniors who would not walk 2 or 3 km to the nearest stop, and buses run too infrequently. As a result, many use cars to run errands, shop, go to apps., etc. when they might otherwise use transit. Local car pooling, ride sharing, etc., should be encouraged or somehow facilitated. The highway and Glenmore Roads are becoming increasingly clogged with traffic. That will only worsen with residential development in Lake Country, adding more traffic to insufficient, poorly maintained roads.

My wife and I like to ride bicycles in good weather but it is not safe to do so where we live. There is no shoulder or bike path. We put our bikes on the car carrier and drive a half hour to the rail trail where we ride for an hour and then drive home. There is no bus to where we live so we need a car to live there.

nearest bus stop is 1.5 km away, which is not a problem, just an observation. However the bus only accommodates two bicycles on it's rack

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Lake Country Residents

Need a traffic circle at the bottom of Lake Hill Drive and Oceola rd.

need bus and rail service to connect the valley and get people off cars.

Also need subsidies for those who have solar panels on roofs or electric cars - insufficient motivation for users at this point.

Need for rapid transit intercommunity- Kelowna to Lake Country, to Vernon, to Summerland, to Penticton.

Lake Country is a bedroom community and all of my recreational/therapeutic pursuits are in Vernon or Kelowna.

Bus service is not feasible due to scarcity of trips scheduled and also because of my mobility challenges.

No accessible public transit within walking distance from our home.

No bus comes up to my home 3975 Twana Road. Lake Country.

No bus service into our home area

no good bike lanes

No public transit near our home.

Not enough buses services, and I don't like that I have to switch buses at the University in order to go downtown Kelowna. It would take 1 hour for me to go downtown, if not more. Way too long.

Not enough buses to get around Lake Country (i.e. no bus from Oyama to Winfield); no buses running on Sunday (#90 UBCO Connector)

Obviously the growth in passenger car travel cannot continue on its current course. We simply can't build roads fast enough to match the consumption in motor vehicles, nor would we want to--simply impossible. The solution is to increase the price of fuel and/or private motor vehicle transportation (e.g.: road tax/insurance based on annual kilometres travelled/carbon tax, etc.) to make people seriously question whether a trip is worth it. The real question is whether politicians have the gumption to do what's right.

One challenge that presents is that there is only one way in/out of the Lakes community.

Also, public transportation routes and times are limited.

Only one way (road) to access an area vs multiple routes

No sidewalks in high traffic areas especially the road above Peter Greer where kids regularly go to and from school- as well as down lodge road to woodsdale road to access city parks/ recreation

over congestion at nearby corners, Glenmore and Hwy 97 and Glenmore and Okanagan Centre Road west

Parking without charges.

People speeding. Transit service on Carr's landing rd

people turning left on yellow/red lights

poor busing service in lake country, specifically in the lakes

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Lake Country Residents

poor highway design and abundance of traffic lights
need more overpasses and interchanges to reduce stop lights
too many albertans on our highways

Poor road maintenance in Lake Country. Rather than repair an entire section of road, potholes are spot filled and covered with crushed gravel which damages vehicles as you drive. The edges of the road have many potholes. I bent a rim because I had to move the far left to avoid a large gravel truck coming in the opposite direction.

Poor traffic control! Need more overpasses exiting and entering the highway! too many stoplights and congestion year round!

Poor/inconvenient access to public transit going to either Vernon or Kelowna. Even if one gets to either community via transit it would be hardly possible to run several errands in different locations without walking long distances.

Probably having a bus on this side of the lake would be helpful. Service in Oyama is needed.

Quality of roads.

Quality of the roads and lighting

Road condition of the actual road on the Glenmore road section of Lake Country and the intersection of Glenmore Road and Hwy 97 in Lake Country.

ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS TO BE UPGRADED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A GROWING AREA POPULATION.

Road Maintenance

Rural setting makes it difficult to use any other transport method than a vehicle.

Safe and well maintained roads

Safe bicycle routes.

Safe walking and biking trails in high density living areas; lack of parking if one chooses to drive to Rail Trail

School bus does not come up our road, closest stop is 3km away.

Seaton Road in Winfield is in terrible shape. It needs repair from one end to the other.
The junction between Seaton road and the Glenmore road needs some attention. It is a terrible bottle neck several times of the day.

Sheer volume. Our roads do not seem able to handle the amount of cars in an efficient way. Too much time spent waiting. We need more 4 lane roads.

Should have a bus running Oyama Rd. and accessible to persons better than presently.

sidewalks, walking and biking paths and distance to amenities

silly HOV lane in Kelowna, stupid location and does nothing to help traffic. Lights that are timed seem to be able to be changed by a crosswalk user

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Lake Country Residents

Single access road to large sub division. Dangerous junction. Extremely dangerous if wild fire

Speeding

Traffic coming off Glenmore rd to Hwy 97

Stopping the highway 33 connector, which will ruin the Rail Trail.

Terrible road conditions mean no one wants to walk or bike.

the amount of and flow of traffic. I drive to Kelowna every day for work and take Glenmore rd. The improvements made are good however I feel it needs to be a twinned road - the backlog at glenmore and Hwy 97 in the summer months is unbelievable. Makes driving to and from work not enjoyable. I have considered leaving the lake country area due to the drive itself.

The amount of traffic travelling through West Kelowna!!!

The area around Glenmore Avenue and Hwy 97 is unacceptable. There can be extensive delays to get onto Glenmore from Okanagan Centre Rd West at busy times and the traffic can be backed up well beyond that causing sometime the time to get from that intersection to the highway of 10 to 15 minutes or more. Also, the highway coming up to the intersection of Glenmore can often be backed up. It is irresponsible to continue to develop the area and add to the congestion without resolving the traffic issues.

The bogging down of traffic at the intersection of Glenmore & Hwy 97 during the evening rush hour times when traveling from Kelowna to Lake Country.

The bogging down of traffic at the end of Glenmore Road as traffic waits to get onto Hwy 97 during evening rush hour traffic. The line up of traffic is sometimes so far backed up it can take a half an hour to get through the line up at end of Glenmore so that I can make the left turn onto Seaton Road heading home.

The long line ups of traffic going over the bridge trying to get to Kelowna from West Kelowna during morning rush hour.

The bogging down of traffic going through West Kelowna from the intersectin where the Royal Bank is while heading out of town toward Glenrosa . |

The bus schedule is not adequate into town, or at frequent enough times

The congestion at the Highway 97 turnoff and Glenmmore Road in Winfield has become a problem and we avoid travelling to Kelowna during rush hour due to the congestion.

The congestion that occurs daily on Glenmore Road to the junction of Hwy 97/Beaver Lake Road. There are long lines of vehicles that are trying to turn left and right onto Hwy 97, causing lengthy delays to all travellers.

The fact that the buses do not run as frequently in Lake Country as they do to other destinations. There is generally a half hour wait (and it is cold at the bus stop at UBCO!). At night, I cannot take the bus into Kelowna, as to get back to Lake Country, if I miss the 8:25 bus, there is not another one until 10:05, and as an elderly, disabled person, I am not going to sit outside in the cold and wait for the next bus to come along. After that there is one 1-hour, then 2-hours later, and the last one is 1-1/2 hours after that. Not at all convenient, as activities in Kelowna don't finish until at least 8:30 p.m.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Lake Country Residents

the fast paced growth of lake country and the roads not able to accommodate the numbers of drivers. i avoid the back road, glendmore, around 4pm -630 due to bumper to bumper traffic when getting towards the okanagan centre road crossing

also on the hwy, by the new traffic signal by the airport, the PM rush hour traffic backs up heading towards lake country

The horrific traffic on Glenmore from Kelowna trying to get through the intersection at Hwy 97. Someone is going to get seriously hurt or killed if it isn't dealt with. And the condition of some of the roads in Lake Country is terrible. Also the lack of sidewalks or even ditches for people to walk on to avoid the frustrated & bad drivers trying to get off Glenmore.

The inadequacy of road/infrastructure/community planning. The road/infrastructure planning lags the development of community housing.

the infrastructure is not suitable for the increase in population. we need a fast train that runs up and down the valley...get cars off the road. it is super intense driving and traffic now...has changed drastically in the past 10 years. scary out there!!!

The intersection at Beaverlake Road and Hwy 97. Traffic congestion is ridiculous at rush hours times both in the morning and early evening.

the intersection at glenmore and Highway 97. It is ridiculous for the amount of cars going through there and should have been turned into an interchange ages ago. The traffic now zips through six lanes in Kelowna and then gets bottlenecked out in the country...

The intersection of Glenmore and Highway 97. The area is a bottleneck and the intersection needs to be fixed before it becomes a safety concern. All traffic going North / South through the Okanagan goes through this intersection.

The intersection of Lake Hill Dr and Oseola Rd is very dangerous. I know that a round-about is planned for this intersection but is not in the current budget. But, this needs to move forward as soon as possible before someone is killed at that intersection. There are more and more people moving into The Lakes and this is the only entrance/exit. The amount of traffic is dangerous for such an uncontrolled intersection - without a four-way stop or traffic circle. We have asked for a four-way stop until the traffic circle is built but they won't do it. Lake Country says a study was done and the cars come too fast up the hill for it and I personally don't see much difference between a four-way stop and a traffic circle. The cars will need to slow down either way at the intersection. I feel like I'm taking my life into my own hands every time I go through that intersection.

The intersection of Okanagan Centre Road (not sure if it East or West - the one that comes from Lakestone) and Glenmore Road, and from there to Highway 97. It is already so congested that Glenmore backs up for km during busy times, especially during the summer. There are hundreds of new homes being built in the Lakestone development and those people will use Okanagan Centre Road. Something needs to be done urgently to address that whole set of roads.

The lack of bus options. The Govt constantly blathers on about the environment but I see such a limited bus optionality in this town that one can never bother. If they built it may see usage?

Why not a smaller bus from Vernon, through to Predator ridge and then along commonage to Lake Country?

The lack of late night tomes to oyama if you work till 9 PM there is no more of transportation out this far (oyama)

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Lake Country Residents

The most important issue is difficulty accessing Kelowna or Vernon downtown without driving. Taxi prices are prohibitive if I wanted to have a few drinks out on a weekend. There is no way to get home safely from this. The only options for commuting during the day into Kelowna is several bus connections, and they cannot be accessed easily from my home. I would take the bus for commuting within Lake Country, to the airport, and to downtown Kelowna if it were more accessible to my home.

the most important issue is lack of parking close to hospital for staff parking making two trips daily required instead of one.

the quality of the roads in Lake Country--too many patchwork areas that aren't holding up--they should have been repaved properly

we all paid about \$150 per household as an additional tax, and we certainly did NOT get our money's worth on the roads we use to travel, especially Camp Road

The roads and potholes in Lake Country needs to be fixed.

the roads are not in great shape and the traffic is really bad

The roadways getting into Kelowna. Congestion due to single lanes roads.

The sidewalk I mentioned on the trip that goes from Bottom Wood lake road to Hwy 97 on Woodsdale road, or rather the lack of sidewalk.

There is also a problem with getting your bicycle from Woodsdale road to Pelme wash Parkway to get onto the bike path there.

In summer I often bike to the shopping centre where the IGA is. There is no bike stand in the area to lock your bicycle to - this is very frustrating. We have bike trails to get there but nowhere to park.

There are no safe routes for bicycles to go from Lake Country to Kelowna. North Glenmore has no shoulder, the highway is terrifying, and the rail trail is closed until the Kelowna Airport. When I ride my bike to work, I have to drive to the Kelowna Landfill (or south) before starting my ride.

There is no bus service on Moberly road - I worry that we cannot remain in Lake country if we do not have frequent transportation into Kelowna or Vernon for medical appointments. Also local transportation for shopping, appointments ect.

Those big pick-ups tailgating my wife's small car they are a problem. People do not know how to enter a circle properly. There is a yield sign on the entrances to circle. You should wait. That is why the yield sign is there. If there is somebody in the circle you should wait.

To get people, especially single person vehicles, off the road, to reduce pollution and thus climate change, I believe the entire Okanagan Valley, from Salmon Arm to Penticton should have a Light Rapid Transit System. So many people travel up and down this valley every day for work, shopping, visiting friends and relatives, etc. I think we are getting large enough, population-wise, to warrant this in the near future.

Too much traffic on the roads especially between Winfield and Kelowna

traffic at Glenmore road and Hwy 97. Very very bad.

traffic at Okeola and Lake Hill driver... congested.

2nd exit for Lakes community in case of emergency evacuation.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Lake Country Residents

Traffic backed up at Beaver Lake Road/Hwy 97 every day from every direction. Also, need to keep bicycles off of major roads - they create danger for both cyclists and cars.

Traffic Congestion

traffic congestion

Traffic congestion into Lake Country at Hwy 97 and Beaver Lake Rd/ Glenmore Rd. caused by poor infrastructure or lack of civil planning to include additional arterial routes to bypass the highway

Traffic congestion through hwy 97 corridor. I would love a LRT option where I could jump on a train in Oyama and commute into Kelowna

Traffic congestion, especially during rush hour. Turning onto Hwy 97 from the north end of Glenmore Road from 4-5:30 often takes 15 minutes or more.

Parking in Kelowna is terrible, especially around the Hospital during the day.

Side street parking in Kelowna is terrible, especially where multi units are being built without adequate off street parking. |

Traffic light timing/intersection issues at highway 97 and beaver lake road intersection.

Quality of roads

traffic, not enough lanes on the roads

Traffic. It would be nice if through traffic could bypass the cities. All traffic has to go through 97 from Vernon to Penticton and beyond. Too many trucks. More and more building going on and traffic just gets worse. It would also be nice if there were more then one exit and entrance into businesses seems there is only one way into most.

transit doesn't run when people need to get to work. It is only interested in the UBCO students. Those students need to shop and do other things that working people provide. But we are expected to get to work by any means other than city buses. Unlike other cities that provide buses for working people

transit system not convenient for required work travel

Transit, busing/taxi, no taxi service in Lake Country, so bus are only so many, and they only do certain routes.

We are classed as rural and so I would have to drive to into Winfield to catch a bus and then you would have no where to park your car, no such thing as park and ride out this way.

My commute now takes me way longer that it use too...so many more cars on the road and most cars have one person per car.

We have no bus routes where we live and so are dependent on car travel only.

We need to have an alternate corridor to Harvey Avenue. It gets so congested. The intersection at Hwy 97 and Beaver Lake Road in Lake Country is terrible - the traffic backs up

We would take the bus into Vernon if there was a stop at the north end of Pelme wash.

As it is now, we have a 20 minute walk to the bus stop at Oyama Rd and Pelme wash. It takes longer to walk to the stop than actually drive to Vernon.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Lake Country Residents

Winter road driving / Barkley road terrible in summer needs to be graded more frequently

WORKING SO CLOSE TO HOME, PUBLIC TRANSPORT DOESNET WORK FOR USE. OUR SONE DOES DRIVE INTO TOWN TO ATTEND SCHOOL, BUT HAS VARIED HOURS AND NEED FOR VEHICLE AFTER SCHOOL ON OCCASSION FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES, IN HIS CASE THE BUS IS NOT A VIABLE OPTION

Would love to see safe bike lanes between Lake Country and Kelowna

Peachland Residents

82 Comments made by Peachland Residents:

A second bloody crossing and a Peachland by-pass!

Access to public transportation

accessing Hwy 97 from our side of Peachland

Apparent desire by Kelowna to make travelling by car through the City more difficult and time-consuming. Kelowna markets to businesses the population of the surrounding towns as a reason to locate their businesses in Kelowna and then makes it more difficult for that population to access those businesses by focusing on public transit and bike lanes that are not practical for people from those areas in accessing Kelowna businesses and the airport.

Between cities.. Peachland and Summerland, penticton, kelowna etc

Bus/transit service...talk with others is that not all areas have service...like Smith Creek, Shannon Woods.

buses do not run enough

Congestion on Hwy 97 from Peachland to Kelowna at peak times. Bike routes connecting the regions. Water Transportation? Bridge closures due to accidents.

Driving threw West Kelowna

For those without own transport small bus service only, for those wanting towalk insufficient paths.

For us in particular, as aging seniors, once we are unable to drive, public transport is poor enough in our area that we are unlikely be able to remain in our current community.

Heavy traffic in tourism season

Highway 97 in Peachland where it is single lane, as a Peachland resident this is really becoming an issue. We live on a street with no street light to pull out onto the highway and it is getting difficult to do. There is significant traffic volume that consistently speeds, making it dangerous to get onto the highway from our home. Traffic congestion on the daily commute to Kelowna is frustrating and needs to be addressed.

Highway and distance from Kelowna mean we always use own vehicles.

Taxis too expensive.

Buses too slow.

Snow removal is a big problem in the winter driving through west Kelowna.

Highway congestion as we only have one main road - HW97 to travel in this region.

Highway does not have any pedestrian crossings from Trepanier creek bridge north to the 97C interchange. Transit is hourly at best.

Hwy 97 can be difficult to get onto - no lights where we access it and speed limit there is 90 km. Also, only one bridge crossing for my husband's commute - lots of volume so it makes for a long commute.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Peachland Residents

I live just outside of Peachland so in order to go anywhere you must have a car. There is no buses and I am unable to ride a bicycle due to being older and of course you can't ride a bike in the winter because it is too cold, slippery and dangerous.

In my opinion a light ground rapid rail system similar to those in Europe would be considered. As a child I remember riding the old inter urban rail trams in the lower mainland. It worked very well and would certainly remove a lot of the need for everyone to be in a polluting auto.

In Peachland I would say the inconsistency of bus route times.

Increased traffic flows and frequent stops due to lights along Hwy.97

infrastructure has not kept up with increase in population

It is very difficult for local residents to get to the downtown core or beach area of Peachland without driving because they all have to take a motorized vehicle; nobody wants to walk or bicycle back uphill for the 'killer' return trip. This impacts downtown parking and parking all along Beach Ave. We recognize that we are fortunate to live down here in the flats/along the beach but it would be nice if there was a local bus that just did a loop or two between upper and lower areas (where riders might then connect with buses to West Kelowna or Kelowna or Summerland or Penticton).

Lack of an Uber service

Lack of cheap, reliable, quick alternate transport. The bus service is useless

Lack of public transit

Living in Peachland as a senior travel outside, eg to westkelowna or Kelowna is a challenge driving at night, very little public transport and dark highway for driving.

Loss of Greyhound Terminal in Westbank

Making public transport usable/convenient to more people.

Nearest bus stop is 3.8 km away

Need light on Highway 97 at the bottom of Desert Pines road

need to 4 lane hwy 97 through Peachland

no challenges for myself

no good transit options, takes forever to get anywhere by bus and you can't even get to summerland or penticton by transit

No issues. We travel for shopping maybe twice a week to West Kelowna or Kelowna on the weekend, but that is it.

No left hand turn lanes. Improper settings of street lights. Speed. Road too narrow without extra lanes. Lines not painted bright enough with reflectors.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Peachland Residents

Not aware of any issues

Not enough bike lanes. Highway shoulders are very dirty and contaminated for cyclists; rocks, broken glass, gravel, sand, metal shrapnel, and also cracks and pot holes make cycling more difficult. The vehicle lanes get resurfaced, while the shoulders are being neglected. This causes frequent punctures. One main reason for contamination are concrete barriers: Any rocks, gravel and sand is being bounced back onto the bike path and stays there to accumulate over time. The annual sweeping is insufficient to encourage more cycling.

Not enough public transportation, especially going south (Summerland, Penticton).

Not enough Taxis

Parking space

Peachland bypass. We attended a couple of community open houses on the topic 2-2.5 years ago. We understood a decision of expanding the current highway or creating a new bypass would be made by the spring of 2017. It is now fall of 2018 and no decision (that we are aware of) has been made. Accessing the highway from Trepanier Bench towards West Kelowna is dangerous as there are no lights and traffic is heavy. At times in the summer or on weekends we have to go in the opposite direction and turn around where there are lights.

Peachland is spread out into the hills, which means people live at higher elevation levels. That makes it hard to use a bicycle to go anywhere. Being higher up we typically take the car to get to places. If absolutely necessary I could take the bus, although it would take me much longer to get to work or anywhere else.

Poor roads

Poor/unreliable public transportation (routes, timing/availability) in Peachland area to Kelowna and return

Princeton Avenue is often busy with large trucks. Nothing major. The larger problem is single lane to West Kelowna to Drought hill and single lanes south to double lanes outside of Peachland heading to summerland.

public transport poor locally to Kelowna and not available to Summerland/Penticton bus stops in Peachland do not service entire town well

Retaining bus services to more rural communities now challenged by lack of Greyhound bus

Road congestion and no other effective method of transportation.

road safety and enforcement

Safety and ease of movement at peak travel times, without breaking the bank.

Safety. The road infrastructure and intersections to exit Highway 97 in Peachland are insufficient for the volume of traffic.

Peachland needs improved highway setup similar to the Summerland and Lake Country divided highways.

Improve the existing highway and don't put a by-pass in place for Peachland.

Thank you.

Scarcity of public transit. Too few routes. Too much traffic on Hwy 97. The bypass needs to be built. Heavy traffic makes left turns very hazardous.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Peachland Residents

Should be school bus available for French immersion students living in Peachland who school in Westbank. Why offer the program if you can't treat students equally?

Would like overpass from Penticton or Hwy97C to Kelowna.

Education on right of way at non controlled streets connecting to highway

Single lane highway through Peachland, highway going through downtown Westbank, traffic lights on Hwy 97 through to bridge

The Bridge into Kelowna, Traffic congestion.

The two lane highway through Peachland

The Bridge, there is only one crossing, bridge is too congested, as time goes it will only get worse and the downtown core of Kelowna needs a by pass so traffic traveling through won't add to the congestion of the city. For Peachland we also need a by pass so that traffic passing through can do so and not cause more congestion in town.

Because of the congestion especially in West Kelowna going over the bridge and in Kelowna, we try very hard not to travel in that direction or shop in Kelowna, it is very frustrating. We prefer to travel to Penticton to shop, much easier drive.

The lack of transportation options e.g. mass transit; electric charging stations

The most important issue for us would be one of auto traffic safety. It is a matter of entry onto Highway 97 from Huston Road in Peachland where there is no traffic light. A constant stream of traffic moves south at 90 kph down Drought Hill on Highway 97 and likewise another stream of traffic flows north also at 90 kph. One has to wait very patiently for a gap between the two in order to filter in. This is an extremely dangerous situation where an accident is bound to happen at some point in time.

The only way to get somewhere is Highway 97. In summer, it is particularly heavy traffic from Summerland all the way to the Kelowna airport.

The remoteness. We have limited bus service into Westbank only; there is no other transportation to the south.

The traffic backlog on Hwy 97 through West Kelowna from Ross Road to the Bridge/return

there should be a bypass around the town or Peachland or a widening of Hwy 97 going through the town. A second route from the West Kelowna to Kelowna would be great as when there is a problem on the bridge, you end up missing appointments.

There should be a bypass for Peachland. There should be a bypass for Kelowna. The summer traffic is way too busy because of this.

There should be a turnoff ramp from the highway up Princeton Avenue. There should be more alternate routes other than one bridge to Kelowna.

Too many Traffic lights

Too many aggressive speeding tailgating drivers, usually pickup trucks.

Too many stop lights on hwy 97. Hwy through Peachland is way too congested with one lane in each direction.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Peachland Residents

Traffic congestion on Highway 97.

Traffic congestion on Hwy 97 through Peachland during the summer. Drought hill, many MVA's.

Traffic congestion on one lane highway 10 km around Peachland...twin please

Traffic congestion, traffic lights not synchronized for traffic flow. Not enough left turn lights on feeder routes. Roads not marked clearly, very dangerous when dark and raining. Lane changes on hwy 97 flowing down bridge hill across Bennett bridge, too many feeder lanes at bottom of hill entering bridge traffic. We need a by pass starting before Peachland, when there are any problems ie: traffic accidents we end up so plugged up with traffic it becomes dangerous and nearly impossible to move through town. Monday to Friday the roads are so congested and dangerous because of dangerous driving tactics. From angry commuters, who travel into Kelowna 5 days a week from Penticton, Summerland, Peachland and West Kelowna. Depending when you leave home, for every 5 minutes later you leave it adds another 15 minutes to your commute.

Over 50,000 people live from Peachland to the Bennet bridge, we need better roads, better traffic flow and by passes that help the flow of traffic.

This situation is getting worse every year

The province and city's need to get on these problems.

Traffic through Peachland due to congestion. We need a bypass

Traffic volume.

Transportation by public bus system is not viable because the service is irregular and it takes too long to reach other communities.

travelling from home into Kelowna across the bridge during peak hours.

Turning left off Huston and Trepanier onto Hwy 97 due to heavy traffic.

Upgrading 97 Through Peachland to 97C and bypass around Kelowna (Multi-Model Corridor)

Volume at certain times of day. Single drivers in vehicles. Poor public transit accessibility in Peachland. A train from Peachland to Kelowna (or broader) would be wonderful.

We need a traffic light at hwy 97 and trepanier bench road, Peachland

We need to lead Highway 97 around Peachland (By-pass). It is almost impossible to enter Highway 97 at intersections without lights.

You have to own a car otherwise you cannot get around. There are only a few buses.

RDCO West (Central Okanagan J) Residents

68 Comments made by RDCO West (Central Okanagan J) Residents:

Along Westside Rd - Safety of the road: especially at night or during winter - some areas do not have concrete barriers on the side of the road . Sometimes deer jump out or there are rocks dropping down in random spots or areas where the road is caving down , cracking & deteriorating . For many other Westbank residents they are frustrated at the amount of time it takes to cross the bridge from 7:30 to 8:45 am

Alternatives to car

As mentioned in the previous query...having the farmers be responsible and secure the field for their animals. I was raised on a farm and this policy is ludicrous ...

I could see this type of policy in place if the livestock were being raised in a desolate area. But as mentioned the population and traffic is increasing out on the Westside road is steadily increasing and this issue will only worsen if not dealt with in a responsible manner.

Better affordable transportation between okanagan cities.

bridge traffic we have to lengthen the trip time into and out of Kelowna depending the time of day

Community wide public transportation. There should be mass rapid transit up and down the Okanagan and regular service to all communities, including the Westside. Another, related issue is growing automobile congestion in the major centres.

Congestion along Hwy 97. Bridge is ok but the stop and go of the traffic lights is crazy-making. Not enough population to support better modes of rapid transit.

Congestion on Hwy 97 and stop lights

Congestion throughout the Okanagan especially on highway 97 and the one and only bridge!
Traffic backups at rush hours, no alternative routes, still poor bus transit options, no park & ride, lengthy delays if there is an accident, no allowance for emergency vehicle access, continual building housing without travel infrastructure improvements. There is so much that should be done. Poor driving habits as laws are not being enforced. There is no one important challenge as they all need to be addressed and fixed! Bypasses and a second crossing should have been in place long ago.

Constant red lights during rush hour traffic. Very dangerous and poor road conditions (Westside road specific (pot holes, road depressions or bumps))

Currently, the Westside Road needs to have some more places improved so that transportation such as buses can be used. This will come in time, but frankly, not for at least another 5-10 years

Cyclists on road are a safety concern - traffic has to move into oncoming lane to pass.

Lack of barriers are a safety concern, especially in winter conditions.

Narrow roads cause need for low speed limits.

Dependence on fossil fuels for transportation and lack of affordability for alternative fuel powered vehicles.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

RDCO West (Central Okanagan J) Residents

Flow of traffic across the bridge from main Kelowna to Westbank/Westside and vice versa. Also, selected time periods for left hand turn signals at lights on Harvey (i.e. 6-9 am and 4-6 pm). Harvey appears to be very busy throughout day, it would seem much safer and move traffic more effectively to have these left turn signal lights in effect fully during the day.

Heavy traffic at many times of day in Kelowna and highway tom and from West Kelowna

Hwy 97 south needs less lights between the bridge and Glenrosa

I do not recognize any transportation issues. Vernon is a small town and has little problem with traffic or transportation. I recognize that some local people who have been brought up in Vernon are concerned about increased traffic but we moved here from Metro Vancouver, so see no problems. If there is an issue that does not affect us it would be local bus transportation. It seems that there is a very limited service that changes throughout the week and does not travel to many areas outside of downtown Vernon.

Lack of any form of public transport to our location on Udell Road, both from Vernon and Kelowna.
Road maintenance during winter conditions (Westside Road).

lack of public transport

Like I said in the last section, we have so many vehicles on the roads with one person, either commuting or running errands. An LRT through and connecting the major cities would be such a step forward for the Okanagan.

My husband and I are retired and we have not public transport to the rural community of Fintry. We totally rely on our own personal vehicles.

no buses on Westside Road

NO PUBLIC TRANSIT ANY WHERE NEAR ME

no public transport

NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ON WESTSIDE ROAD

No public transportation where we live. Totally reliant on personal vehicle for day to day shopping and appointments

No transportation services whatsoever. None.

ONLY ONE ROAD INTO TOWN

Other than a personal vehicle there is not any public transportation to Vernon or Kelowna

People that don't have driver license and/ or busing to other places, no greyhound, there is no public transit. We live rural so that the public transit does not go out that way.

Poor roads and slow drivers/too low posted speed limits.

Poor roadside maintenance. They don't cut the weeds back on the side of the roads. We live in the country and the deer, cows or horses are always on the road. Our contractor out here does a terrible job of road maintenance.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

RDCO West (Central Okanagan J) Residents

Poorly timed traffic lights on Hwy 97, every intersection should have turning arrows off the HWY

Present HOV lane hinders flow of traffic, Bridge should be 5 lanes with middle lane alternating. Abbott light not efficient, improve road maintenance on Harvey, traffic lights not in sink, in my Peachland area almost have zero road maintenance (repairs) and snow removal.

Probably the road conditions are constantly under road repair and maintenance and lots of wildlife to be aware of. No public transit in my area.

reliable public transit.
safe reliable roadways.

Road conditions

Road conditions and the distance to get anywhere from where we live.

Road conditions. Lengthy delays in plowing our road (2 to 3 days)

roads. i live down Westside Road in Killiney Beach, it's scary in the winter; i've been trapped for up to 3 days when the plow didn't come. also multi-purpose walkways and/or pathways and/or bike paths off the highway ... we're creating one in my neighbourhood :) extended from existing designated park

safe transportation
an option to take a public bus to avoid walking on this dangerous road that does not have sidewalks

Safe well maintained roads year round.

Snow plowing in winter, need more upgrades to Westside Road to take out dangerous areas.

Snow removal along tight shoulderless winding roads and pot holes/ road surfacing condition along our Westside Road

Snow removal on holidays and weekends

the bridge and morning and evening congestion.

The completion of the rebuilding of Westside Road south of our location is very important. It has been suspended at a very dangerous one and a half lanes wide in a section which has blind curves and very steep sides. It is very dangerous for both cyclists and vehicular traffic.

The condition of Westside Rd. There have been a few upgrades to certain sections but there are still many more where the pavement is sloughing away and/or is rough. Other sections are very narrow.

The condition of westside road.

The high rate of speed that people do and the wildlife.

The increase in school buses over the years drives me nuts. I understand that there is probably an increase in need for it, however, I don't have children and their incessant stopping during morning 'rush hour' I don't like. I leave extra early to avoid them.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

RDCO West (Central Okanagan J) Residents

The lack of no transportation at all

The most important transportation issue is in regards to the elderly or young parents who may not drive or have a 2 vehicle household there is no means to get to any appointments or get essentials without hitchhiking. There is no public transportation of safe way for people to get to town.

The most important transportation issue is the lack of government, or the policing of its contractors to use proper sand on roads. The highways and roads out here are sanded in wintertime using sand containing large stones, as large as three quarters of an inch. I moved out to B.C. in Nov 2016. In forty-two years of driving in Ontario I received one stone chip on my trucks windshield. In two years of residing out here, I have received eight stone chips, one cracked and one replaced windshield, three dents in the chrome grille. I look around in parking lots in the Okanagan and almost all the vehicles have several stone chips, and or cracked windshields. I never understood the statement by ICBC insurance agents when I first moved here, 'and you get three free stone chip claims per year on your glass coverage'! I learned quickly what they were talking about. This year I purchased a new 2018 GMC truck, but now have further purchased a cheap used car to drive for the winter months as I don't want my new truck destroyed due to incompetence, or lack of policing of either the transportation sector of government or its contractors that incorrectly apply gravel to these roads. Look at all the needless vehicle insurance claims, (poor ICBC), as well as the safety issue of pedestrians who walk along these roads, having projectiles picked up in the tread of vehicle tires then shot out with such force as to chip and break windshields, imagine getting those stones in the face or even in an eye . Don't let some transportation official or politician tell you that its because the hills are to steep or the sand just blow off the roads. They have hills just as steep in other provinces, maybe not as long, but just as steep. Also, temps out here are closer to freezing so the sand does adhere to the roads better than in other provinces where temps get down in the minus thirties.

Myself, as well as a lot of other people are very disappointed and quite frustrated by the direction that government has allowed itself to go in, in regards to this matter and the waste of tax payers money spent on trying to keep ICBC afloat on thousands of unwanted insurance claims .

There are people who are refusing to allow the oil to be moved from Alberta to BC thus upping the cost of fuel. Our road had two wash outs this spring, there is concern about the integrity of the road systems.

There is no bus route going out to traders cove. Also I would like to see paved bike trails all over kelowna/westkelowna

There is no city bus service to my neighbourhood. Closest transit is 30 minutes away by car

There is no way to get to public transit from where we live.

Though Westside Road has had work done, it needs more to be considered a safe road. There are a couple of spots that are way too narrow with a cliff on one side and rock wall on the other. There is a lot of construction out here now and double dump trucks use this road at high speed. They barely fit in the lane. There are two provincial camp sites on this road, so summer traffic of large campers/trailers have to get through these difficult windy narrow bits as well. More work needs to be done so this road is safe for everyone. Including the cyclists and motorcycles.

Too many traffic lights. Morning traffic onto the Bennett bridge going into Kelowna.

Traffic bottleneck across the Kelowna bridge especially during tourist season.

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RDCO West (Central Okanagan J) Residents

traffic on Harvey avenue in Kelowna

We are rural. There is no access to public transportation should driving oneself not be possible.

We live out Westside road and have ongoing problems with the structure of the road being unsafe. In the last few years a couple of sections of the road have been rebuilt thankfully. However the project that was begun about four years ago has never been fully completed and as you leave it in a south direction it transforms from an excellent road to an extremely dangerous narrow and twisty cliffside section. The original end of project sign was placed more than a half a kilometer south of this point. This needs to be properly completed. The new project near La Casa is excellent and almost complete. We look forward to the reconstruction of the twisty section south of La Casa near Nahan that is in present danger of sliding into the lake. This section is filled with continuous temporary repairs. If a major slide occurs we will cut off from reaching Kelowna other than making a two hour trip via Vernon.

Westshore road, both N and S from where we live. It needs to be straightened out. The speed limit should be increased to 80.

Westside Rd is not safe to ride a bike. We would love to take our bikes on more errands. Also, there is no public transportation. We have no choice but to drive for every errand or trip to work.

Westside Road from West Kelowna to Fintry is dangerous in some areas of the road. There should be more highway cement side barriers. Also just before you arrive to La Casa resort there is a sharp left and there are no barriers , as you arrive just before the turn you can actually see the top of a roof of a house. Anyone driving too fast might surely drive off the cliff and into this house.

As well there is Big horn sheep at any hours making it more difficult in areas.

Westside Road is very challenging to drive. The southern portion especially is very winding, with blind corners and few shoulders to pull off to in case of wildlife - big horn sheep, deer - blocking the road.

West Kelowna Residents

433 Comments made by West Kelowna Residents:

- lack of sidewalks (on both sides of road)
- another bridge required to connect Kelowna to West Kelowna

- 1 - Highway 97 congestion
- 2 - lack of pedestrian/cycling infrastructure
- 3 - poor transit service

1. Another bridge across the lake
- 2 Shutting down Boucherie road for 6 months
3. Probably 2 more over-passes on 97
4. Kelowna 500 left turn signals and multiple over passes
- 5 Complete the next phase of Boucherie rd
- 6 Light Rail transit

1. Bad drivers with inconstant driving speeds creating traffic. Example: 70 in a 90 zone and 120 km/hr in the only passing lane by Peachland (Same Driver)
3. Texting and Driving
2. Semi Trucks and hills.

1. Evening traffic at traffic lights in West Kelowna going south - Hudson Road/97 Harvey
2. Evening traffic at traffic lights in West Kelowna going south - Boucherie Road/97 Harvey
3. Morning traffic at traffic lights in West Kelowna going north - 97 Harvey/Boucherie
4. Morning traffic going north onto Bennett Bridge (from West Kelowna), due to merging traffic from the slip road - Sneena Road

1. The bridge. On a normal work day, I can go across and back 4 times. We need another way to get between Kelowna and West Kelowna.
2. Too many lights make the highway much slower to navigate during peak periods

1. Too many stoplights along a major transportation corridor leading to traffic during rush hour
2. Lack of regular and reliable public transit
3. Roads unsafe for cycling - no enforcement of speeding and unsafe driving by RCMP. People drive way too fast on all roads here

- 1/ BRIDGE TRAFFIC
- 2/ 2 LANE SECTIONS OF HWY 97, NEEDS 4 LANING

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

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2 things. Alternate routes and slow clearing of accidents.

When travelling into Kelowna from West Kelowna there is no alternative to Highway 97 with only one bridge crossing. With over 60,000 vehicles crossing the bridge daily this is a problem. Then, if there is an accident, even small ones, traffic is delayed and backed up, sometimes for hours. When you add in people using the Campbell Road drive around and coming onto the highway at the bottom of Bridge Hill using an inadequate merge lane you add in nothing but trouble.

While I realize a 2nd crossing is years away, there doesn't seem to be a plan to adequately police and control traffic flow during busy hours. The bridge has dedicated towing to help. Perhaps the Region along with the cities of Kelowna and West Kelowna could contribute to the same along the Hwy 97 approach to the bridge to at least clear incapacitated cars quicker.

I also believe there should be fines for owners of vehicles that stall because of mechanical issues that can be prevented. This would include running out of gas which seems to be almost a weekly occurrence that I see on my way in and out of downtown.

Finally, please find an alternative to these uncoordinated traffic lights along 97. This is classified as a highway and shouldn't have all of these traffic lights.

97 highway through West Kelowna to UBCO is traffic congested Monday to Friday 12 months of the year with summer tourist season being extremely congested. Buses are not the answer as they too are caught in the same congestion. Kelowna has a serious people moving issue that can only be solved by moving people off road with the primary solution being rail. This is the way of the future, let's get on it now.

A lack of public transit throughout the day in our neighbourhood.

A need for another bridge crossing from Kelowna to West Kelowna. Interchanges on Hwy. 97 in West Kelowna.

A sidewalk is needed on Gellatly Road South from the South entrance to Glen Canyon Regional Park to Whitworth Road.

A new bridge is needed over Powers Creek on Gellatly Road by the West Kelowna Yacht Club's boat launch. Bicycle tires get caught in the gaps between the beams.

More speed signs are needed on Gellatly Road South. A great big '50' painted on the road and / or a permanent speed-sign display would be nice.

A vehicle is necessary as buses are not convenient or close to our home. Commuting between W.Kelowna and Kelowna is very congested during peak travel times, and Kelowna doesn't synchronize the traffic lights which results in a lot of idling vehicles and longer commutes.

Access to Hwy 97 from Horizon Drive, and Hudson Roads, due to lack of underpasses so we can get onto the highway, and there are too many traffic lights on the highway which means we get backed up EVERY day due to traffic amounts and the lights not being coordinated so that traffic flows smoothly, we saw plans for these underpasses several years ago and here we are today still waiting to see if we will ever get them, especially as a new housing estate is being built! and traffic trying to beat the highway traffic by going down Campbell Road and getting onto the bridge that way, Close off Sneena road to local traffic only and get the traffic back onto the highway at Okanagan Landing so that the road is flowing smoother

Adequate infrastructure. Highway 97 through west kelowna and kelowna inadequate.
Incompetent traffic management.

Adherence to rules of the road

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

All of the traffic lights on the highway from West Kelowna to Kelowna and the Bennett Bridge

All the anti-left turns. Makes people do stupid things...for no reason.

amount of traffic and flow of traffic on the routes

Another bridge across the lake

Area buses not running enough. Especially later at night. I have to drive to pick up my son (still has 'L' drivers licence) at night because the bus does not run past 11pm. I worry when I'm not available & he's having a LONG walk (1 hour), on narrow dark roads ... alone. There are times when he's reported erratic drivers not seeing him or wild animals. Plus all the fuel for me driving back & forth. We'd all feel better if the buses ran until 12am! (I've been doing this for years!!)

Backlog of traffic on Hwy 97 between Kelowna and West Kelowna

Backup getting on and off of the bridge.

Better & more frequent public transportation with buses on residential roads, senior discounted fares

Better public transportation. Since whatever engineer is responsible for traffic management simply answers 'let's put a light there' to every question they have ever been asked, traffic is a nightmare in this city. Better public/mass transport would help alleviate this issue.

Biggest challenge is the stop and start issue of the traffic lights. Would be nice for less stopping and more continuous flow

Bike lanes needed! Sidewalks needed!

bike lanes on Highway 97...NEEDED!!!!

Bottle neck issues everyday around the intersection of highway 97 and boucherie road

Bottlenecking at the bridge crossing into Kelowna. With a growing population, 2 lanes travelling into town followed by constant traffic lights is a major setback for transportation. Another major issue is the lack of efficient public transportation. Taking a trip by public transport from West Kelowna into town would double or triple commute time. Along with that, buses unfortunately do not come around and transfer nearly efficiently enough. I would need 2 transfers to make it to work and with the scarcity of buses in Glenrosa it just is not feasible

Bottlenecks in cases of emergency evacuation due to single entry/exit routes

Boucherie Rd affects me most. I believe the new improvements will be minimal as I believe the road is too narrow & come winter there will be problems

Bridge and people. I know they keep saying that the bridge is not a capacity, but it sure backs up. Is it intersection lights are timed wrong? Volume? I also think people make it worse by exiting the northbound highway to get on Sneena to then merge back on at the bridge. Or exit the southbound highway at Westside then go through the light (that says no through traffic except buses) and merge back on the highway southbound. The merging slows traffic, and also, people don't know how to merge, so that slows the process too.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

- Bridge congestion due to inappropriate mixture of vehicle types in rush hours - trucks, trailers, motor homes, motorcycles, buses, cars, tractors, heavy equipment all together! Crazy!
- Traffic light synchronization or lack thereof ...
- Speedin

Bridge congestion due to lack of foresight in building only 2 lanes into town.
Lack of bike and pedestrian pathways

Bridge congestion, congestion through Kelowna (too many lights on Highway 97)

Bridge congestion. Synchronized lights.

Bridge linking West Kelowna to Kelowna is not wide enough. It should be three lanes each way to move traffic faster.

Bridge traffic

BRIDGE TRAFFIC

Bridge traffic and accidents not responded to quickly enough. Bridge should have alternating lanes in and out of Kelowna

Bridge traffic congestion and poor public transit route frequency.

bus does not operate often enough or late enough. Also there is a safety issue in the communittee

Bus frequency, reliability, bus stop lighting and safety

bus route expansion for public transportation for students and those without a car

bus routes on Boucherie

AND CONSTRUCTION STILL on boucherie!!!!!!!!!! streetlight put on on sidewalks???? make work project

Bus scheduling

Bus Service from Casa Loma. Crazy drivers on the road when I want to ride my bike. The ridiculous traffic circle coming from Casa Loma onto the bridge as people do not yielded from Sneena Drive and the fact there is no indication that a merge lane is coming for people driving onto the bridge from the westside. Coming from Casa Loma we take our lives into our hands trying to merge when people on the bridge will not let you in. Further, people don't know how to merge, they get confused with yield and stop instead of moving in. DOH MUST put up a sign prior to this merge land advising drivers that it is ahead. Instead, the two lanes are packed and drivers do not understand they should be moving to the left to let the traffic flow in. Lastly, the number of people that turn left on Red lights in this city is nuts. You could position at the corner of Pandosy and Harvey on the south west corner and write tickets all day long...DO IT. Every light at least two or three cars turn left on red. Thank you

Bus service to bear creek/Parkinson road in West Kelowna needs to increase

Bus service to far away from home

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

Bus transportation, we are lucky to be near the 97 bus but if we want to get to South East Kelowna it is very difficult by public transport

Bus without any benches! Narrow roadways without sidewalks or bike lanes.

Buses arriving late or not at all. Buses not running often enough or late enough. Rude, unprofessional bus drivers. Drug addicts and dealers hanging around bus stops because it's a convenient place to sell drugs and harass people for money.

Bussing for home not on the 97 route

Car dependent - we will have to move sooner or later. Maybe self driving cars will be the answer. Public transit works very poorly with low population density - not practical here. We need solutions for the last kilometer or two! Meantime reducing CO2 emissions is a challenge

Cars

CHANGING PEOPLES ATTITUDES TOWARDS USING TRANSIT

congested roads and intersections at peak times. We need a bypass road from penticton to vernon. Also the over passes that were promised for the westside. Kelowna has nightmare traffic.

congestion

Congestion and the amount of traffic on HWY 97 going over the bridge and through West Kelowna.

congestion at the bridge during peak hours and during a MVA on the bridge

Congestion before and after the Bennett Bridge. Potholes on highway and other roads in spring 2018.

Congestion during morning and evening commute.

Congestion of highway traffic, and traffic lights not being in sync on Highway 97 through Kelowna.

Congestion on 97 all the time and a complete lack of access to Kelowna and airport should there be an accident. We have one road and two lanes, with no alternatives ...

Congestion on Highway 97 through West Kelowna

Congestion on Hwy 97 leading up to the bridge

Congestion, and poor road planning Why in the hell did West Kelowna invest in some stupid wine trail when vital commuter routes are clogged beyond comprehension. It's actually a safety issue. If I had to get to the hospital, I would literally bleed to death sitting in gridlock. And bike lanes, oh my god, there are ZERO. You cannot safely drive a bike. I know this as I have commuted with my bike. You take your life in your hands riding your bike in West Kelowna. City of West Kelowna should be embarrassed how bad the situation is here.

Congestion, especially at peak times crossing the bridge to/from Kelowna

Connecting bus service

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

Continued development and density without regard to the lack of infrastructure planning to deal with the increased traffic. Road repairs not completed over the course of a whole summer. Valuable tax dollars spent on bicycling infrastructure and wine trails while traffic problems continue to get worse. Closest bus is over 1 kilometer away and distances and work times dictate that individual transportation is a necessity. Our reality is that we do have winter (not bicycle time) and we are spread out.

Convenient bus stops near where we live. Within easy walking distance for seniors

Convenient public transportation

Crappy drivers

Crossing bridge during the day

Crossing the Bennet bridge really adds a lot of time to my already long-hour shift work at the hospital. Sometimes it takes 80 min to get home if I'm off at 5:15 pm shift end. Ideally I would like to live in Kelowna and be close to the hospital but the reality of real estate prices is that my income would need to double to achieve that. I would need to earn about \$120k to afford to live in Kelowna.

I would consider taking the bus, however only 1 out of 6 shifts can the bus take me to the hospital on time for my shift starts. There is no bus service for my 23:00 shift end times to take me to the west side. There is no bus service that can get me to work before 7:30 am.

crossing the Bennett bridge into Kelowna and heavy traffic down Harvey (hwy 97)

Crossing the bridge during peak hours

Crowded roads, especially weekends and holidays

decent bike lanes needed along hwy 97 corridor

Direct bus service.

Distances are substantial. Taxi costs are high. No Uber.

Downtown parking

Earlier transit service should be considered for those like in our family where the weekday workplace start is 6:00 am. Private transportation is necessary. Otherwise, from our home in upper Glenrosa, we're happy with the transit service for its ability to take you around West Kelowna and Kelowna. Also, we like that, for a \$2.50 transit fare, the option to return on a transfer without paying more is appreciated, if within the designated time period on the transfer.

Easy! The traffic jams once you cross bridge into West Kelowna! Needs traffic circles or less intersections. And not enough enforcement.

Efficient use of other modes to avoid auto dependency of trips travelled

Everyone going through the bridge at the same time. One bridge is a problem.
Not frequent enough bus service outside of Highway 97 area.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

Exceptionally bad transit service, and no shoulders on the road to ride a bike.

Few side walks; nearest bus stop ~ 6 km away; only one road (Campbell road) exit from our community, traffic coming over the hill from West Kelowna on highway 97 can see when the traffic on the bridge is congested and will take the Campbell road exit into our roundabout, causing a back up on Campbell road (our only exit road). This occurs in AM and PM around rush hours.

finding options or other things that are easier to use than a car alone. Electric Scooters? These are fine but not in the winter. Buses have limited access

For those with mobility issues or lack of car/license, having to walk to Hwy. 97, cross highway to get public transportation.

Frequency and efficiency of transit system, and lack of affordable ride hailing options. Our family would use both of those options if they were available and timely. Our cars would be on the road less if we could do that.

Frequency of buses of connecting services from the downtown bus.

Fuel prices

Getting across the bridge into Kelowna when traffic volume is large. Also the large number of speeders on the route.

Getting across the bridge, if there is an accident there is a long delay.

Getting from west Kelowna to Kelowna and back during rush hours. The lights are clearly timed to create a traffic jam, and the bridge needs to return to alternating lanes to help clear traffic.

Getting out of Casa Loma at the Traffic Circle. Too many people take the 'short Cut' from HWY 97 and clog up the traffic circle so we can't get out of our subdivision. It is also frustrating for our company that no public buses run out to Casa Loma.

Getting people on the west side off highway 97 ...a route from Glenrosa over Glen canyon parallel to the highway to the foot of the bridge into Kelowna.

Getting to and from west kelowna to kelowna. Bridge is fine but need 3 lanes in west kelowna side notx2 as thats the backlog. Also, highway going right through downtown in west kelowna doesn't make a community

Have the bus run a little longer in the afternoon

Having only one bridge crossing Okanagan Lake is an issue. Both Kelowna and West Kelowna have increasing populations and with the tourist industry impacting the traffic and causing a huge increase annually for several months of the year the bridge is not able to handle all the traffic, nor is Hwy 97. I have lived here since 1981 and in the last 3 years I have noticed a year round increase in traffic that used to be only an issue during tourist season. We need another bridge and/or a bypass.

Having the highway go right through the centre of town: road maintenance is poor; no long term planning for routes. Bridge to Kelowna is ridiculously busy and ill-planned for the needs of the communities.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

Having to rely on working family members due to not driving myself, The bus route are too far for me as I have difficulty walking.

Having traffic lights on hwy 97. Especially boucherie and Hudson. Intersections built too close to the highway as well... o we can go on

HEAVY FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAY

Heavy slow traffic on highway 97 to Kelowna and back

Heavy traffic on the bridge into Kelowna.

High seasonal traffic volumes. Lack of shoulders and sidewalks on many roads.

High traffic flows and roads not equipped to deal with the amount of traffic. There is only one artery from Kelowna to West Kelowna. This is not sufficient, too much traffic.

Highway 97 - Rush hour traffic congestion to/from Kelowna/West Kelowna

Highway 97 - traffic congestion during the busy summer months

Highway 97 - congestion through Westbank, need a bypass

Other - construction on main roads e.g. Boucherie during the busiest time of the year

Other - poorly thought out traffic calming/medians - unsightly weed collection areas during the tourist season

Highway 97 after crossing bridge moving southbound the traffic moves very slow in the afternoon and early evening.

Highway 97 and Dobbin Rd are very congested through West Kelowna as is hwy 97 / Harvey Rd through Kelowna . We need to plan a bypass highway and bridge around Kelowna and West Kelowna to connect highway 97 North of Kelowna all the way around West Kelowna to the connector (highway 97c) My business is on the 97 hwy and traffic is getting worse every year. Plans need to be made now .

Highway 97 in West Kelowna needs some serious updating and modification. The City (West Kelowna) and for that matter the entire west side of Lake Okanagan has developed far faster than expected and is now the second largest municipality in the Okanagan. However it is serviced essentially by only one road (Hwy 97) which has only one overpass and at least a dozen sets of lights that are not properly timed leading to unnecessary congestion and waste of both time and fuel. Clearly large capital expenditures take time but some small optimization projects (reduced hwy access at critical times, limited left turn access and better traffic control timing) could be a good intermediate step.

Highway 97 running through Westbank

Okanagan Lake Bridge is too small for the volume of traffic. Should be 3 lanes in both directions .

Highway 97 traffic corridor is a very busy highway right through the middle of our community.

Highway 97 traffic in West Kelowna between Hudson and the bridge.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

HIGHWAY 97! The Okanagan has grown by leaps and bounds and transportation has not kept up...not even close. There definitely should be a biway for semi-trucks and other vehicles not stopping in the Okanagan...which means a second bridge. The snarl of traffic is not just in the summer any longer...it is every month of the year. Another comment from my address (or starting at Old Okanagan Highway) would be a sidewalk/bike trail where we could walk/bike to highway 97 and onto Gellatly Road to the lake. Right now it is a real safety hazard. Thank you.

Highway and Arterial route roads are not keeping pace with growth in resident population. West Kelowna Mayor and Council spent millions of tax dollars to effectively render an arterial route Boucherie Rd., a traffic flow restriction. They did not listen to their own traffic committee's recommendations. They 'consulted' and then proceeded with their own agenda. Bad idea, terrible design, incompetent construction. A complete SNAFU.

Highway and bridge traffic

highway back up because of traffic lights through West Kelowna. Overpasses at intersections would change everything.

Highway congestion and intersection stoplight control timer settings.

Highway traffic

Highway traffic congestion during peak travel times

highway traffic flow in and out of kelowna.

Highways are becoming increasingly busy, with rush hours being, obviously, busier. I note frustration (or just poor driving) evidenced every trip I take -- Hwy 97 will soon be inadequate. The bridge is a bottleneck and is too often blocked by rear-end accidents (which appear to be caused by frustration and the need to 'hurry up' (or just bad driving). A rapid transit system (eg. light rail or elevated system) from Peachland to, perhaps, UBCO and the airport, might be a benefit. When we go to Vancouver, we park in the southern part and ride the underground into town, which is certainly better than fighting traffic and locating a parking space.

One might question the politicians who see development as some panacea for a problem I have not yet identified while maintaining infrastructure that met the needs the day it is built but quickly became inadequate, as is occurring with all the housing and businesses in WK with a highway and bridge that were 'wonderful' decades ago.

The bus route that services Glenrosa is circuitous; one finds oneself going away from the destination before completing a loop and heading toward Westbank; this would be akin to wanting to go downtown Vancouver from 41st and Cambie but having to go south first before the bus turns around and heads north toward downtown.

I doubt we will ever attain such a system, but a city (such as London or Paris) in which one can get close enough to most destinations quickly and (somewhat) comfortably that one can finish the trip by walking would be ideal. (I am conflating WK and Kelowna into one city in my 'vision'.)

Bike lanes in which one can ride safely, not find cars parked, and reach most areas of the city would be an improvement as would more walking paths; we have walked into Westbank, but we walk on the sides of streets on a route that is not the most efficient. (A foot bridge over the creek onto roads west of Westbank would be wonderful.)

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

Highways through Okanagan communities and too many cars. Time to move somewhere which focuses on a walking/biking community away from cars!

Honestly, we live just a short walk to the elementary school, but because of it's hill and sometimes short-cut back route to the bridge, commuters drive so quick down Westlake/ Parkinson that it isn't safe for kids to walk to school without a sidewalk. A pedestrian was just hit on Halloween night on our road. We've been writing the mayor's office asking for a proper side-walk to the school (From all of the main roads including Horizon, Westlake, Parkinson, Bear Creek etc.). This needs to be made a priority so kids can safely walk to school and parents can stop driving 5 minutes each way (which 90% of parents at Rose Valley are doing - there's no parking). Please help!

Hwy 87 and the large number of lights slowing traffic down.
Adequate transit to make commuting to work faster. If I took transit to work it would take me 1.5 hours each way, whereas I can drive there in less the 25 minutes.

HWY 97 from West Kelowna into Kelowna. Traffic is most often backed up from Boucherie to Ross road, especially in am and pm rush hours.

Need lights synchronized and bridge should have a lane that can be changed in either direction dependent on traffic volumes either into or out of the City. Such as our previous bridge had.

Traffic is a nightmare especially in summer or if there is an accident anywhere on this traffic corridor
We need our highway to move commuters efficiently and it does not most of the time.

Hwy 97 highway backup around west side road area

HWY 97 is a nightmare. WE NEED OVERPASSES

hwy 97 is congested, dangerous intersections

Hwy 97 S congestion from bridge to Barkley/East Boundary (both ways). Lights never sync and too much cross traffic at each intersection: need for hwy roundabouts to keep moving traffic through.

hwy 97 through Kelowna is often blocked. infrastructure has not increased with the speed of development.
going into Kelowna over Bennett bridge - there is no place for the traffic to go
get rid of the light at boucherie/Hudson road on the westside will improve the flow of traffic to the westbank area

I am unlikely to use public transportation as long as I am able to drive. Interchanges at Boucherie and Highway 97 and Hudson and Highway 97 would reduce traffic backups.

If I were to use public transpiration, I would like the service to be provided more frequently in my neighbourhood.

i commute to work by electric bicycle in warmer weather. there is a real lack of safe travel for a bicycle in west kelowna. narrow shoulders riding to my home. I used to commute by bus, but 3 hours everyday to get to work and back was just too frustrating.

I find travel here very good...very little traffic problems other then volume at certain times of day, which are to be expected in a booming city

I grew up in a city with good public transport. I would use it more here if the buses were full of ordinary people. Unfortunately there is usually at least one drunk which is off putting. I think the bus service is generally good. A pity more people don't use it.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

I make several trips a week into Kelowna and find the drive painful. Way too much congestion on the highway made worse by the number of traffic lights. Overpasses as they have in other cities may solve some of the problem .

People don't seem to understand how to use roundabouts/ traffic circles and the number of people running Amber to Red lights is appalling.

I'm not sure if this is what u are looking for but I feel here may be a good place to voice my traffic concerns.

I want to see a pedestrian overpass for students across HWY 97 at Daimler. Then students from the Mission Hill/WFN neighbourhoods could walk safely to Constable Neil Bruce, and the students from the Shannon Lake neighbourhood could walk across to Mt. Boucherie high school. There are many parents that would not drive their kids to school if there was a safe way for them to walk, myself included. We are forcing parents to drive because we refuse to let our 11 year olds cross a 4 lane, high speed highway (with good reason). It is incredible dangerous and unnecessary. I want my child to be able to walk to school, and I know it would be very well used.

I wish the handy bus was more reliable. If I have a fixed appointment it never gets me there on time.

I would like to see more sidewalks/bike lanes and street lights. I also think it would help if they connected Elliott rd. with upper Glenrosa rd.

I would love to bike to school with the kids. But the lack of side walks or bike lanes make it an issue.

Biking along boucherie road is just not safe.

My husband bikes everyday in the summer to work. But his work doesn't have a bike storage, which I think should be mandatory if everyone is pushing you to bike more. They should have to make it a mandatory thing to have bike storage and showers at work. Otherwise it is almost impossible to bike if you have nowhere to store your bike and no place to take a shower.

My husband would like to bike more but is frustrated with the whole thing ...

IMPATIENCE OF DRIVERS, BAD DRIVING HABITS. BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE AWAY FROM CARS WILL BE NEEDED.

In the City of West Kelowna, the planners are trying to route trucks and other traffic into residential areas. This is not something we would like to see Especially truck traffic. It should stay on the current route and road system. We have the planner trying to route trucks along the Gellatly Bay beach area. This is ridiculous, this is all park and beach area, which has been developed in the last 8 years. Millions has been spent to do this. The speed limit is 30 Km. The roads are not built or designed for heavy traffic.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

In the spring/summer/fall I bicycle commute to and from work daily, so in those months the safety of bike lanes, how clean they are (so much broken glass in some areas, consistently, like Sneena road behind the Landmark cinemas, between Boucherie and Westside roads). I am grateful for the addition of street lights on the highway though!

While riding my bike I see SO much congestion on the highway, every single day during the 8am-9am and 3pm-6pm times, it's staggering how much faster I can ride, but all that exhaust pumping out of every car it'd be great to see traffic flowing better on the highway.

In the winter I see it from a car driver's perspective and it's literally every day bumper to bumper backed up traffic from Westlake/Hudson back to the bridge or at LEAST Westside road. This is horrible to sit in as a driver, and a huge chunk of carbon into the atmosphere from all these idling cars going nowhere. This also forces some of us to take alternative roads home, with the wine trail construction Boucherie/Hudson is ruled out, so I along with hundreds of others heading to Rose Valley area take Westside Road, Bear Creek Road, Parkinson and Westlake. But Parkinson and Bear Creek Road are not meant for the amount of traffic they see. I'd hate to be a home owner with kids on Bear Creek Road between 3 and 6pm, it's a stream of cars flying up the hill trying to get away from the highway traffic.

So ultimately: make the highway flow better from the WRB bridge to Westlake/Hudson and beyond, though I think at Westlake/Hudson is starts to finally speed up as there's lots of traffic that lands in Lakeview Heights and Rose Valley. Or shore up the alternate routes so people have options that don't negatively impact the homeowners on those routes.

In west kelowna, it is the amount of traffic and the lack of options to taking bc97 to and from kelowna. Building continues with no foresight to the traffic congestion the increased population causes or sot seems

In West Kelowna, we really need some overpasses. Traffic during rush hour is crazy. There are too many lights forcing the traffic to stop and go, stop and go. Overpasses are a pain to build, but totally worth it once they are in.

Inadequate road structure for traffic. Our goal should be to improve Canadian productivity(less time in traffic), while spending the least amount possible and ENSURING the freedom of the people to move as they so desire. I am a motorcycle dealer, which makes my comment a conflict of interest, take it for what it is worth. I still don't get why in North America, we don't make it easy for people to own a motorcycle and use it for transportation as opposed to just fun! This can be done by lowering Insurance rates. Especially in BC where ICBC charges a fortune. Here in the Okanagan, where the weather is good for 8 months a year and the traffic in the summer is insane, what could better reduce congestion.

inconvenient to get to the care home and don't want to be standing around at a bus stop with all the unsavory people hanging around west Kelowna.

Increasing traffic from West Kelowna to Kelowna without any increase in infrastructure. Kelowna needs another crossing. West Kelowna needs 3 lanes all the way from Peachland to Kelowna.

Infrequent bus service. No bus stop near our residential area ... none on Shannon Lake Road which has many residences and growing (eg: Talus Ridge sub-division).

Was relatively convenient for our daughter to bus by express to UBCO campus ... But required a drive to drop off and pick up daily from nearest bus stop on Hwy 97.

irregular & infrequent bus service in Glenrosa

lack of sidewalks in Glenrosa for safe pedestrian travel

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keeping roads clear during snow conditions.

Kelowna & West Kelowna does not think & act ahead of time. All issues are dealt with after the fact.

Kelowna/West Kelowna traffic congestion, including the bridge and the number of lights along the highway. The two cities are still suffering with the lack of a bypass. In addition to this, there are many areas in which the lights are poorly timed, resulting in the majority of traffic that has to hit EVERY SINGLE LIGHT. This causes many frustrated citizens. My thoughts are to install a bypass in order to relieve congestion. It will be costly now, but will save a lot of money in the future. Careful planning in a city is essential.

lack lanes going in each direction going through west kelowna to pentiction

Lack of a decent bus transportation network. My kids would ride the bus more often if it didn't take so long to get back and forth from the west bank exchange

Lack of access to public transportation

Lack of access to public transportation. Faster to drive.

LACK OF ADEQUATE, FREQUENT, AFFORDABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - NOT JUST WITH IN KELOWNA & WEST KELOWNA BUT BETWEEN OTHER TOWNS, INCLUDING VANCOUVER

Lack of available transit in our area as the community expands. We need another bridge to be built to cross over to Kelowna from West Kelowna. West Kelowna development will suffer as a result of lack of access to Kelowna.

lack of bus service, heavy traffic with no alternate route.

Lack of buses to Vancouver

lack of busing; many areas not serviced by buses (like our home area), or buses only come once per hour and are not consistent in their times.

Lack of By-Pass routes around West Kelowna and Kelowna.

lack of convenient public transit

Very poor (and getting worse) traffic flow on Highway 97. It is a joke for a region of this size.

Poor planning, poor maintenance and lack of interwst from all government levels to remedy the problems. This is a the only major transportation link in the region.

Any attempts at improvement over past 5 years have been cosmetic

lack of cycle paths for safe bicycle travel.

Lack of Cycling paths on Westside to Kelowna. Particularly dangerous to ride along Boucherie between Gellatly and kalamoir park.

lack of effective public transit

Lack of infrastructure and real, convenient options for public or more eco-friendly transport. Ie: lack of sidewalks in West Kelowna, suburban sprawl which is not pedestrian-friendly, lack of bike paths. I also think we need better public transport options.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

Lack of interchanges along the highway in West Kelowna, leading to back ups at stop lights and the lack of a third lane on the bridge (and just after) leading into Kelowna.

Lack of proper and adequate public transportation, especially for students from grade 7 to university I. It's deplorable how bad the public transport system is the Kelowna and the Okanagan

Lack of proper intersections

Lack of proper walking paths/sidewalks

Uber is a necessity.

Taxi is way to expensive and bus system is grossly inefficient

LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSIT OPTIONS ON THE WESTSIDE TO GET DOWNTOWN. ROUTES TAKE TOO LONG TO BE USEFUL FOR SOCIAL OUTINGS OR WORK.

NOT ENOUGH TAXI SERVICE IN THE PEAK SEASONS - VERY DIFFICULT TO GET HOME OR GO OUT. TAXIS DON'T ANSWER CALLS.

Lack of reliable and frequent public transportation is forcing us to use two vehicles all the time.

Lack of safe cycle lanes

Lack of sidewalks, lack of street lamps (lighting), and lack of bike lanes

Lack of through roads to bridge. We have 1 road everyone needs to get to kelowna. New bridge should have had 3 lanes each direction.

Roadwork being done is not advantageous to improving traffic flow. Eg boucherie road will be nice for bikes and pedestrians maybe - if they dont hit poles in walkway! But roadway is narrow and dangerous in winter and traffice circle will give preference to cars coming up hudson rd and delay through traffice coming along boucherie. All very stupid planning.

Lack of traffic calming and safety (lighting, sidewalks) on collector streets like Westlake Road especially near Rose Valley school - it is not safe to walk there. Speeds are excessive, volume is heavy during commuter hours. A pedestrian was recently hit.

Lack of traffic enforcement. Drivers speed, run through stop signs and tailgate constantly.

Lack of transit bus stop/pullouts on streets

Some streets are narrow with deep ditches and foot traffic and no sidewalk, not lighted.

A major Highway passing through core of community.

Lack of transit routes in West Kelowna

Lack of transit service

lack of useful public transit and congestion on highway 97

Large communities don't have regular bus routes (Shannon Lake area as an example). I would like to use public transport more but that would require me walking with two small children on a section of road with no sidewalk and many speeding cars.

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West Kelowna Residents

Large, costly and usually empty buses. No RIDE SHARE (UBER etc.). Useless taxi services. Highly paid public servants more focussed on building empires and social engineering (e.g. get people out of their cars to fight 'climate change') than 21st century solutions moving individuals from A to B.

Light timing is absolutely terrible.

limited bus transportation - schedule & routes

Living on the Westside and travelling to Kelowna it is obviously the traffic. I think the lights could be set up better, more transit options to Kelowna for people who are able to use transit. Some sort of bypass for transport trucks or other travelers not stopping in Westbank or Kelowna

Locations are too far away. Not convenient travel.

Main highway is too clogged, including the bridge to Kelowna. Getting to the airport is extremely frustrating. More infrastructure is needed to keep traffic flowing. I don't feel the infrastructure has kept pace with the development of the area. Shannon Lake Road, which is a single lane each way has steadily become more and more busy as people avoid using the clogged highway including large trucks and semis. Kelowna and West Kelowna have grown immensely and a highway perimeter road is desperately needed to ease the congestion of traffic going through the cities to reach destinations on either side.

Main streets and highways around West Kelowna / Peachland

Making bus schedules run longer for those who need them.

more a parking issue than transportation, i have to leave half an hour early for work to be able to find parking at the hospital

More late night service on #24 Shannon Lake bus to accommodate people who should not be driving do to social engagements that involve alcohol, cannabis.

Morning and afternoon congestion on Hwy 97 and the Bennett Bridge (When there is an accident, it is dangerous for people trying to get to the Hospital).

Morning and afternoon rush hour , to and from Kelowna.

most of the things we fo out for are right in our area, thats the reson we bought in this area.

Multiple Construction projects

need a bus in Shannon woods...I have been waiting for 25 years

Need a second bridge and main road bear creek needs sidewalks and to be repaved . Smaller busses or vans should be used at more frequent times or later times last bus is too early and morning bus is to early.

need better bus system, more frequent

Need more cycling and pedestrian infrastructure.

need of over passes on hwy 97

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need to get uber, taxis are too expensive

Need to improve bike paths

No alternate roads for semi trailers to travel except right through the city of Kelowna on Hwy 97

No alternate transportation other than a taxi or personal car

No bus

No bus service in Shannon Woods

No issues

no issues, just some road maintenance could be repaired and fixed potholes

no longer have full service from greyhound within bc

No public transportation

No public transportation to Casa Loma

No safe bicycle routes currently

No shopping amenities in my neighbourhood (food, banks, facilities, etc.); transportation by car necessary. Bus service available in general vicinity but not convenient for day-to-day shopping activities.

No sidewalks or paths from residential areas into shopping areas

No sidewalks.

Not enough bicycle lanes and poor public transit in the residential areas

Not enough bike paths and definitely not enough sidewalks - especially to/from schools. There are very few sidewalks from shannon lake area to the only local high school.

Not enough buses or bus stops in the city. The closest bus stop to my residence is a 10-minute walk.

not enough buses, or bus stops

Not enough public transport. In West Kelowna buses run every half hour and is not very convenient. Every 10 to 15 minutes would be more inviting on weekdays, AND weekends. We should be more pro-active when it comes to public transportation. Buses should run to Orchard Mall without going through the hub in downtown Kelowna.

Not enough roads/ ways to relieve traffic congestion

Not enough safe sidewalks, no safe parks/place for children to play.

not enough services in Shannon lake area

not enough side walks in the area

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

not enough sidewalks

Not enough sidewalks or bike paths in West Kelowna. Need more city bus routes in West Kelowna, for ex. Tallus Ridge.

Not enough transit in the Shannon Lake area. Bus only goes to The Ridge, at least 30 minutes walk from Shannon Woods Drive.

Not having any type of transportation other than by {'flight'} or by ('personally owned' vehicle to travel from Kelowna to another location - ie Vancouver or to places in other directions.

nothing that affects me until I can no longer drive

Offering better bus services to support suburbs and having ride-hailing such as uber.

Only one entrance and exit to Glenrosa.
Poor road conditions. Poor maintenance.

Only one major road(#97) to funnel traffic. Boucherie and other feeder roads becoming increasingly busy. Short distances between #97 and traffic circle by SuperStore,Canadian Tire etc. Long line ups of traffic and back ups because only a few vehicles get through light.
HOV lane in Kelowna doesn't seem useful.

Outdated highway infrastructure delays commuters and public transit equally.

People running red lights

People will do anything to bypass the highway. They cut through communities at will, and at highway speeds. There needs to be more enforcement of speed limits, as well as education.

Poor bus service also area not very walkable to get to stores etc.

Poor highway planning, congestion in areas with multiple lights close together such as Peachland

Poor infrastructure (e.g. too many lights going from West Kelowna to Kelowna and back slow traffic, no overpasses, no separate lane for buses) makes using public transportation pointless. I'd love to take the bus from Glenrosa to Kelowna for appointments, but I would never be sure if I'd actually arrive on time to make the appointment because of the traffic. Leaving the house several hours before the appointment to be on time and then wander around waiting for the appointment is challenging (e.g. pack food for myself and daughter, getting around on foot and a stroller in bad weather).

poor management/planning of intersections near and around the bridge, mall, costco.

poor public transit and poor and expensive taxi options

Poor transit access/times in residential areas and the morning/evening traffic due to the lights on HWY 97.

Poorly designed traffic thoroughfares for capacity of traffic that new developments are encouraging... not enough reliable bus transport... not road-share friendly...

Pot holes and debris on road, dangerous and damaging to vehicle.

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West Kelowna Residents

proper schedule of bus service

Public bus stops in residential areas are lacking and buses don't come often enough

Public transit in our neighbourhood

Public transit is inconsistent and unreliable.

Roads are in constant need of repair and those repairs are not happening in a timely manner.

Public transit is not convenient. It would include walking to Hwy. 97 on the shoulder of the road which is very dark after 4pm. There are limited sidewalks for walking from my location to complete chores in westbank centre. Public transit is not frequent and accessible so leaves me no option but to drive everywhere.

Public Transport and Congestion during rush hour over bridge

Public transport is very important and although we don't use it on a regular basis it's very important for the community.

We plan to take more trips downtown to Kelowna for dinners/socializing etc via the bus soon.

Also, when planning a future family and kids it's extremely important for them to have access to a bus service.

The addition of the cycling lanes to Boucherie Road has been a fantastic upgrade.

Purchased the house thinking there was transportation in the area. Busses only run first thing in the morning and evening. I am healthy but to walk the distance to the 97 to catch a bus will not work on the knees. Very disappointed that I did not check the bus schedule out.

Rapid population growth.

Recent 'improvements' in our area on Boucherie Rd. make us very concerned about the capability of those making decisions for better transportation. The first section created a narrow slippery passage during winter months & the second section currently under construction has narrowed this main artery to include excessive bike lanes & sidewalks, trees & lampposts adjacent to square curbs leaving no escape routes primarily it seems for the beautification for wine tours. We fear this will result in more accidents & insurance claims regardless of the speed limit.

Reliance on cars. Living in a hilly area makes bike commuting difficult although we do it sometimes in the summer. Hoping to increase with the purchase of an e-bike

Residential road snow removal.

Road Conditions

Road conditions in most areas of West Kelowna, the roads are too narrow for two way traffic, and the area from Hudson Rd down cannot pass another if parking on the side of the road you cannot get through. Additional travel lanes need to be addressed, as there is no sidewalks.

Road congestion from West Kelowna into and from Kelowna

Road Construction

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

Road construction seems to take a very long time in this region. We moved here 1 year ago from the Lower Mainland (Langley to be specific). Not sure why infrastructure takes so long (planning? lack of resources? implementation issues/effort?). Our region doesn't have a lot of options to get around. IE. one bridge between cities, roads to offer for more A to B options, etc)

Road lighting in West Kelowna is very poor, including Hwy 97. Far more street lights are needed. In Kelowna traffic congestion is bad.

Road safety as there are many autos on the road. The Bennett bridge can be a big barrier if an accident occurs and holds up all traffic. Boucherie road 'the wine trail' is too narrow for all the trees etc. It can be unsafe when frost is on the road surface.

Bus Transit is important to the community. I think it is well organized in West Kelowna. Big challenge is the lack of Greyhound to other communities.

Road safety on Highway 97 from West Kelowna into Kelowna.
Road safety on Harvey Avenue through Kelowna.

Roads do not have enough capacity during rush hour(s). Too many traffic lights and stops and starts between Westbank and Kelowna. We have lived here for 30 years and there hasn't been significant upgrades to the highway in all that time, other than the new bridge and the Westside Rd. interchange. The Boucherie intersection and Hudson Rd. intersections mean traffic crawls between those two points for most of the working day. I hate having to go into Kelowna for anything because it takes so long to get anywhere.

ROADS, TRAFFIC LIGHTS, BRIDGE, MAINLY TRAFFIC LIGHTS!!!

Rush hour traffic backs up to a stand still morning and afternoon, too many lights along the hwy 97 corridor from west side to the bridge. Too many lights along Harvey. The commute is terrible...what should only take 15 mins to and from work to home takes sometimes 45 mins. The population is growing exponentially in our neighborhood with development proposals all along Shannon lake road for multi family dwellings such as townhomes and condos. Traffic is only going to get more congested as the population grows and nothing is done to increase traffic flow along hwy 97 into and out of Kelowna and West Kelowna.

Rush hour traffic congestion - particularly the areas to and from the floating bridge
For me personally it would be nice to see a better/safer east/west bicycle route after exiting the floating bridge on the east side

Safe walking Corridors for children and reduced speed zones around parks and playgrounds.

Same bus non stop bus route along Boucherie to downtown Kelowna (with no transfers)

school buses! My daughter or myself (Grandma) have to make TWO trips to Glenrosa Middle School each and every day as the route is unsafe for an 11 year old and far too far to walk...PLEASE TAKE NOTE of the number of vehicles at the schools at those times - absolutely ridiculous!!!

Second crossing of the lake

Shannon Lake Road is a very, very busy street yet there are no sidewalks or bike lanes on large sections of the street. This is extremely dangerous. A fatality waiting to happen.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

Snow removal is very poor on most snow event days, but poor driving habits contribute to this. People want bare roads all the time and don't know how to handle compact snow conditions. Wanting to travel at a high speed all the time is usually the problem.

Sometimes it seems like lights are not very well synchronized on Harvey and driving along Hwy 97 and through Westbank. Also something needs to be done about Hwy 97 south from the bridge to Westbank. Probably more overpasses, especially at Kal Tire and Hwy 97 south.

Speed. Streetlights. Sidewalks. When on Main Street turning left onto brown road on a Green light there is too long of a wait for the light to change crossing the highway which sometimes there are so many cars waiting to cross it bottlenecks the cars turning from Main onto Brown Road.

speeding everywhere. I never cycle around west bank. I tried only once when we moved here 11 years ago. The traffic moves very fast ...

Suburban sprawl, inability to walk most places.

Sunnyside Rd and Boucherie Rd has poor sight line looking west when exiting Sunnyside Rd

The amount of traffic on roads and grid lock due to street lights on a hwy. which backs up the flow. The new bridge did nothing to alleviate the traffic issue

We need off ramps and overpasses to keep the flow of traffic moving

Feel unsafe travelling on roads due to other drivers frustration and aggressive driving manners

The biggest congestion area in when travelling from West Kelowna into Kelowna and off the bridge. The traffic light and no 3rd lane options causes the largest traffic flow problem.

The traffic flow on the highway at peak times, in busy season. This day is not during busy season and times commuting are longer, generally.

Also there is not a lot of recreation for young people in West Kelowna, which means travelling in to Kelowna.

The biggest issue in Kelowna is the number of stop lights on Hwy 97 between the bridge and the airport. 3-5 overpasses and dead-ending the rest of the crossroads would get the traffic moving. Alternatively, an expressway from the bridge to the airport would work the same.

The bridge

the bridge

The Bridge should have been 3 lanes both directions. Also Harvey ave is challenging on the best of days especially near Mall area. Traffic flow is poor in Kelowna. It would be great to see a by-pass route with an additional lake crossing.

The Bridge traffic and lights on the highway... I know its two but they weigh equally on me.

THE BRIDGE!!! Please do something about how bad the traffic is during rush hour - it's awful!

The bus system does not run as often as it should. It is the reason I have to drive my own car.

The buses need to start earlier and go later on weekends

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

the commute traffic from West Kelowna to Kelowna and return
we try to avoid it but on at least one day/week have to endure it

The congestion on Hwy 97

The congestion on Hwy 97 through West Kelowna must be addressed now. We need another arterial route into Kelowna.

The construction time it is to complete Boucherie Road!

The excessive congestion on Hwy97 through this part of the Okanagan must, repeat MUST be addressed. A second crossing of Lake Okanagan is necessary as are bypass highways for Peachland and Westbank. Furthermore, level crossings at key intersections will soon lead to increased crashes and deaths on these roads.

The extremely heavy traffic on Highway 97.

The fact that buses are almost always mostly empty

The fact that Kelowna does not have a bypass. Why would the city planners of yesterday think that a Harvey road would be enough to handle the traffic of 2018 and beyond. Kelowna and West Kelowna need a bypass. Buses are not the answer. Buses will be phased out in 15 to 25 years anyway because of self-driving electric cars. These cars will make traffic flow much better but they will still need roads. SO why not invest in the future of public transportation now.

The general public's inability to understand how a roundabout works and how to signal appropriately. Signalling incorrectly makes roundabouts (which are awesome means of avoiding stop signs) dangerous. They generally work so well, but people in West Kelowna can't seem to figure them out. Maybe a memo to people's homes would help remind people how to use them and remind them that roundabouts let us avoid stop signs and traffic signals.

The highway from Glenrosa Overpass to Abbott St in Kelowna needs more overpasses built to expedite traffic flow. The intersections / Traffic light that are in place now are the biggest reason for congestion and flow of traffic in / out of Kelowna and West Kelowna.

The highway gets backlogged and there's no other way into Kelowna.

The Highway goes through City's. There is a real need for a by-pass from connector to other side of Vernon.

The highway/bridge heading into Kelowna from West Kelowna in the morning and then the reverse at the end of the day !!

The HOV lanes are impossible being on the RHS. As they are little used you get line ups in the other lanes idling while they wait through more than one stop light. Traffic flow would be more efficient without HOV lanes in the City of Kelowna

Main HWY through the centre of town

Too many large EMPTY buses in town impeding traffic flow as there are few cut outs for the buses to use to pick up passengers.

City is busy making cycle lanes and pretty sidewalks and reducing traffic lanes.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

The lack of supporting interchanges on the West Kelowna side of the bridge. The last city council was totally out of touch with those that need to commute for work every day. My spouse works all over the Okanagan and the bridge is a major issue. A second crossing is definitely required in the future to bypass Kelowna.

The lights on highway 97. There should be a bypass for people who are just travelling through. Instead, there is street lights on the main highway every couple blocks

The Lights on Hwy 97 and Gosset Don't work correctly. First car at lights crossing HWY MUST be on or past the line for the traffic lights on Gosset to change to Green to be able to cross the HWY. Don't know how many times spent idling wasting gas because the lights don't work correctly!!!!!!

The main highway in rush hour times. Hwy 97 going into Kelowna, with the too small of bridge, too many lights etc. We need to figure out a better flow of traffic reduce stop lights and need a bigger bridge as our cities have gone so much over these past few years...

The Ministry of Transportation is ineffective at dealing with outstanding issues that require immediate action. To wit the BB Bridge had little to no input from knowledgeable professional drivers and thus was made 5 lanes instead of 6. I have brought this matter to the attention of the authorities but they have NO clue as to what to do. Oh, a plan for a second crossing, but this is 5 - 10 years away. The issue of ONLY two fixed lanes into Kelowna is ludicrous! Either lane control signals or moving the cement barrier to accommodate 3 lanes into Kelowna in the morning is immediately needed!

The most important issue is the amount of intersections with lights on the highways. There should be far more over or under passes. Also the lights should be set so that when travelling at the speed limit you hit all green lights.

The nasty bus rides. Have to walk 45 min to the nearest bus stop which is unacceptable, especially in the winter or summer time. Need more bus stops and more frequent times.

The need for more safe walking and bike paths. A lit path along Hwy 97 to the bridge would provide a huge increase in alternative transportation.

the new bus schedule system!!!

The number of homes being built in West Kelowna with the lack of jobs locally means that more and more people need to travel to Kelowna for work and the road system can not handle the numbers. I am not speaking just of HWY 97 but the artery roads also are not designed for the number of cars. Every home, condo, and apartment counts for 2-3 cars traveling to Kelowna every day. Also with the number of basement apartments being constructed (because the cost of living in the Okanagan is so high even those who can afford a 'home' need to supplement their income. For every basement apartment you now need to account for 2 more cars for that location! This now adds stress to an already over stressed infrastructure. You put 80 town house in a small area, that now adds 160 vehicles!

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

The public transit service (i.e. buses) in my residential area is quite minimal and doesn't provide a realistic alternative to using the car. Also my neighbourhood is very hilly and so bicycling is not a practical option for most people either. Having said that, this is basically a rural area where there wouldn't typically be an expectation for a very frequent bus service.

Although I no longer commute into Kelowna on a daily basis when I do have to drive in (i.e from West Kelowna) I usually encounter congestion coming off the bridge. This does not appear to be due to bridge incapacity but due to the traffic signals at Abbott, Water & Ellis. Linking these signals may help but what would probably help even more is to have the signals for eastbound traffic at Abbott to operate only on pedestrian demand but with of course a realistic minimum green.

The single bridge joining the City of Kelowna to the City of West Kelowna. This is a growing concern for anyone working in Kelowna or farther North during the morning and then its a concern for anyone returning to West Kelowna or farther South after working hours. Hence this is a hinderance upon West Kelowna residence and a major reason why many people chose to live elsewhere (Kelowna/Lake Country..)

The traffic congestion on highway 97 (N&S) during peak travel times and the tourist season is very heavy and there does not seem to be any immediate path forward to deal with this serious issue-no one seems to want to spend the \$ or provide a reasonable solution. I regret the decision to have bought in W.Kelowna 3 years ago and we will have to re evaluate our location in the next few years.

The traffic congestion on Hwy 97 in West Kelowna, during the commute hours.

We don't commute into Kelowna as many others do, but at times when we have to travel in and out of the city during peak times, the flow is restricted by the intersection / traffic light issues.

The backups which do occur regularly, forces traffic off of the highway onto more residential streets, where drives tend to try to make up time by speeding on these alternate routes.

The traffic in the summer months and lately all the construction!

The traffic is too congested. the bridge is too busy and I avoid going into Kelowna because of it.

The transportation couplet through the centre of the West Kelowna downtown core is not only dangerous but very disruptive and it discourages sensible development by dividing the business community. A by-pass for transient traffic should be created to get through traffic off of our local streets.

The upgrades to the highway have not been made, ie: overpass at Boucherie and overpass and interchange at Hudson. Once these are done there should be a lot less problems with traffic. No need to do a secondary highway around west Kelowna, no one wants a highway behind their homes in Tallus nor Rose Valley and no one wants to lose parks and forest just to save 5-10 minutes on commute time.

The volume of traffic. We need more bike lanes, and bike lanes and intersections that make sense for cyclist. For example the roundabout at the Campbell road interchange was designed by someone who obviously does not ride a bike. The bike lane up the 'wine trail' in West Kelowna is far too narrow going up the hill and non existent going down hill. West Kelowna should not have spent the money to do the project right in the first place

The water issues.

there are several transportation challenges in my community.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

There are too many commercial vehicles that are just passing through the area to get to other destinations using these roads on a daily basis and the summer months the roads are clogged with vacationers that are just passing through with no intention of stopping in the area.

There is no bus stop within approx. 1.5 kilometers of my house. With many seniors and young children in the neighbourhood everyone relies on the car.

There is no bus transportation from Casa Loma area to anywhere.

There is no public transportation available within walking distance from my community.

There is no public transportation in my neighbourhood and School buses will not come into the neighbourhood as well. There needs to be some round about's added at Shannon Lake Road and Bartley Road. There should be one at Shannon Lake Road and Shannon Woods as well. There should also be a cross walk at Shannon Woods road and Shannon Lake road for kids crossing the road.

THERE IS USUALLY ONLY ONE WAY TO GET FORM A TO B, AND IT INVOLVES USING THE HIGHWAY THROUGH TOWN. THERE ARE MULTIPLE BOTTLENECKS AND WAY TOO MANY TRAFFIC LIGHTS. SINCE THE HIGHWAY INCLUDES THE ONLY BRIDGE OVER THE LAKE, AND THE ONLY WAY FROM INTERIOR BC SOUTH, IT GETS VERY CONGESTED IN SUMMER MONTHS. IN WINTER IT IS A 15 MIN DRIVE TO WORK, IN SUMMER IT CAN BE 40. TRANSIT IS HORRENDOUS, SO IT ISN'T A VIABLE OPTION IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR JOB. RIDING A BICYCLE ON THE HIGHWAY IS COMPLETELY INSANE. NOT ONLY IS IS UPHILL THE WHOLE WAY HOME FROM WORK, THE SHOULDER IS WAY TOO NARROW.

There isnt a sidewalk down Glenrosa Rd, so anyone walking to Glenrosa Middle School either needs to take safer side streets, or walk on a broken, flood damaged, and in some cases, non-existent road shoulder

They need to have better bus service for people who live in the area. I cannot live where I am living if I was unable to drive as there is nothing close by and not enough bus service. The sidewalks in the west bank area should be better for people who are able to walk places. There is a lack of proper sidewalks in the area.

They say we have the poorest drivers in Canada, and I believe them. The speed limit on the bridge needs to be enforced, i have people passing me like I'm standing still and I'm going the speed limit.

To much road construction all at the same time.

Bad design and planning of major road arteries.

To many traffic lights on a so called highway. More like a suburban street.

Bad long term planning of Highways

Not enough police enforcement. Allot of bad so called licensed drivers. Drivers here are getting as bad as drivers in the Philippines. But they do have less accidents then we do.

To much traffic for the roads

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

To start...get rid of the lights along the Hwy - both in West Kelowna and especially in Kelowna. One day, I would like to see rapid transit all the way out to the airport but in the meantime, please get the traffic moving...our cities (Kelowna and West Kelowna) are losing their appeal and for me, it is because of the lack of transportation structure. I understand it is difficult - dealing with the lake and the mountains, but this has been going on for so long now and a decision is never made. I attended all the open houses (the proposals for upgrades) and the meeting at Mt. Boucherie School concerning the by-pass through West Kelowna...that was 2 years ago?? Nothing has been done. I hope a decision is made soon before the land required for interchanges / changes is no longer available and the impact on people / businesses will be two-fold what it is now. Thanks!

Too Many Cars - The problem is NOT 'not enough roads'

We NEED LRT, More busses, and \$50 toll on the bridge to pay for it.

It is ridiculous to spend money on pavement that will have a useful life of 50 years instead of INVESTING in infrastructure that will last of hundreds of years.

too many cars for the type of road system of traffic lights at every cross road, increasing lanes of the road just expands the parking at each traffic light, does not move the traffic. Instead a simple overpass at the main crossings with frontage roads would be ideal to connect across the main road. Thru Kelowna a raised road of 4 lanes from the bridge dropping to 2 lanes after Highway 33 junction,{- since most surveys show that only 2% of traffic goes beyond Kelowna-} with maybe 4 on and off ramps thru to the airport and let the traffic in town use existing system. The bridge can handle the traffic for many years if the traffic flows instead of stopping a every intersection into and out of Kelowna to the westside

Too many cars. Too many personal trucks.

too many lights on the main highway causing traffic to back up. often it takes much longer to get home with all alternate routes backed up as well

Too many stop lights along highway 97 in west kelowna heading into Kelowna. Traffic congests not from too many cars but too many stops along the way. Need overpasses.

Too many stop lights on hwy 97.

too many stop lights, need a bypass road

We try to combine trips to reduce travel but transit is not frequent enough in our area to make it a viable option- when in Vancouver or Portland I usually take transit everywhere

Too many traffic lights on Hwy 97 in the Westbank area, streets crossing Hwy 97 should be change to right turn only as was done at Grizzly Road and Bering Rd., right-turn only on Old Okanagan, Hoskins and Hebert, leave only Brown Rd and Elliott Rd as through roads. Improve Brown and Elliott where they have not been upgraded. Reduce the highway noise pollution by installing sound barrier walls wherever the speed is >60kph.

Too many traffic lights, Shannon Lake road 3 way stop at Bartley is ridiculous. West Kelowna has the worst traffic!

Too much traffic across the bridge to Kelowna, especially at peak hours.

City is not walkable or conducive to cycling.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

Too much traffic and not enough traffic flow. Building all of the condos/high density housing and the rest of the valleys infrastructure cannot keep up. Add the massive amounts of tourists on top of that and it makes summer time very difficult to drive around the valley

Too much traffic on hi-way 97. Need over passes and less lights. Act fast, cause it will only get worse.

Traffic

Traffic

Traffic

Traffic and back-ups at traffic signal intersections. (The left turn at Hudson heading south on 97 is especially annoying since the turning lane is often unavailable due to backed up traffic in the left (fast) lane. There are very few other through roads through West Kelowna which exacerbates this situation.

Traffic and poorly designed road system. Lack of limited access thoroughfare

Traffic back up in the morning going north and afternoon going south. It can take anywhere from 25 min to 45 min to get in or out of Kelowna. The west side needs over or under passes not lights. Lights cause accidents because everyone is in a hurry. Under pass and over pass won't hold up traffic, it may slow at times but it will still flow.

Traffic backed up most of the day on Highway 97 between West Kelowna and Kelowna.

Traffic backup in West Kelowna and on over the bridge.

Traffic backup on bridge hill coming from Kelowna due to lack of efficient interchange at Boucherie.

Traffic coming across the bridge from West Kelowna to Kelowna and returning at the end of the day. Congestion builds up quickly

traffic congestion

Traffic congestion

Traffic congestion after bridge into west Kelowna coming off 3 lanes into 2 lanes.

Overall bridge traffic

Traffic congestion at all times of the day in the Okanagan - especially travelling Hwy 97N from Kelowna to West Kelowna in the PM and from the West Kelowna to Kelowna in the AM

Traffic congestion at peak times daily and at summer time. Excessive speeding and unsafe driving

Traffic congestion from West Kelowna to Kelowna

Traffic congestion is a major flaw in Okanagan infrastructure

Traffic congestion on hwy 97 especially between Ross road and Kelowna

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

-Traffic congestion on Hwy 97 through West Kelowna and into Kelowna.

-Lack of interchanges at major intersections in West Kelowna.

-Additional four-laning required for Hwy 97 south of Peachland.

Traffic congestion on major routes

Traffic congestion, and lack of planning, and/or lack of communicating a plan for the future of traffic infrastructure development.

Traffic congestion, not safe for bike travel, few alternatives (bus service is insufficient)

Traffic Congestion, One Bridge and too many lights, not enough under/over passes.

Traffic congestion.

Traffic density across the William R Bennett Bridge.

Traffic during peak times. Need better flow of it and lights

Traffic flow on Harvey. Lack of coordination of the lights

Traffic getting into Kelowna in the morning and back to West Kelowna in the afternoon

Traffic going to Kelowna is insane every single morning...there is no need for an accident or for a first snow. You are always stuck regardless...We need wider roads and less traffic lights in ht HWY (other measures should be implemented). Our community deserves it.

Traffic heavy during tourist season only one way to get into Kelowna for appointments and work.

Traffic is heavy

Traffic jams during rush hour to and from work. Very frustrating.

Traffic Lights

Traffic Lights not coordinated; lack of second crossing to kelowna; potholes; lack of road markings(worn out) pedestrians crossing hiways in unmarked area (great danger)

Traffic lights on Highway 97 backing up traffic

Traffic lights on Hwy 97 in Kelowna and West Kelowna

Traffic lights on the Westside- only one way in and out via Highway 97 and the bridge and constantly sitting in traffic bumper to bumper commuting to/from Kelowna.

Traffic on bridge. Need better flow to Kelowna. Sometimes can take over an hour to get to work just for a minor traffic problem plus too many commercial vehicles during rush hour traffic flow. Should have designated times or put in another crossing for straight traffic flow.

Traffic on Highway 97

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

Traffic on Highway 97 in West Kelowna

Traffic on the west side of the Bennett bridge around 7am and 5pm

TRAFFIC ON THE WEST SIDE RIGHT BEFORE THE BRIDGE (STARTING 2 LIGHTS BEFORE)

Traffic problems in West Kelowna between Daimler and the W.A.C. Bennett Bridge along Hwy 97 almost any time of the day but especially during rush hours are adding lots of time to commutes. This has been especially bad in the last 2 years. We will definitely need a new bridge eventually connecting Kelowna and West Kelowna. Also Hwy 97 in West Kelowna should be 3 laned in both directions. Eventually bypassing the Westbank area will be needed also. There are way too many lights!!

Traffic very slow on highway 97 to enter bridge. There are too many lights on roads crossing highway.

Traffic volume and timing of traffic lights

Traffic, bridge traffic for us, i go that way quite a bit, well not quite a bit. I'm at least 3 trip for work related, at least a dozen trip there a back over of the course of a week.

Traffic. I drive truck for a living and heavy traffic contributes to adding an additional 10 to 20% to my average daily hours.

Transit is not viable from private residence.

Transportation has not kept up with the current population, never mind the future. Housing costs and rentals do not allow people to live close to their work place. Services are so spread out that it is hard to get to them without driving oneself.

transportation issue.

lack of a transit

Travel by bike a lot, so a lot of time the bike lanes have debris in them and should be swept more.

Travel through WEST KELOWNA is very back up at times lights are not in sink.

Travelling between home (West Kelowna) and Kelowna is a nightmare. Too many stop lights along the way. Traffic going through the last 2 lights before the Bridge is always very slow and almost a stand still during weekdays commute during rush hours. If there's an accident or a stalled car it's even worse. We should have flyovers like other growing cities. Also, some parts of the highway on 97 in West Kelowna is dark and no street lights which is dangerous if there is a cyclist/pedestrian on the road.

Travelling over the bridge during rush hour

Travelling over the bridge for work. I was able to adjust my times to avoid peak travel time but my husband is not. The traffic on the way to work and home is bumper to bumper if I do not get on the highway before 7:15. I always get into traffic on the way home but is 10 minutes faster if I leave work before 4

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

Travelling to West Kelowna from Kelowna during peak times (6-8:30am & 3:30-5:30pm) is difficult downtown with the number of traffic lights concentrated close together (Ethel st to the WRB Bridge). Traffic on the bridge heading south moves well but becomes backed up again when the 3 lanes turns to two after the bridge. During peak season this is much worse. Peachland has only two lanes of traffic and it gets backed up during the summer, especially on long weekends all the way up drought hill into west kelowna.

Unreliable transit service

vehicle congestion lack of bus service to Upper Sundance dr.
only one entry and exit to Upper Sundance dr.

Volume is horrible. The light timing is horrible. For a good portion of the year it takes forever to get home to the Westside as the lights at Hudson and Highway 97 are constantly changing. Commuters are using Boucherie Road as their highway. There needs to be an overpass at both Boucherie and Hudson Road. Secondary roads would be useful as it would take away the volume. Of course a second bridge crossing would also be helpful but I understand that it is in the planning in the future.

The volume on Enterprise Road, Springfield Road and Harvey Avenue are chocking. There needs to be a way for the people in the Mission to bypass going right through town.

Going through Westbank is a nightmare with the narrow little streets and constant lights. In the summer I avoid it at all costs.

-Volume of traffic on the roads. I see many vehicles with only one person in it. Carpooling and encouragement for people to use public transit could help alleviate this.

-The worst congestion occurs on Hwy 97 between Westbank and Kelowna, I believe

Volume on bridge at rush hours

Waiting for Boucherie Road work to be completed. Adds time and distance to any automobile trip I take to West Bank.

We both drive into Kelowna for work (Although, I am currently on Maternity Leave). After work, traffic is always heavy from the Bridge to the Westlake Rd Intersection. This adds a significant amount of time to our commutes.

We have no public transportation it is very embarrassing really. We live in a very nice community and pay high property taxes and have no bus route. My children have no way to get anywhere other than us driving them. Whether it be to sports which they play many or to see friends or to school.

We just moved here, and don't know yet. There is a bus-stop right by our back yard, so looking forward to exploring!

We live in a 55 gated community and there is no public transportation for some of the seniors.

We need a second bridge across the lake and a Westbank bypass for hwy 97.

We NEED bus service to YLW from West Kelowna. I don't understand how we have a 'world class airport', but no good public transport to it!!!!!!

We need more EV charging stations and more bike lanes...ev vehicles should get free parking for more than just a year (Kelowna)

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

West Kelowna Residents

We need more overpasses in West Kelowna at Boucherie Rd and Hudson/Westlake Rd.
We need 3 lanes inbound to Kelowna.

we need overpasses on hi way to alleviate traffic congestion and traffic lights need to be timed better so you don't have to stop at every traffic light

We need proper ring roads to get into or through Kelowna without hitting every red light on the way to the airport. Also, speed limits should be increased on the main stretch through Kelowna. It is extremely challenging to get into or through Kelowna at peak times. Also, West Kelowna is jam packed at various locations which bottleneck. Please bring back a second bridge for when traffic is grid locked due to accidents. Think realistically when planning! Also, the roundabout at Butt Rd West Kelowna, is consistently backing up the roundabout due to high volumes of traffic trying to get through the lights! Please address these issues!

We tried taking buses a few years ago and they did not run on time, there was no schedule that we could find or buses do not follow one?...The big challenge in mass transportation is geography with our big hills. How can we have a train or tramway like in Europe? Or a subway? The big bridge hill is impossible for cyclists. We need bright young minds to figure this one for the future...

West K is very scary to bike. There are very few bike lanes (even to the schools), they are often in poor condition (potholed or covered in gravel), and bike lanes in this area are often discontinuous. The city needs to encourage biking by building useable bike lanes away and protected from traffic and enforce bylaws to keep bike lanes clean and useable and the RCMP needs to ticket drivers that drive too close to cyclists.
West K has very few sidewalks. The city needs to focus on building pedestrian infrastructure.

When driving to Kelowna, the left lane is always occupied by parallel drivers, who seem oblivious to the rules of the highway, keep right except to pass. Also, I like traffic circles however many people have no idea how to properly navigate them.

Why are there not any walking routes through neighbourhoods in Glenrosa? Example, when a new subdivision is put in there are no walking paths between streets. All pedestrians are forced to walk on the roads where there is not usually a sidewalk or proper lighting. I came from Saskatoon where you could walk or bicycle throughout an entire neighbourhood without entering on to a major road. Safe for all adults and kids. The new subdivision at the end of Ranch Road appears not to have any walk-through paths...once again putting people on the street. Another example of putting developers before the community. Shame on you.

Winter time with snow, the lack of snow maintenance on Gellatly Road South.

With so many aggressive drivers, there's too many accidents in BC. It's quite difficult to get to Washingtonian without aggressive drivers causing accidents. Larger vehicles are falling victim to the larger trucks. 120 down to the snow shed with the mixed vehicles is too dangerous to be 120km/hr. I'm 75 and an ex logger, and things are a lot more dangerous now. They don't know where they're going but they're in a hurry to get there.

Duck Lake Residents

48 Comments made by Duck Lake Residents:

1. Enough affordable/available transportation for the Senior Citizens, directly to their homes (HandiDart is a very busy service! - Taxis are NOT affordable)
2. More regular Bus service times from UBCO to Lake Country - all year, not just during the 'School months' - UBCO is in session all year now, and is a full-time community, as is Lake Country, which is growing exponentially. * Look how Langley and other regions of the GVRD exploded with population and development. Lake Country & Ellison are not far behind*

1. Glenmore Rd/Beaver Lake Rd and Hwy 97 intersection NEEDS to be addressed.
2. There should be sidewalks and street lights along Bottom Wood Lake Rd in front the the arena. Many children walk this route to and from work each day.
3. There needs to be a safe walking route for people who live at Creek Run and Turtle Lodges. Having kids walk along Hwy 97 is not safe, nor is having them walk along the rail trail in the dark. And none of the kids in this area qualify for the school bus.

97 Highway Through Vernon and Kelowna. Transportation through these 2 cities is controlled by Traffic lights only!! This creates huge traffic gridlocks especially in the summer. There is only 2 overpasses from Vernon to Westbank. intersections such as Sexsmith, Dilworth, Spall and others should have overpasses to help with this. In addition to all of this the trucking industry has to use 97 highway also, which adds a huge risk for gridlocks and accidents. The addition of bypass's for Vernon and for Kelowna is something that should have been done years ago. By not having the Political will then and now The traffic situation for these two cities is at peril for huge issues. Try to visualize an accident including a truck transporting gasoline rupturing at Dilworth and 97 highway!!!! THINK ABOUT THIS!!!

Access to bus routs to Kelowna Vernon and Vancouver.
Any bus is 1 km walk from home and back.
And seniors need to feel comfortable and safe on public transport.

affordable and reliable public transit

build a contour road around Kelowna. eventually build another bridge, put signage on pavement of HOV lane so no cars with only one passenger uses it (enforce this rule with fines) have more buses available with more routes and parking at bus exchanges

Bus access on Hwy 97 a mile away and is difficult to get any service to Lake Country specifically on Commonwealth Rd. To avoid a long walk to the bus connection and the bus to go south takes forever. An hour to make a trip as I have to change buses at UBCO and would have to rely on friends as I need transportation twice a week.

Bus service is not convenient as we would have to walk to highway to catch a transit bus (about 15 min walk)

Bus stop 1 km away for seniors and workers

Condition of Beaver Lake rd hill. Need more winter maintenance on Jim Bailey Road in the winter. The traffic volume has doubled in the last few years. Usually an ice rink in the winter.

Thank you

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Duck Lake Residents

congestion

Congestion on the roads

cost of operating a vehicle. insurance/fuel/upkeep

Delays in advance light left hand turns. Improper merging.

Grey Hound Bus Service

Having enough buses in out lying areas running more often.

I try to walk or take a bicycle in the summer. I do not like driving, especially in downtown Kelowna. The motorists there are rude and inconsiderate. They are impatient and heavy on the gas pedal. They constantly honk at motorists that are from another province, won't speed or run yellow lights, slow down for pedestrians etc. I am retired from a job where I drove in numerous cities across Western Canada. Kelowna has the worst drivers and I avoid going there. I'll go to Vernon instead.

If there was a bus that came down Commonwealth Road, my neighbor would take it a lot, I would take it sometimes, and there are many other people in our building and the nearby trailer park who would take it as well. It would be very beneficial to this community.

Intersection of Glenmore Rd and Hwy 97

Lack of bus service/ bus stops

Harvey Ave, way too busy!!

Lack of continuous routes. Too much stop start Red Lights. At times you wait through more than one light to go through an intersection. Advance greens are poorly planned and managed

lack of public transit to more remote locations

lack of through road in Kelowna as 97 is so very congested

Live in a mainly Retirement community. Many people have mobility problems.

Require reliable transportation from our location.

Lots of traffic on Hwy 97 from Kelowna to Lake Country. The speed limit from Commonwealth Rd to Lake Country on Hwy 97 is too fast. The speed limit is 90kmh, but that is easily surpassed. The speed limit in Winfield is 50kmh, but everyone drives well over that. I have seen no radar speed traps set up on Hwy 97 in Winfield in the past year.

No public transit on Commonwealth

not having side walks

Parking down town

Parking, drivers speeding

Poor bus service in my area

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Duck Lake Residents

Poor public transport and poor bike lanes/trails north of UBCO

public transit to lake country is horrible. wait times are awful and busses do not connect correctly.

reducing urban sprawl into far-flung hillside communities and the subsequent degradation of existing road networks not designed for increased traffic loads. Inadequate mass transportation infrastructure (more buses).

Suck it up, increase taxes, increase developer fees...

oh yeah, pathetic driving skills, I mean really, a roundabout is not a nuclear reactor nor a medieval torture device, and yet...

Seniors travel and heavy traffic

The corner of Beaver Lake Road and highway 97 where Glenmore traffic is funneled into traffic is impossible especially at peak travel times. Williams Road in Lake Country is a disgrace .

The cost of putting my kids on the school bus.

There is only one way in or one way out... it is light industrial combined with residential. At certain times of day (ie 3-4pm) the line of cars on Beaver Lake Road can exceed a kilometer for access onto Hwy 97 creating gridlock. A secondary (passenger vehicle only) access needs to be created at the south end of Jim Bailey Road and Commonwealth Road.

Too many cars with just 1 person in the vehicle.

Too many traffic lights on Hwy 97.

Traffic congestion at Hwy 97 and Beaver Lake Road

Traffic is heavy and people drive like idiots. No bus service available close by.

Traffic volume, not enough left turn arrows. HOV lane should be outside lane,

Traffic. I rarely go to town- Kelowna because of the highway traffic and duration it takes to get there. The City council should have made a bypass for traffic NOT through town. They complain about congestion and emissions and yet with the enlargement of widening of the hwy to town has only created greater emissions and stop times. Not the sharpest pencils in the drawer imo. Further more I will NEVER purchase an electric car etc., until the electric rates come way down. Gas usage is minimal for me. The new rail trail would have been of more efficient use had they kept it as a rail but for travel from Vernon to Kelowna.

Transit bus does not come down Commonwealth Road. There are hundred of people in this gated community and across the road. One bus stop could take care of those who do not want to walk out to the highway. We could take a golf cart to the main entrance then board the bus.

Travelling on the highways in the Okanagan region is getting very dangerous for safe courteous drivers as it seems the majority of road users have no idea about rules of the road for driving in BC. and the lack of sufficient enforcement is a major issue !!!

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Duck Lake Residents

Very crowded road conditions at certain times of the day. We live on Hwy 97 between Commonwealth and Beaver Lake roads, and often especially during morning/evening rush hour, one has to wait 10 minutes or more to get onto highway 97, if one wishes to make a left hand turn off of Beaver Lake road to Main St. in Lake Country, the wait can be just as long and quite dangerous as vehicles have to line up to make that turn and thereby block traffic.

Very dangerous to pull out into traffic onto the busy highway, as there is no traffic light.

Volume of traffic, lack of route choices

WFN (Tsinstikeptum 9 + 10) Residents

118 Comments made by WFN (Tsinstikeptum 9 + 10) Residents:

A reliable, on schedule , frequent
97 route and more feeder buses

Access - getting on Highway 97 with heavy traffic which is most times of the day now.

Access in and out of my neighborhood, Sonoma Pines Subdivision. Busy intersection at Carrington Rd and Butt Rd. It is currently a two way stop which some people treat as a four way stop or perform illegal u-turns to get back to Hwy 97. A four way stop is in the planning stage however taking a long time. I feel that a 'round-a-bout' would be a better solution. |

Accessibility and reliability. We would both use public transportation if it was reliable and accessible. We would both ride our bikes, but we don't feel safe on the roads.

At Carrington and Hwy 97 traffic is busy and speeds are exceeded and lights should go in there probably.

better road access

Bottleneck on the bridge to Kelowna and approaches.

Bridge and heavy traffic at peak times in west Kelowna.

Have to use cars as closest bus to Kelowna is 30 minute walk from our townhome

Bussing takes so much time...walk to is 30 minutes

Trip to Kelowna is 20-30 minutes

And return to home is 30 minute walk

Let alone waiting for bus

bridge traffic

Bridge traffic in Kelowna and traffic congestion on Hwy 97. Plus we must address greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles ASAP, and spur adoption of hydrogen fuel cell and battery powered vehicles (both personal and commercial) through incentives and other government policies.

bridge traffic is awful. getting stuck at stop signs at elk road and carrington. major congestion

Bus is not accessible, no bicycle lanes - unsafe for cyclists in general

Bus routes down Carrington Road are not frequent enough. There are now many seniors living in this area (and more coming up) who need more reliable transportation. It is a bit difficult to get to many parts of West Kelowna on the bus. The 97 Express bus is awesome for trips into Kelowna! Thanks for adding that.

Bus routes that get you to your destination in less then an hour or two, when you can drive there in 10 or 15 minutes. People are not going to take busses when they have to leave 2 hours early to reach their destination on time.

Bus routing is not properly connected and not enough buses, encourage people to use public transport and become more active.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

WFN (Tsinstikeptum 9 + 10) Residents

Bus service

Bus service closer to our home location and proximity to YLW.

Buses should run more frequently on holidays, stores ARE open and people DO work on holidays!!
Bennet bridge should be 6 lanes !! Who ever approved 5 lanes is stupid. Always congested at Campbell Rd merge.
If ever an evacuation needed people would be screwed. COK doesn't care tho.
As it is an accident on the bridge ties up traffic for hours!! One day took me hour and half for 10 minute bus ride!! Also Boucherie/97 intersection must change! ALWAYS backed up northbound in morning!
Reverse lane signage should return . OR second crossing needed. City of Kelowna DOESN'T CARE!!
Kelowna sure is beautiful to visit but fn sucks getting around when you live here.

congested traffic on highway 97 at peak times

Congested Traffic on Hwy97 in West Kelowna.

Congestion over the bridge at peak travel times

congestion,no bypass for Kelowna/west kelowna

convenient public transportation

COST.. The cost of insurance, especially for secondary vehicle,, now as a second driver on other household vehicle is getting very costly .. yet one has to have a vehicle especially in order to get from Westbank into Kelowna.

Crime. Minor teenager stealing items from vehicles.

Crossing Carrington

Crossing highway (dobbin rd and Main st section). Green lights not long enough- particularly Brown rd.

CROSSING THE BRIDGE INTO KELOWNA WHEN THERES AN ACCIDENT ON THE BRIDGE

Distances between residences and bus stops. I take the bus to the nearest stop, and then someone needs to come and pick me up because it would otherwise be a long and painful walk.

Excessive traffic on roads never designed or upgraded to handle those volumes.
The root cause is development with total disregard to resulting traffic increase.

Getting in an out of our sub-division.

We have to cross Carrington Road.

Getting across Carrington, using Butt Road is extremely dangerous.

There should be a 4 way stop sign set up.

high traffic volume on highway #97 due to all the side road traffic lights not being timed properly. There needs to be something done about this very soon. Or put in overpasses along the way.

Highway 97 getting on and off it and trying to go left or right. Sometimes you can only go one way.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

WFN (Tsinstikeptum 9 + 10) Residents

Highway congestion between the lights from Ross rd to the last light before the bridge. Also if any accident occurs on the bridge everyone is late for work.

Highway delays caused by poor planning (long range) of elimination of traffic lights I.e. Peachland Westbank and Kelowna

Hwy 97, traffic on it is ridiculous, Drought Hill has only got two lands and it's bumper to bumper for hours on end, particularly during the summer.

I am retired so I do not have any real issues with transportation in my area. But occasionally will go into Kelowna and a second crossing of the lake would be a wonderful alternative

I don't really know. Our car is our main transportation, except for Handi Dart for our son. Husband has Parkinson's so I imagine that Handi Dart or wheel chair accessible taxi will be in our future.

I think transportation is a massive hurdle for the Central Okanagan. The traffic and lack of viable options for most travel/commute is horrendous. I would applaud a switch to a train (i.e. sky train) based system as I feel the ridership to travel from Penticton to Vernon would be very high. With the current projection for climate change is clearly showing our community's lack of interest is being a part of the solution and lack of imagination in regards to solid solutions for the current issues we face today.

I time my trips so that I don't have to wait to catch the bus back. If I have too much I call a cab rather than take the bus.

Kelowna needs more left turn signals

Lack of adequate roadways through West Kelowna during peak times, creating traffic congestion.

lack of enough busses

Lack of frequent public transit services and routes between the West side and Kelowna, particularly in the early morning and late at night.

Lack of sidewalks and poor lighting throughout Westbank / West Kelowna area.

Lack of sidewalks throughout West Kelowna

Lack of sidewalks. It is unacceptable that a city of this size not provide something as basic and essential as a sidewalk which would allow those of us who choose to walk to get to our destination safely, without constantly having to scuttle across the road and walk in the ditch for fear of being clipped by a distracted driver. Having appropriate infrastructure in place would encourage people to use alternative means to get from one place to another. This would allow people to exercise, save money, improve their health, and decrease the amount of circulating traffic.

As well, protected bike lanes need to be built for cars to respect the right and safety of cyclists. The general attitude in Kelowna and West Kelowna is that cars are the priority and cyclists are a nuisance. By building more bike lanes, cyclists would have a safer passage and as well, would have firm guidelines to abide by, creating an ambient of equal rights and equal responsibilities on the roads.

Lack of taxi service after 11PM

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

WFN (Tsinstikeptum 9 + 10) Residents

Lack of traffic control at busy residential/light commercial roads. With only stop signs on one set of roads, the build up of cars waiting to cross the busy road becomes extensive making some drivers feel obligated to cross or enter the traffic when it is not really safe, often causing bad accidents.

Lack of transit for West Kelowna

Daily traffic over the W Bennett Bridge

Lots of development and growing population, not enough development of roads and walkways to handle increase in traffic

Managing rush hour traffic from West Kelowna to Kelowna and vice versa.

MOTi must solve the problem of HWY 97 traffic into Kelowna - if they are going to proceed with the trench to Spall get on and do it, relieving the very long waits will allow many other traffic issues to be resolved, short cutting on Boucherie for example

My issue with travel, we go to Hong Kong. we returned on Sunday, I was floored by customs, it took an hour and a half, people down there don't have a clue what their doing. Coming through Vancouver, 800-1000 people trying to get through security, they have to go through a security agent there was 3 security agents, it was a joke, so many people were angry and I absolutely hear them. The other thing, we have to get luggage, two plans coming in on one carrel, it was just awful, I don't know what the hell is going on down there, my husband and I go to Hong Kong once a year and we've never experienced that it was incredible. I'm' not even 5 feet, mine was on top of a box, I was struggling, and a fellow helped me, if it wasn't for him I wouldn't have been able to get it. So I was a little pissed off when I got home, they think they can do it better, but they don't go through there, Vancouver is a busy airport. Otherwise it's not bad.

Navigating the intersection at Sonoma Pines Dr. and Carrington

No bus service near my place.

not enough options for public transit.

not enough sidewalks on busy roads for walking or riding bikes

Not enough weekend service; no extended weekday evening hours

Only Challenge is the Bennett Bridge getting into Kelowna

Only one bridge to Kelowna which is the main highway north and south - too many large semi-trucks on the route.

people driving too fast-

please sync the traffic lights along Hwy 97
Kelowna needs a second crossing badly

Poor highway design too many lights

Poor highway infrastructure; alternate route should have been decided decades ago.

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Public Transportation

Summer traffic volume on the 4 lane portions of Hwy 97 during rush hour periods between West Kelowna and Kelowna

That a city bus is unavailable to me at this time of day. Therefore I must drive. I have no other choice

the bridge

The bridge and the congestion, it is a night mare. The traffic comes from Sena Road and you have to yield as you come around the curve, they merging, your coming down the bridge and you have to watch for the merging traffic. That is a bad spot. Especially with the congestion on the west side, people wheel around to avoid the traffic, rather than continuing on the highway 97 north. There is nothing to control the traffic and it causes a problem, a lot of congestion. IT is worse in rush hour, we make our appointments around the congestion times.

The bridge between west Kelowna and Kelowna is dangerous because people travel at erratic speeds. The 'HOV' lane through Kelowna is ridiculous, it should be the inside lane as people travel in the HOV lane and turn, and almost everyone travels in this lane alone - I suppose they would say they were turning if they were ever questioned. Stupid design and planning!!

the bridge, no bicycle paths and to much traffic through west bank

The building of the second crossing of the lake near Knox mountain. This is where the engineers had wanted to build the bridge in 1958, but a certain somebody nixed that plan and had it built where it is today. As a result of that greediness, we have endured years and years of terrible traffic through Kelowna. This problem would never have happened if the bridge was built in the correct place in 1958. No one ever reports on this because it would involve well-known Kelowna families.

The congestion just past the bridge by rose valley on the highway

The couplet in Westbank

Boucherie Road is used as a main highway yet they built the wine trail. It should be 4 laned instead if they are not going to upgrade Highway 97.

We need another bridge

We need more overpasses

The criminal aspect of people not obeying the rules of the road is awful!

The elimination of traffic lights along HWY 97 from Kelowna to Westbank city center.

THE HUDSON CRAWL, the traffic is horrible at certain times of the day, the community needs to address that traffic congestion that occurs each day

The only issue I encounter is traffic congestion going across the bridge from West Kelowna into Kelowna and then the slow moving traffic on Highway 97 going through Kelowna to the airport.

The road system in west kelowna/westbank has not kept pace with the growth in people moving into the area

The sheer volume of traffic. We retired here to get away from all that. Every year, the traffic is worse and worse.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

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The traffic lights on the west Kelowna side heading down 97 highway toward Kelowna really stop the traffic from advancing in a timely manner

The West Kelowna Kelowna bridge. The traffic during rush hours is terrible. If there an accident the traffic stops for a couple of hours and then you have to go all the way around the lake which is a long drive and then you have drive back from Kelowna to Vernon. It is crazy.

There is a bad intersections at Carrington and Sonoma pines drive

There is a lack of alternate routes between destinations resulting in excessive traffic especially during peak hours. The lights on highway 97 in Kelowna and from Boucherie Road to Westbank are not coordinated to maximize traffic flow, ie required to stop at every light. There are too many traffic lights, the intersections in Kelowna on highway 97 need to be reduced to cross traffic, also there is a distinct need for overpasses between the bridge and Westbank. The transit from the west side of the bridge is not efficient and consequently not a viable alternative. The city is small but growing, the transportation flow has not changed or improved appreciably in the last 3 decades.

There is no alternate route to Kelowna in event of emergency over the Bennet Bridge, i.e. Kelowna General Hospital or Kelowna Airport.

thickening traffic which adds to the waste of time and fuel each day

To get around the community in all weather conditions, the most practical method is still by car or other personal vehicle. Public transport (bus) does not work for me due to hot summers or cold winters here. Although I like to bike, I transport my bike by car then cycle in areas that are more conducive to biking as too dangerous on highway. Lack of sidewalks and cars parked on road shoulders is not pedestrian-friendly.

Too many lights along Hwy.97

Traffic

traffic across the bridge at rush hour

how long it takes for one family member to walk to the bus, and take it to east Kelowna for work... he spends at least 3 hours going to and from work for a 4 or 6 hour shift.

Traffic backing up due to timing of lights on highway

Traffic Congestion

Traffic congestion

traffic congestion

traffic congestion

Traffic congestion on Highway 97 heading into West Kelowna. This is a common occurrence around 3:00 pm onward.

Traffic congestion through Westbank especially Highway 97 increasingly getting worse every year. Planning has to be seriously started to help this situation.

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Traffic flow in and out of Kelowna over the bridge at peak times

Traffic in West Kelowna, specifically between the bridge and Bartley Rd. More overpasses could solve some of these issues.

Traffic is very congested at times and in key locations. So many solo drivers...some carpool incentives would be amazing.

Traffic pinch points (congestion areas)

Traffic to get onto the bridge, timing of intersection lights surrounding bridge on the Westside in both directions (even when driving the speed limit cars end up stopped at every light causing speeding and delays), lack of sidewalks, not enough buses.

Traffic volume. No alternatives for travel. Buses do not start earlier enough.

transportation for seniors that are unable to drive

Traveling across the bridge back to west Kelowna...backs up

Traveling across the Bridge to get into Kelowna. With one only access road and the drivers of today that are in such a hurry to get nowhere while sitting in a line of traffic that is not moving is very frustrating. IF THERE IS MEDICAL appointments you can not be sure that you will get there on time.

Traveling on Hwy 97 between Peachland & Kelowna it is most frustrating stopping at all of lights along the way which causes traffic to back up. My wife & I are retired & do not go onto Hwy 97 between 7:00 AM & 9:30 AM & between 3:30 PM & 6:00 PM due to the bottleneck of traffic caused by too many lights. Start putting in overpasses at all of the intersections. Having just 2 lanes of traffic going into Kelowna over the bridge is ridiculous & needs to be addressed!!!

Travelling the William Bennett bridge

Truck traffic on 97

Turning onto Carrington Rd is a nightmare. Too many people, and better traffic control in intersections.

Volume of traffic stopped at traffic lights at peak times.

Volume on Highway 97 has increased materially over the past 2-3 years (primarily in the West Kelowna region into Kelowna). Traffic patterns at controlled lights seem to be the largest contributor to volume issues in the morning/afternoon. If there was a means of introducing more dynamic merging vs. 4-way traffic lights it may aid in the flow of highway traffic. Continued development/population increases in West Kelowna will only exacerbate the traffic volume in the mornings/afternoons if the controlled intersections are not adjusted/amended.

We live in Sonoma Pines, Westbank. We were to get a 4 way stop at Butt Road and Carrington Road this summer because of the volume of traffic, has not been done as of yet.

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We need interchanges/overpasses at all major intersections with Highway 97 from at least Grizzly right to Westside Road. The bridge is not the problem. Accidents at prior intersections are the problem. No one can fix the gridlock at Abbott.

Fix the bussing system. No one uses it because no one can rely on it unless you are a straight shot on the 97c. I lived in Glenrosa for 20 years. I feel very sad and sorry for people who have no other mode of transportation. The current connections from the 97 into the developments (Peachland/Glenrosa/ Smith Creek etc.) is abusive

When travelling to and from work I find that the group of vehicles have to stop at most lights and traffic keeps on piling up. Why aren't there any overpasses????

Wish they would install the promised 4 way stop (supposed to happen July 2018 but never did) at Carrington and Sonoma Pines Drive. Very busy intersection because Elk Road does not have a left turn entry onto Hwy 97 so everyone turns left onto Carrington, then right at Sonoma Pines to get to the highway making it near impossible to cross Carrington Road from Sonoma Pines Drive. Summer is even more of a nightmare. They keep building more condos, etc. but not more roads! That particular intersection is very dangerous. Many near-misses and several accidents as well.

Work commute is unbelievably [poor]. Traffic is soooo slow and congested. Be nice if there was another route and maybe look into timing of traffic lights. Ty.

Vernon Residents

533 Comments made by Vernon Residents:

- as a family we do not feel safe/confident riding bikes alongside traffic - would like too, but it causes great anxiety - especially thinking of children crossing multiple busy roads to get to school each day independently.
- urban spread
- OK

- The bus transit system in Vernon seem to be separated into too many different routes. I get that this is necessary in bigger cities but in Vernon, where we can be on the other side of town within 10 minutes by car, why would we bother taking a first bus

1) Not enough options for group transit to work destinations. Vernon could use more/better public bus routes available.

2) Not enough safe biking infrastructure in place (ie. barrier separated bike/walking lanes on Silver Star rd) and not enough education to drivers about how to share the road with a cyclist.

1. Safe bike lanes. Divided from vehicles. Where that is not possible bike lanes need to be VERY WELL MARKED as designated bike lanes. Also some consequence for vehicles parked in bike lanes. |

1. The city of Vernon working on (blocking) multiple main traffic arteries at one time. This year both 32nd Ave and 35 Ave was blocked forcing traffic onto 30th Ave. 2. Highway traffic with no by-pass option all funneling through 32nd Street. 3. Building bike lanes that are seldom used resulting in narrow dangerous lanes for vehicles.

1. Like it or not, narrowing of roads (Bernard Ave. And Kal Lake Rd) is ridiculous. We drive here. Busing is a non option.

2. Distjointed sidewalks around town are dangerous examples:

A. 33 St by the performing arts building just stops.

B. Walking north on Alexis Park the sidewalk stops and to continue walking pedestrians must cross the road and the automobile traffic rarely stops.

2. Sidewalks are poorly maintained in the winter downtown if you want to walk around to shop. Residential sidewalks may be fine however store fronts don't seem to be.

3. The highway maintenance on 32 St is incredibly bad to dangerous if walking to the Village Green Mall or into town. |

1. Should be commuter buses between downtown vernon to downtown kelowna for workers. The route through UBCO takes too long for commuter purposes. 2 my street downtown has no sidewalks and many of the existing sidewalks and transitions between sidewalks and roadways are cracked and not up to modern standards so my mom who is wheelchair dependant has had her wheels stuck in the cracks and has fallen out of her chair. The walking infrastructure needs improvement. A lot of tax funds are spent on bike paths which are not as well used as pedestrian sidewalks.

30th avenue too narrow and traffic backs up. Used to have more lanes, but they changed it a few years ago in order to make the sidewalks wider.

Downtown sidewalks need to be modified and repaired for those who use mobility aids. Some of them are rough and it makes mobility aids feel 'tippy' . Better snow removal so that people can get out of their vehicles without fear of falling on the piles of snow at the edge of the sidewalk.

Bicycles are dangerous on 30th avenue...for both cyclists and drivers...not sure what could be done about this. |

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

32nd street is always so busy and so is 27th Street so I usually take the back roads to get to my destinations. I use 15th Street often then cut down on appropriate avenue to get into town. Very few traffic lights with which to contend .

a lot of construction causes detours

A serious lack of safe routes to travel by bicycle. If there were safe paved trails away and separate from the roads that vehicles use I would commute by bicycle for many things. I will never ride my bike on the same road as vehicles. I have witnessed too many careless drivers and additionally there is just not enough room on roads for both bicycles and motorists for it to be a safe choice.

access to affordable transportation when people are unable to drive.

Access to Village Green Mall . . . main rear door for bus passengers is critical . . . not on the main street

Adding bike lanes no one uses and removing parking.

Aged and aging population, having accessible and timely public transportation.

All good

Anderson Way (out of the Superstore) there is no light at the intersection turning right after A & W and the town needs to address hazardous situations. Also, people need to regulate Pot Stores more, to not have as many as there are as it is a deterrent to non pot smokers to want to go downtown.

As a walker in this community, I find it very frustrating that sidewalks just end in the middle of nowhere and pedestrians are required to cross main roads multiple times to get to their destination. This is frustrating for able bodied people and treacherous for those in wheelchairs or pushing baby buggies. One example the sidewalk along 27th Street, in several locations disappears making it necessary to cross four to six lanes of traffic which is not safe for adults, much less children. In some cases one must walk on the road or in parking lots to get to the next stretch of sidewalk. This occurs all over town and if safety is an issue, this should be corrected before additions of bike lanes are put as priority.

As I previously lived in the UK I feel like we lack consistent bus schedules. They don't come very often. When I try to walk anywhere you feel like you are the only one walking on the streets as most streets are designed for vehicles not walkers

As we have 2 vehicles we have no transportation issues. It would be totally different if we relied on public transportation.

At this time of year it is that the bus does not go often enough and I have to pay on each leg and so I use the car to do my shopping

availability of bus routes/stops

BAD DRIVERS AND LINES ON ROADS VERY HARD TO SEE, IMPOSSIBLE IF IT IS RAINING

Bad drivers.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Bad drivers. They don't have a grid system in Vernon, so you have to memorize where you're going, but nothing can fix that, so not a very bad place to drive.

Bailey Road and Commonage Road poorly maintained and do not represent the value of the community and amenities at Predator Ridge and Sparkling Hills. The roads are poorly lined, rarely plowed and sanded in a timely fashion, poorly lit, no shoulder and very dangerous for bikes and auto traffic. Significant traffic and large vehicles use the roads. The roads are always in disrepair and both the Province and the City point at each other as neither want to undertake responsibility.

BC Transit allows passengers to stand on their buses that travel between Vernon and Kelowna at highway speeds.

BC Transit bus is very underused, Vernon is slowly becoming bicycle friendly

Because I can still drive myself, I do not a transportation issue. Perhaps in that note, the sometimes backlog in the area of London Drugs in Vernon can be an issue.

Better bus access to the Vernon Health Unit for clients attending appointments.

Better bus transportation.

Better maintenance of roads. We have gotten 2 blown tires from big pot holes. Very costly to replace tires. We also know of 4 others that have had the same problem

Better sanding of hilly areas when it snows. Particularly near stop signs!

Better transit system

Bicycle lanes and sidewalks. I appreciate the bike corridors being built throughout Vernon, let's make more of them!! I reside on East Hill in Vernon, it is completely unacceptable that some streets do not have sidewalks on every road (both sides). The catchment for Silver Star Elementary is very small and it is a 'walking school' (very limited bus use), the children need a safe way to walk home. There are too many children walking on streets that do not have sidewalks. In addition, it is difficult for those with mobility issues (this includes my 1 year old) that need a safe space to walk.

Bicycle lanes not connecting with each other to make it safer and easier for travelling all around town

Big and/or commercial trucks speeding.

Big hills limit bicycle use. There is a convenient bus route to work, but there is no incentive to take bus as it is an additional cost above a car.

Biggest challenge is the school buses putting in a huge fee for kids out of the catchment area including French immersion kids. Not fair to those families because there is only one set of schools that offers French immersion and the sd22 website clearly says French immersion families don't have catchment areas. Hence why we now drive our daughter to school. The public transit is also useless as it takes over an hour for her to get home from school which is ridiculous in such a small town.

bike riders not obeying road rules still driving own car, might have trouble getting to the bus

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

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Building a city bypass for hwy 97 so it goes around and not through the downtown. The pollution and congestion caused by this highway through the heart of the city is terrible. The pollution is very bad and makes it difficult to live in the city. This causes people to move out of the city and then commute back in for work, further compounding the traffic congestion. We need to build a livable community in Vernon, not one where people live outside and commute daily into a polluted, congested mess.

Bus access (limited routes and time), lack of bike lanes

Bus and safety , money is very important as well .

Bus availability

Bus availability and taxi after hours

Bus does not come to where i live

Bus fares have gone up from \$2 to \$2.50, I feel they should be \$2 again. I feel it's more of a financial budget for families to transport and the fare was better before.

Bus routes

Bus routes and times

Bus schedules are hard to read. Routes are very poorly planned. sidewalks are in deplorable condition. As a pedestrian in the city of Vernon there is no monitoring of sidewalks or crosswalks and I feel very unsafe in the crosswalks as to whether a vehicle will stop or not.

Bus scheduling, narrowing of streets

Bus service above Pleasant Valley Road.

Bus service frequency and the areas service is lacking.

bus service from city to city

Bus service that goes later - It's possible to take a bus to a movie, but not come home, even if I went to the early showing.

Bus stop not close enough to my home

Bus stop within walking distance

Bus stops to far away for disabled people not using help

Bus times are not convenient

Buses do not run often enough to be convenient and transfer times add huge amounts of time. For example, if I drive home from work it will take me ten minutes but if I take the bus (with one transfer) it will take me one and a half hours to get home.

Normally I start work at 7 am but cannot take the bus to get to work on time.

Bus travel routes and times

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Buses are not much of an option because a day like the one I reported (with several very small trips) would take hours to go by bus and minutes by car. Actually it would have been impossible to go by bus and do all that in a day. Perhaps if there were frequent small buses, it could be possible.

Buses don't run out here.

Busing needs to be less then every 30 min. Eg. Every 15min.

Better busing to other cities.

Earlier and later busing so more people can get to work when they do not have a car and would give more options for jobs a person can applie for.

Bussing. Especially to areas like ours that are further our of town and not on a public busing system.

carbon monoxide

challenges with winter driving conditions - roads require adequate plowing/sanding during winter conditions

Charging parents for school buses. When there are 4 children in the family this becomes more expensive than many families can afford, necessitating arrangements for other family members, if available, to drive them and pick them up from school

City buses are not a very frequently used service for most people I know, maybe because of the infrequency of buses to more rural areas or even anywhere just outside of the town. Just makes more sense to have a drivers license. There is only 1 taxi company here as well.

City Transit

Commanage Road from Bailey Road to Predator Ridge Community has no lines and no shoulders. In the winter time this road is often not ploughed on a timely basis and is very dangerous.

Commonage road is busy and dangerous especially with heavy bike use over the past year - road is many curves, too narrow and is a safety issue.

Commonage Road needs better maintenance (pot holes and edge of pavement drop to severe). Travel capacity on this road has increased substantially (between Predator and Vernon). Road shoulders on both sides of Commonage need to be made wider and upgraded.

Painted highway lines (centre and shoulder) on many Okanagan Highways are not painted or maintained properly. Often, especially if it is raining out, the lines are very difficult to see.

Community to community transportation

condition of roads - potholes

lack of safe bicycle lanes and narrow shoulders along Okanagan Landing Road

Congestion and delays on Hwy 97, the through route north/south caused by drivers who make left turns when it suits them regardless of the delays they cause and bedlam noise caused by modified exhausts on motorcycles,pickup trucks and small cars.

Congestion and getting cars off the road.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Congestion and inefficient traffic flows on Harvey Ave / 97 through Kelowna and West Kelowna.

Congestion during summer months and early morning and late afternoon.

Congestion on 32nd Street

Construction at times can make traffic difficult.

Construction delays due to poorly planned construction timelines throughout the City.

Construction during the day. Evening construction can be completed on many projects

Construction everywhere! Potholes. Some of the lights don't stay green for a long enough period of time, others stay green too long.

Construction this summer made trips more difficult as several main routes were closed at the same time. I recognize the need for infrastructure upkeep and repair but it seemed to be concentrated in an area that blocked alternate routes i.e. 32nd Avenue & 35th Avenue at the same time.

Continued support for public transit and for safe cycling infrastructure in my community, both of which I use to get to and from work and to shop.

Convincing people who are used to driving that taking the bus is easy, fun, environmentally-friendly and worthwhile!

Crosswalk at hospital on 32nd Ave (hwy 97) is unsafe. Would not cross if another option is available.
Daycare in town too difficult to find and not quality... hence needing to drive 5 km out of town as opposed to walking to work/daycare.

Cycle routes, I don't think it's very cycle friendly for people to cycle around, it's getting better, but...

Dealing with summer traffic along HWY 97.

Flashing lights for pedestrians should be placed at the crosswalk near Jubilee hospital because currently it is difficult to see people cross the street in the evening.

deer on the road/potholes
downtown parking

Density of summer traffic through the cities of Kelowna, Vernon and Enderby.

Difficult for us to ride our bikes to town due to topography of the area and lack of bike trail on Bella vista.
[Household member] would ride his bike to work, weather permitting if there was a designated bike lane on Bella vista and it was safer. Thanks so much.

Difficulty with smooth traffic flow when sidewalks are widened and road therefore becomes very narrow. Must be a challenge for emergency vehicles as well. Also, it cuts down on parking especially in the downtown area where fewer people now shop because of the malls; and the lack of more parking.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Direct transit from my neighborhood (Middleton Mtn) to downtown and back. To use transit for work, I would have to leave one hour early to go the long way around instead of a five minute car ride.

Distance and lack of buses

do not know of any - the bus stops right outside my building and I can drive anywhere I want in Vernon.

Don't have any

Downsize size of buses used for bus service and increase frequency.

downtown is too congested

Downtown road construction.

Driver inattention; speeding; running red & yellow lights; pedestrians & cyclists not obeying traffic laws; increasing congestion with road narrowing and the impact of increasing traffic on Hwy 97.

Driver speed and carelessness.

Drivers ignoring basic rules of the road

Speed Limits

Yellow lights

Red lights

Little or no enforcement of these rules

RCMP is either unable or unwilling to enforce the basic regulations

Drivers totally ignore traffic signs, crosswalks, speed limits and basically ALL traffic laws. It is extremely frustrating to drive in this city!!! My husband walks to and from work every day and frequently has close calls with drivers almost hitting him while in the crosswalk. THIS NEEDS TO BE REMEDIATED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE A CHILD IS KILLED!!!

Driving down 30th Avenue and/or trying to park on that street...reconstructed avenue is a disaster - widened the sidewalks and made the street too narrow. A total traffic nightmare driving through town.

Driving from Vernon to Kelowna during high traffic hours are very slow due to many people having to turn at major intersections but due to the limited number of lanes there are no turning lanes so that traffic can continue to flow. Example Turning Right off of Highway 97 on to Glenmore Road. Traffic can get backed up 2 blocks or more due to heavy traffic and numerous commercial vehicles. Second issue is too many commercial vehicles in the left lane that are trying to pass traffic but do not have the ability to pass that are slowing traffic further; to resolve this commercial vehicles on the highway between Vernon and Kelowna should be restricted to the right hand lane only!

Driving with the construction past main street.

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Vernon Residents

Due to the hilly terrain housing is spread out and roads are narrow making unsafe in most areas to travel other than motor vehicle. Would never put a young person on any roadway with a bike. Really am not a fan of painting a line on a road for bike lane and expecting everyone to be safe when you have 1 ton vehicles travelling beside a 150lb person. Mistakes ALWAYS happen. Also those same roads become clogged easily due to increasing volume of traffic. This will be a continual increasing problem going forward as our population everywhere increases. As new subdivisions get built up standards should be put in place to either have walking/biking path in separate area as roadways or at minimum have a barrier between them. Good Luck. I get the problem.

Empty large buses but poor transportation coverage.

Encouraging folks to utilize public transportation.

Ensuring safe flow of traffic, reducing road closures, construction zones and impeding traffic flow with social engineering projects (ie: why is the bike lane on Kal Lake Rd wider than the driving lane?). The redesigned intersection at 11th Ave and Kal Lake is a disaster waiting to happen. Two trucks can barely pass each other the left turn lane off Kal Lake is ridiculously small but the bike lane is wide enough for a semi truck..? There is going to be a bad accident there when some big truck trying to carry on down Kal Lake Rd hits a stopped vehicle waiting to turn left and pushes that person into oncoming traffic.

How many times do those intersections on 27th St have to be dug up and repaved? Sure hoping this new mayor and council start tightening the screws on some of these 'projects'. I think the contractors are ripping off the city. Road works needs to be done but it seems some of these jobs either never end or get re-done and re-done using the 'never ending' supply of taxpayer dollars...

Everyone is speeding like a madman in the morning from Vernon to Kelowna and back home there's usually traffic jams on the way back in Kelowna and then again in Lake Country.

Excessive speed limit on Highway 97 from 48th Avenue northbound - it is currently 90 kph but should be only 70 kph. It is ridiculous!

Some street and avenue signs are too small and are never in the same place ie. some are on posts while others are hung from wires, et cetera. The fact that they are too small is the bigger issue.

Excessive speeding

excessive speeding by a large percentage of drivers in Vernon, with very little control by the police

Expand bus service to Middleton Mt.

Finding viable alternative transit options that meet our schedules

for people that take that bus, I help with handy dart applications and what I often hear is that middleton mountain area, has really poor bus support. Also safety at night by the bus station for vulnerable persons.

For public transport there are no bus shelters except a couple in the city. Why would I want to use public transit and stand out in the hot sun or get soaked if it's raining. Also, the public transit system is user hostile in talking to representatives or using their website.

For the most part, I have no real concerns.

frequent large transport trucks coming right through town

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Gas prices are too expensive!

Geriatric Drivers, speeders, inconsiderate drivers, we have bike lanes and sidewalks but its too dangerous to ride a bike and if you are seen walking around town you may be mislabeled and judged as a bum in and lose out on job prospects.

Getting across town. There are only 3 main roads that run NS - PV, 32 st and 27 st. The highway traffic snarls up 32nd. Either have the hwy bypass Vernon city or change 27 to one way going north and 32 to one way going south. Going east to west is a nightmare as only 25 street and Bella Vista.

Getting busy even in the winter now.. Lots of people moving here. also lots of potholes in the spring. And Some drivers are very impatient.

Getting people to take public transit.

Getting rid of heavy industrial traffic through the middle of town day and night. Need a bypass to make it safer to walk bike or drive through the centre of the city. probably would cut down on the stop and go traffic required for cross town trips.

Getting the roads fixed as the roads in Vernon are awful for potholes. Too much attention to bike lanes and public transit is awful so with the terrain, it is bad for drivers of vehicles.

Great improvements have been made to walking paths...but something needs to be done to install a sidewalk along hwy 6 by Fitness West to Pottery Road. There is a part sidewalk there then nothing. I love walking down to Polson Mall but it's dicey. You're right next to semi's and other cars going way over the speed limit. It's long overdue.

Grid lock at times on 32 street (highway 97) due to left turns at uncontrolled intersections causing immediate traffic backups resulting in dangerous lane changes, blocking intersections etc.

Having lived in both large metropolitan cities and small towns I find that Vernon streets/roads/intersections etc are simply not large enough to handle the volume of traffic they see. I notice that the sets of lights on 97 and 25th Ave are backed up anytime traffic is heavy. There aren't enough alternate lanes for turning at lights... Thank you for working on this.

Having more buses running on Okanagan Landing then every hour.

heading north on 29 street, trying to turn left on 48 avenue @ 6 AM. the traffic light to turn left does not work until after 8 AM. you can sit for ten minutes until you run the light if no on is coming! Have asked but never fixed.

Heavy traffic and lack of left turn lanes on Hwy 97 through downtown. We avoid that stretch whenever possible.

Heavy traffic at certain times of the day.

Road construction that causes one to change routes

High congestion during the warm/hot season in the Okanagan.

High volume of traffic on 32nd St especially during the summer months

Highway 97 congestion in Kelowna

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Highway 97 going through the downtown area.

Dangerous egress from the land fill onto Highway 97 to go back to Vernon.

highway 97 is too busy in the middle of town and makes it less attractive to travel beyond that bifurcation of the community.

Highway 97, just north of the Vernon Square Mall, but in the southbound land, is quite congested during certain parts of the day, especially afternoon rush hour, about 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Also, the road work being done on the Stickle road intersection: I believe this was a poor decision. Very costly and a sad disruption in the bird/animal habitat ...there should have been a traffic signal installed, instead.

HIGHWAY BACK-UPS

Highway traffic passes through the middle of downtown Vernon. Alternatives have been investigated over the last 45 years at least. We still have the challenge facing us with no reasonable alternatives apparent.

hilly topography are not conducive to biking for the masses. Buses are too slow for the short trips.

Hwy 97 is routed through cities in the Okanagan. Planning for bypass routes should be a priority

I am not sure. We are out of the way and only go to town when needed or me for work.

WE have our own vehicle and do not use public transit.

I appreciate that infrastructure needs to be upgraded but the timing and locations make travel around downtown Vernon very difficult.

I appreciate the changes that have been made to public transit, so far: more stops, more runs, earlier and later hours - thank you. I am very unhappy, however, that the No 3 bus stop for the Village Green Mall is STILL on 48th avenue! Also, now that Greyhound has stopped, I would like to see the No 90 bus run on Sundays, for purposes of pickup and drop off at Kelowna Airport, and for getting to, and returning from, Kelowna (via transfer at the UBCO to No 8 Kelowna bus). Using the Airport Shuttle at least \$50, one way, is too expensive.

I appreciate the expansion of walking and biking trails in the community for the use of both pleasure and business.

I believe that requiring snow tires as of October 1st is too early. The weather then is typically always nice and warm. Having to legally have snow tires on if I want to travel to Kelowna for example is ridiculous. I would totally agree with November 1st or ideally November 15th for requiring them but October 1st is way way too early. Whoever chose that date obviously had no experience with what winter is like around here on October 1st.

I believe the bus system is inadequate and does frequent stops enough.

I defiantly believe we need better bus services both within Vernon and Salmon Arm and the Ok. valley

I do need a car for my work but once retired walking & public transit would be my preference. To this end better service in that area or 'ride sharing' uber would be a favourable method for travel.

I do not drive so, transit is very important to me. I think transit needs to look at its routes, stops, and timing a little better. The drivers are very nice, and when I do take transit it is very relaxing.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

I don't know if you consider this a major transportation issue but I believe that road maintenance such as pothole repairs are a huge problem. There are certain areas that have major potholes year after year. They only seem to get patched. I feel sorry for tourists in the springtime. As well, my own personal challenge is areas of the City where traffic lights needs to be installed (eg. 11th Avenue and Kal Lake Road). At certain times of the day, I will drive through residential areas (Middleton Way and Husband Road) just to get to Kal Lake area because even though it's longer, it's usually faster than waiting at the bottom of 11th Avenue to turn left onto Kal Lake Road.

I don't see any issues or challenges

I feel that Vernon isn't really ready for the amount of summer traffic from tourists. Also I don't feel safe in Vernon during the high traffic. I was hit by a car in the crosswalk this summer.

I feel there should be express buses running frequently throughout the day between Vernon and Kelowna. Within Vernon city limits, there are many areas in the city that have insufficient lighting at night. These areas are all over the city, but I have noticed Bella Vista Drive is particularly bad.

I find the bus good. I have a bus pass. Very few people take the bus. The bus is half a block away.

I greatly appreciate the cycling infrastructure in Vernon and that momentum has to continue to get drivers out of vehicles. I cycle all year round (since 1992 in Winnipeg) and find some motorists ignorant and intolerant. The province needs to bring in the 'one metre' rule found in other provinces (ie NS) to keep motorist from 'brushing' my left elbow with their mirrors (especially truck drivers who feel they own the road). Cycling in general is hazardous and an increase in their protection might get more folks on two wheels. Speed limit enforcement is a joke all across the valley and probably throughout BC. Extreme speed violators scare potential cyclist from joining this great way of cheap and convenient travel. Thanks much for the chance to be part of this survey.

I have lived in Vernon for 3 years, Before that we lived in Vancouver. We didn't drive much in Vancouver because it was usually easier (battling traffic and finding parking) to take skytrain or bus. Moving to Vernon, I have found the bus system not as convenient. Bus stops in poor locations and far apart. If I had mobility issues this would be a problem (especially in winter). Service in the downtown core not bad, but to outlying areas (coldstream) not as good. We lived on Mt Ida drive until recently and it was quite a hike up and down to get to Middleton to get to bus stop.

I have never been on the bus, but I think it is an important feature of the community. People need to better understand what the bus system is, where it will take us, and how long it will take to get there.

I have two concerns:

- Congestion within the city core
- limitations on thru traffic

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

I just moved to Vernon (from New Westminster) about a month ago. My immediate impression is that there is virtually no traffic, which is fantastic. I think an immediate challenge will be trying to keep things this way, and avoiding becoming the endless grid-lock that is found in Vancouver areas. Such infrastructure projects need to be planned well in advance, before the problems actually occur.

I'm in the Silver Star Foothills, which essentially means one main road in and out. As the neighbourhood and the Silver Star resort both grow, it would be fantastic to not see a heavy increase in traffic on this main route. Yes, there are some alternative roads available, but none as convenient, or as used.

I would love to see expansion of the road infrastructure leading to the Foothills and Silver Star itself. Additional street lighting along Silver Star Rd would also be very welcome. The road is twisty and largely unlit, which leads to many drivers (with old/inadequate lighting in their vehicles) slowing down to speeds below the speed limit and occasionally holding up traffic behind them. Reflective road markers would be similarly beneficial.

I was pleased to find roundabouts along Pleasant Valley Rd, and even more pleased to see that local drivers actually know how to use them! Traffic moves well in these locations. I would advocate for more roundabouts in other, similar locations.

Traffic along HWY 97, especially through the summer months, is also something that needs to be considered. As the city grows, this area will get worse and worse. Alternative, major routes around/through the city would be worthwhile considerations.

I live in Foothills and there is no public transportation that I am aware of, that's an issue.

The traffic on Silver Star Road is heavy and there is a lot of excessive speeding.

The varying speed limits on Silver Star Road, 30, 50, 60 km/hr encourages non compliance.

i think non local traffic and commercial traffic needing to drive through town is creating a lot of traffic congestion. Also local governments decision to do road construction in multiple locations at the same time causes undo interruptions to traffic flow.

I think probably all the road construction. So many roads having road construction it is difficult to get around. Kalamalka road, they took away a driving lane to make a bike lane. They have removed one of the lanes for a bike lane, so it goes to one lane and nobody using the bike lane. It makes it difficult for merging and it is very busy area and hard for the businesses as well.

I think the most important challenge is our bus system ...low ridership due to bus routes being limited...to increase ridership we need more routed but it takes time to increase ridership and the expense til that happens is high!

I typically have no trouble travelling in Vernon

I usually make a trip to the gym and back but was resting on the 22nd

I work in childcare and we use public transportation for field trips. Myself and my co workers find it difficult to get to places while sticking to the children's routine with the current bus schedule. Meaning that we cannot often go to places in the community bc it takes too long to get to a destination or it takes too long to get back to the centre in time for lunch/nap time. With that being said I understand using public transit is not a direct way to travel as there are many stops the bus has to accommodate but it would be helpful if there was even a more direct route along east hill.

I would like to see weekend bus service to Lumby

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

If you work outside of the normal Monday to Friday and 8-5 zone you have no transit options. Plus they are so infrequent it takes much longer to use transit than to even just walk across town. Taxis are unreliable and expensive.

Impending traffic problems as a result of new reservoir development on upper East Hill.

Improve Bus service

In my community it would be dump trucks going up 34 /Mission Hill Rd. and the commonage, and they go slow up the hill and using J Brakes when coming down the hill at an increased speed. Building is going on on the hill, and they should limit the use of the trucks.

in my opinion the biggest problem is the traffic on Hwy97 as comes through Vernon. At 32nd St.

In winter season waiting for snow crews to clear the Commonage road. Half of this road is maintained by City of Vernon and the other is contracted out by Ministry of Transportation. I feel this road is not as well maintained as Silverstar Road. |

In winter snow removal is inadequate, there is a large snow bank in the way to get to the sidewalk.

inadequate bike lanes. They will end in the middle of your trip. Many times on one side of an intersection and not continue on the other side.

Inadequate bussing, few carpool options, not many walk to work trail options and urban sprawl.

Increased alternatives to single occupancy vehicle travel. Adding transit routes and safer cycling routes

Increasing fuel costs and lack of efficient public transport. Would like to see a skytrain system connecting the Okanagan to reduce traffic.

Infrequency of buses; lack of consistent bike lanes; heavy traffic making bike travel dangerous; heavy traffic through the Hwy 97 corridor

Insufficient bus service

insufficient public transit

poor bike lanes and pedestrian walkways especially along Bella Vista Road

Insufficient snow removal in winter. Roads are often plowed when there is only a dusting of snow (unnecessary) the action of which causes the roads to be icy instead. Roads are not plowed in a timely manner when snowfalls are heavy; a backwards principle.

Because public transit is so inefficient, a person can walk somewhere faster than a bus can transport them in this city. Instead, the city should move to smaller buses that are more economical to operate than a full-sized bus and provide more frequent service. People would be more inclined to use the buses if they were much more efficient. People will always need cars for shopping and personal business. Trying to eliminate passenger vehicles and parking in higher density areas is unrealistic.

INTER CITY TRAVEL

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Is there one? The city is well served, in my opinion. Multiple seniors residences close to town centre, streets well laid out. One thing to consider - licence golf carts to travel on non-highway city streets. They can go 40 - 50 KMs/hour, easy to handle, easy to park. Multiple US cities have done so. Environmentally friendly, with up to 4 passengers. Think outside the box. Scheduled carriers (i.e. buses) cannot help. Provides independence safely.

It is difficult to get from place to place in Vernon by any mode other than a car. I think improvements to bike lanes have been good, but need to continue and have them separate from roadways. I also cross over Hwy 6 at Pottery Road a lot to get to/from work and find it a very dangerous intersection. I also think that the road at the Kal Tire Head Office should go through, which would create a better access point to my office as there is a street light there.

I've lived in Vernon since 2010. As an avid cyclist I've always wanted more bike lanes and I've been happy to see a vast improvement since moving here. I think its important for this trend to continue, giving more safe options to those that want to leave the car at home.

Junction of hwy 97 and 25th Ave and then getting clear access to hwy 6 east. Currently requires a zig zag route which can be very congested at times. The problem is the same traveling both ways (to and from). This area is extremely busy at rush hour times and in the summer.

Just moved here, haven't found any yet.

Keeping in mind , - 50% of our gasoline costs are taxes , - our roads are in pathetic condition . It's time for the motorist's to demand better value for their tax inputs .

Keeping the common age road clear during winter

Kids would bike to work but no bike lanes to get them there.

lack of accessible and timely public transit.

lack of buses, lack of public transportation to other cities in BC. No greyhound

Lack of convenient parking in the downtown area. Traffic light set ups at many intersections are not keeping the flow of traffic moving. Traffic calming streets are too narrow and have taken away street parking for residents.

Lack of crosswalk lighting on Hwy 97 by Vernon General Hospital.

Lack of downtown parking.

Lack of good wheelchair accessibility - curb cuts, sidewalks, disabled parking spaces that are not designed for people in wheelchairs who need more room to exit the vehicle via a ramp system. lack of consistency of disabled parking space dimensions or unusable disabled parking spaces due to a beautification of the parking lot (ie. concrete 'garden' beds that abut a disabled parking spot or pillars that abut a disabled spot that don't allow a wheelchair user to be able to use that parking space).

LACK OF LEFT TURNING LANES AND SUMMER CONGESTION THRU TOWN.

Lack of options for transit. Bad schedules and routes take longer to bus than to walk.

Lack of parking downtown Vernon and it's getting harder to find parking with the 'road diets'.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Lack of parking in the Vernon downtown core. My regional district is pushing the use of transit and alternative means but they are unrealistic. Bus comes near my place 4 times/day and cycling is not an option for probably 6 months/year (winter weather). Transport plans are NOT realistic

Lack of public transit for areas such as ours. Lots of houses and high tax payers for our area but there is no bus to get to town. No safe bike path to get from foothills to town. St James school is not included in the public bus route. So basically if you don't have 2 or more vehicles in our area you are stranded.

Lack of public transit options

lack of public transportation to our neighborhood

LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WITHIN OKANAGAN. ONE WAY BUS ROUTES IN VERNON. LIMITED ROUTE TIMES AVAILABLE FOR #90 OKANAGAN CONNECTOR. HIGHER FARE FOR ROUTE #90 IS UN-JUSTIFIED AS NOT ENOUGH SERVICE WHEN DEMAND IS SO HIGH.

Lack of ride share service. It is not feasible to have buses everywhere so a ride share program would be an assistance. I realize this is not a municipal decision.

Lack of riders on city buses and poor available weather coverage at these bus stops.

Lack of safe, divided bike lanes.

Lack of sidewalks in East Hill, lack of access of walking and biking to the hospital(main employer of the town). Most people drive to work even if its 5 minutes away. We need more bike trails and walk trails to main places of employment

Lack of sustainable transportation infrastructure- e.g. bus system is not practical to use, too few bike lanes to make destinations accessible

Lack of taxi cabs in vernon

Lack of trains

Left hand turns on main highways without left hand turn lanes. There should only be left hand turns where turn lanes are available

Left hand turns permitted off 32nd St/Hwy 97 within the Vernon city core.

Left turns off Highway 97 through Vernon. During the busy tourist season, it can really create traffic jams.

Lighting and marking of the roads

Limited access to public transportation evenings, weekends and holidays especially coming into Vernon from rural communities such as Armstrong, Lumby etc. Need to add more buses and hours of operation. Increase funding for Handi-dart. Need more options for people who need to get to medical appointments etc who are unable to drive.

limited bus service. None to Foothills.

Limited number of same bicycle paths to travel throughout the city.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Long Haul Buses like greyhound service. Also, not enough Taxi services. Would like to see Uber and Lift come into our cities as the two taxi companies have the monopoly as both Taxi companies are owned by the same owners. (and are sometimes rude to clients) There are no other choices for late night services.

Low population density makes public transit inefficient. Hilly terrain makes cycling difficult.

Maintain the quality of the roads, pot hole repairs, proper surface painting.

Making cycling safer, with safe lanes on main routes. I just was in Montreal, their lanes are terrific!

Making main roads safe for cycle commuting. I commute from home to work, 3x per week and 8 months a year. Many will not do the same because they feel unsafe

Making the connections to my second trip on time.

mobility in the context of road design/layout.

More Bus Routes serving our area. We don't need it now but will probably need it in the future.

Most frustrated with the new calming sections in the city. The roads are so narrow that they do not even accommodate parked car doors opening. There is no consideration of the impact of snow removal problems and snow in narrowing the roads further. The fact that we do not have a bypass is also a problem. The large trucks and many cars are becoming more of an issue in day to day driving. City planners seem to feel that bicycles are the most important mode of transportation. Practically speaking I do not agree. I walk a lot and feel that the fact I have to press walk mode to cross is also frustrating. They should be automatic. Many times I have had to wait because I didn't press it early enough. I know there have been some good changes but we should be more proactive. Stickle road should have had lights and Mutrie road should have been completed as was originally planned.

most important transportation issue is lack of safety of Commonage Road, Vernon primarily due to insufficient road maintenance. Current level of maintenance does not properly reflect the daily required usage of the road.

Most important transportation issue is making sure we keep expanding safe bike lanes, to help us avoid driving our cars. We are thrilled with the walking/biking path built behind our home connecting to College/Fulton School to Okanagan Lake etc. We use it daily for dog walks and sometimes ride to the wonderful new Rail Trail along Kalamalka Lake.

If we were to use local bus/transit, I'm not sure how good the connections are (they were not very good for my elderly mom when she used them a few yrs. ago), but would be willing to use when we're older.

Even though heavy summer traffic is an issue, we are not in favour of an alternate truck/ overpass route and hope that this is NOT still in the Community Plan (we voted against this many years ago, but was told it still may be on the plan?) We are against any route that would go through our beautiful community, particularly through Commonage grasslands or agricultural land above Belavista Rd.

My daughter chooses to walk to work many times, as she finds the bus schedule unreliable. The recent changes to the number of buses running, and the schedule have made it even more challenging for her.

Driving from my home on 11th St., down 32nd Ave is interesting most days - there are many drivers that do not know the rules of the traffic circle that intersects 32nd Ave and Pleasant Valley Road - in a nutshell, I would say that the most challenging thing that I find as a driver, is that many other drivers either choose not to follow the rules of the road or they need a refresher

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

My issue is the intersections and congestion of the 5200 block of 25th Ave. is a real problem at times. We feel that all left unturned should be rerouted to 27th Ave.

My only concern regarding travel is the road (Commonage) between our community and the City of Vernon in regards to road maintenance and safety issues. When we moved to Predator Ridge in 2008 Commonage Road could easily handle the traffic volume. However, with the significant increase in residents at Predator Ridge, it is my opinion that Commonage Road, in its current state, is no longer able to accommodate the current level of traffic safely. Just my thoughts!!

NARROW MINDED AND WE ARE BROKE/ EXP/ NO TRAIN TO KELOWNA FOR HEAVY FRIGHT
OR MAYBE LIGHT TRANSIT TO AIRPORT FOR KEL/ VERNON . THAT IS FOR STARTERS
A BICYCLE TAIL? YOU PEOPLE DON.T GET IT . OVER AND OUT

Narrow roads, no shoulders

Narrowing of roadways in residential and commercial neighborhoods.

Narrowing of roadways, makes it hard to tow trailer

Need a better flow for Hwy traffic to go through the city. Truck route around city.

need a right turn lane on hwy 97 S at 48th to turn west. Traffic backs up here because cars cannot turn until pedestrians cross. A turn lane would allow traffic to flow north better

Need better transit for busing to kelowna

Need for public transport to foothills

Need more Bike lanes and bus drivers need to be aware of bikers. I stopped Biking to 3412 15th Ave because there are not many Bike lanes.

Need more cycling infrastructure.

For example, for Hwy 6 from Middleton to downtown. The intersection at 27th St is SCARY! And so is the hill from 27 St to downtown (past Polson Park and strip mall). I'm a competent cyclist and have ridden in major cities, but trying to get from home to downtown is not something I'm up to doing on a regular basis. And, for the record, cycling through the path from behind Kal Tire Offices to Polson Park through 'homeless and drug alley' is not appealing (needles are bad for bike tires). So I'm advocating for an alternative.

need more reliable public transportation

need more trails and foot paths

No bicycle lane from Predator Ridge (home) to Vernon.

No bus along 27th to Walmart

No bus service

No bus service in the Foothills for many families in this community

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

No bus service to our house. The closest we can get is ~ 7km away which means we can't really use public transport. We use bikes during the summer months but not in the winter so the continued development of bikes paths (away from vehicle traffic) is crucial

No bus service to the Foothills Community, Vernon

No bus service where I live

No buses in our area

No buses to area.

No bypass or way to cut across town efficiently. Too many lights on highway, have to take other roads to try and cut out traffic and time. 27th St is becoming just as busy as the 97

no convenient bus stops around our house, poor schedule, weird people in the bus.
no carpooling options due to destination/schedule

No flexible public transportation options for commute Vernon to Kelowna

No issues at all.

No public transportation.

Bike a lot in summer, narrow roads without proper bike lanes

No reliable airport transportation.

No ride sharing like Uber.

Not enough sidewalks for pedestrians.

Not enough bicycle friendly roads.

Distracted driving is an issue.

No right turn lane southbound on Hwy 97 onto 43 Ave in Vernon.

No shoulders on the roads leading into Predator Ridge. Also in winter the roads leading into Predator Ridge are not well maintained, lots of cars end up in the ditch.

No transit available early enough between Vernon and Kelowna.

No walking safe walking paths in our area

None

None really, gets congested downtown and on 27th st from 3-5pm

not aware of any issues

Not enough bike lanes.

Not enough bike lanes;

Not enough buses, i.e. to University in Vernon and Kelowna

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Not enough bike paths and trails, bike paths suddenly ending forcing you to go on the road.

Not enough bus routes, like on East Hill.

Not enough car-pooling, better planning for school attendees in same area.

Not enough good bike routes in Vernon

not enough nice walking paths or secure bike paths

Not enough options

not enough planning to handle the increase in population

Not enough public transit to allow us to get to work or into town. Forces us to have two vehicles and drive as we work on opposite sides of Vernon.

not enough road markings or signage at 30th ave and 35th st round about, lack of traffic policing i.e. speeding drivers, not signaling, tail gating

Not enough safe biking areas through town.

Not enough sidewalks or bike paths. Roads are in very bad condition all over the city. |

Not enough sidewalks/crosswalks, its not safe crossing the roads or walking along many of the main roads.

Not having advanced green turn signals at some main intersections.

not having community bus running later in evenings for those who have to do shift work or are attending performances at various venues.

Not having enough sidewalks. Example, along Pottery road from Hillview School into town. This road was just redone and I think it's crazy there is no sidewalk for elementary school children to use. Also, along 15 st from Pottery Road going south to #6 Highway. Last winter I walked along here after dropping my car off to get winter tires. There was lots of snow and the road was slippery and I saw lots of high school students walking along here. Both of these situations is just an accident waiting to happen.

Not nearly enough public transit in both routes and trips

not very good bike lanes

Numerous key connecting roads are badly in need of repair and paving these roads will limit traffic accidents. There are some road are in horrendous condition and I refuse to travel on them.

Okanagan Landing Road winding and narrow, very busy and most vehicles driving over the speed limit. There is no dedicated sidewalk or bike lane to protect people walking or biking to town or to provincial park.

Older people driving either too slow or not quite sure if they are paying attention to the headlights or if they can see properly.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

On Bella Vista Road: There are no speed limit signs, drivers drive too fast. Lighting at night time is poor. Never see any monitoring of drivers on road

On Allenby Way: There are no speed limit signs, cars, trucks and buses drive too fast (up and down the road) and at times do not 'stop' at stop sign. There should be no heavy trucks allowed on Allenby Way at all. Never see any monitoring of drivers on road.

Vernon needs a road around the core areas for big transport trucks. From what I observed since I moved to Vernon the big semi trucks are very reckless on the roads. Speeding and not stopping for lights. |

One person driving passenger vehicles with 5 seats. The toxic gas emissions produced by them all.

Only one main thoroughfare through town

Summer traffic

Low speed limit on Commonage road

Poor winter maintenance on Commonage road from predator ridge to vernon

Poor and missing painted lines

Our neighbourhood does not have sidewalks or a pedestrian pathway, so it is difficult for me to safely walk with my young children. I would like to walk more, but I do not feel safe walking along the side of the road. More pathways and multi-use paths for bicycles, walking, etc would be a huge benefit in Vernon - there are some, but not enough.

Our transportation system around Vernon is not efficient. People are not able to get around easily with out a car.

Overall congestion and a constantly changing plan for how it should be rectified. Each council has a new idea and disagrees with the previous council. Egs. Highway 6 and 27ths street. Junction was built with the plan of building an overpass. Since then, each council has a different idea how to fix, and no one ever mentions the plan that was put in place and started.

paint lines are hard to see majority of the year

parking

Parking and the reduction in street lanes that increase wait and slow moving traffic.

Parking downtown

Parking downtown, potholes, not enough bike lanes,

Parking is sometimes a problem. Also think there could be better bus transportation

Parking meters in Vernon is ridiculous. I actually avoid shopping downtown in the 30th ave area, unless a parking lot is provided for shopping i.e. wholesale club or safeway. I seldom have change for a meter and on the odd occasion where I have had to run in a store to get change for the metre, a parking attendant has come along with a ticket. I also don't want to be checking my watch and running back to the meter if I'm back in that area.

Because I don't have to worry about that on the other side of town i.e. Village green and Super Store, I will do my shopping there. I know a lot of people that do the same.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Parking, especially down town. Its great that you have parking lots but a lot of walking to and from especially if you are carrying packages.

Bylaw offices can be very nasty.

Peddlers that are downtown, not very nice to deal with especially if your a senior.

Parking, you guy's have taken out all the parking along 30 St. now even up to my Dentist on the north side of 34 Ave, this is ridiculous where do you expect people to park? I am disabled & have a hard time walking any great distance, why have you done this? why is there a need for that wide a section beside the sidewalk? It's a waste of money & space & just where am I suppose to park, [business] is across from Cenotaph Park, [business] is 1.5 blocks south of that, then I go to [business] which is right on the corner of 32 Ave & 30th St. I have been meaning to write to the City of Vernon for a long time now, every time I go Downtown I curse at the City Planning because I am in excruciating Pain all the time & it hurts to walk very far. So Please Have A Heart & Think About The Disabled When Deciding about taking away parking. Thank You

Parking; road construction and detours; safe walking and bicycle paths;

People can enter a bus while the bus driver isnt there. When the bus driver comes into the bus he or she doesnt check if everyone paid when entering the bus

That made me think, people can just enter a bus without paying a cent when they are at the bus station. There may be a camera there but people are crafty when they want to.

Ofcourse those drivers deserve a little break, but close those doors.

People in Vernon are terrible drivers. They rarely stop at 4 way stops or the roundabouts and seem to think that if they don't shoulder check or see a pedestrian that they don't have to stop or yield for them. I have been struck by a vehicle in a crosswalk. Generally, people don't follow the rules of the road.

Also, people on bicycles are equally as bad. I always see and have to walk around people noticeable older than 10 years old riding their bikes on the sidewalks, riding their bikes against traffic in the left lane and failing to stop or even yield at 4 way stops and signalized intersections. Again, failing to follow the rules of the road and failing to follow the rules that vehicles should as it is my understanding that bicycles have the same responsibilities as automobiles.

People turning into the wrong lane and running red lights

People who tail-gate.

People who don't signal when they are turning or changing lanes.

Peoples driving ability. Excessive speed, distracted driving and general lack of understanding of rules of the road coupled with general incompetence.

physical condition of roads--narrow road, no shoulders, poor lane markings, many potholes, poorly maintained or broken pavement at edges of road, lack of lighting along roads.

Pleasant valley road and 39 ave in Vernon really needs to be turned into a traffic circle, terrible intersection.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

PLEASE add a public transit route along Silver Star Road that goes from HWY 97 up to Silver star resort and back down. It is so difficult for anyone without a license to get around or get in to town for work, or to go to Silver Star and play. I am a full time working mother who is working on her Masters degree, and if my kids need to go to town, want to work, or go to Silver Star, I have to drive them. There is enough people up in foothills and along Silver Star Road to warrant a bus route. I can't advocate loud enough for a public transit route from town to the foothills and up to Silver Star.

Poor cycling infrastructure

Poor drivers and roadways that are poorly lit and lanes with worn or unclear painting of lines

Poor driving - passing on right on Alexis Drive, not signaling until I already know what you are going to do, cellphone delay at traffic lights, etc

Poor lighting on Kal Lake Road at night. Also, waiting for traffic to clear on Kal Lake Road so I can begin driving.

Poor public transportation and city is not designed to encourage people to walk instead of drive.

Poor Street Conditions

Poorly designed roads and intersections which lead to greater congestion. Not near enough advanced arrows on traffic lights for left turn lanes.

Population is spread out too much making public transportation options challenging and uneconomical. Efforts should be made to provide more dense housing nearer to the city core.

potholes

potholes

Potholes and amount of traffic

Prefer to have more buses in the area I am living.

Proper crosswalks on busy streets.

Provision of public transportation to all Vernon addresses and safe walking/cycling lanes from these addresses to town centre.

public safety and road surface management during the winter season

Public Transit

public transit ie bus service is limited

Public transit is not convenient. Not safe to bike on many roads

public transit is not practical for busy families. I end up being the family taxi.
bike routes can always be improved

Public transit is not very useable as soon as you need to leave Vernon.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Public transit. It should run late at night.

Public transport

Public transportation and road quality

Public transportation in cities and between cities. Too often city buses are almost empty. There is a need for use of smaller buses. This might be an efficient way of increasing frequency of service.

Public transportation is not efficient in Vernon. Buses are infrequent and take a long time to get anywhere. Dedicated lanes for bikes, scooters have improved safety and convenience for bikers, etc.. I don't understand why we don't have easy regular public transportation to the airport.

quality of the roads, especially line painting and curb markings

Red lights need to be synchronized. Lack of snow plowing in winter.

road condition, understanding that not all people can take public transportation for any number of reasons...

Road conditions

Road conditions fairly poor in places e.g. Tronson road could be widened and repaved especially with the summer traffic and cyclists.

Hwy 97 going through the Vernon downtown is infernal with the heavy commercial traffic. There should be a ring road to divert traffic just passing through.

Road conditions/maintenance and traffic

Road congestion

Road construction

Road construction and closures

Road improvements Vernon to Predator Ridge

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Road Maintenance

Road maintenance i.e. pot holes.

Also, need 4 way stop vs. current 3 way stop at the bottom of the hill I live on.

Road network they are trying to do a lot of upgrades on the infrastructure so you are not able to get around because it is so spread out. It would be easier to get around if all of the upgrades were centralized in one area.

Road safety

road system, flow of traffic, not enough public transport

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

roads are simply too narrow and in poor shape for the amount of traffic. Eastside Rd is dangerous to both drivers and cyclists/pedestrians because it is so narrow. Cyclists should have registration plates and pay for using the roads. They should also be ticketed when they break the rules just like cars. Australia is headed that way and I think we should too. This should not apply to mountain or dirt cyclists.

Roadway construction-detours

rush hours

Safe bike lanes

Safe bike lanes in Vernon and proper cross walks across the highway going through Vernon.

Safe bike lanes. Downtown traffic is very congested. The highway particularly in summer goes right through downtown and is congested because of tourists. Parking downtown is at a premium. It is very hard to find a parking space depending on the time of day.

Safe bike lanes. I really question the wisdom of bike lanes positioned between parking lanes and travel lanes, such as on Middleton Way. I never see cyclists travelling in the bike lane unless they are forced there by parked cars. Many communities use parked cars as a barrier for cyclists.

Safe bike travel with wide shoulders, designated bike lanes, or car free bike paths.

safe crossing for walkers. Drivers do not see walkers. Speed calming measures for cars along residential roads. Especially Pleasant Valley Road from 30th Ave to 48th Ave. More roundabouts please. Speed calming measures from Hwy 97 at College way, Vernon to Lake Country. Direct bus from Vernon to downtown Kelowna

safe place to walk from Foothills (or higher up) to town along Silver Star road.

Safe routes for pedestrians and cyclists, as well, though not independent of large trucks in city center near schools and downtown.

Safe sidewalks and road crossings for children walking to and from school.

SAFE WALKING PATHS OR WIDE SHOULDERS ON MANY ROADWAYS ARE NEEDED ..EG ON TRONSON ROAD BY AIRPORT TO LAKE

Safer exit by Polson Mall. It can be a challenge

Safety. There are many maniac drivers out there who speed, tailgate, drive aggressively, and ignore &/or run traffic signals and pedestrian lights, who drive distracted, impaired, addled, or otherwise confused, and who would seemingly prefer to live out the rest of their lives with someone's death on their conscience than lose a few seconds or look up from their so-called smartphones. People treat Alexis Park Drive like a freeway without consideration for the safety of the people who live here. Finally, the pedestrian signal usually works but sometimes, randomly and bizarrely, doesn't, which is especially dangerous for those pedestrians who think pushing the button gives them immunity from aforementioned maniac drivers who can't even be bothered to stop even when the lights are flashing. In a word, scary.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Safety. Traveling on roads such as Commonage Rd, Bench Rd, and Bailey Rd. can be extremely dangerous. lighting and road quality and lack of traffic lights particularly at Bailey Rd. and HWY 97 can literally be deadly. Speeding and lack of enforcement is also an issue. With increasing numbers of locals commuting and tourist traffic there are large numbers of vehicles traveling these roads.

Safety-bad drivers, lack of training and skills.

School buses for kids

School District 22 Courtesy Rider Fees (\$300 per child!). As my children need to bus to school from daycare, it costs us extra to ensure their safety.

Secondary hwy leading to Predator Ridge (Commonage Road) is not classified appropriately by the Ministry of Transport to ensure timely snow clearance and other repairs for the traffic involved to and from this community which is part of Vernon. There is no public transportation here.

All households are reliant on personal automobile transportation. School bus does not come into this large housing development but only at Commonage.

Seniors

Service ends far too early in the evening, and starts too late on weekend mornings. Last winter I missed a class because transit didn't run for half the day in vernon due to about two inches of snow on the ground. Also route frequencies are sometimes an issue especially when searching for work as it limits viable availabilities. Public transit is legally considered reliable transportation. expanding service, increasing frequency and ensuring service is not suspended lightly would go a long way to making that true in reality :)

-shared transportation routes between cyclists and motor vehicles

-the city has improved major travel arteries with separation of travel routes

-would like to see this continue towards Foothills, beyond Okanagan landing and within city east/west

Sidewalks are not adequate

Signs at intersections blocked by bushes and trees

Since we have a car and don't use any other way of transportation, we would have to use the bus if we could not drive or move

Skinny narrow roads: the changes to Kalamalka Rd have resulted in it being too narrow. I foresee more accidents along here in snow conditions.

20th St is too narrow for school buses to turn onto it from Hardwood School.

Entering Beirsto off of 32Ave is also narrow, these bubble sidewalks that jet out into the roadway make turns difficult.

Slow repair of pot holes in road surfaces. Slow clearing of snow and sanding icy surfaces in the winter.

slow traffic

Slow, inattentive drivers

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Vernon Residents

Sometimes intersections are crowded and delay with signals so short. Driving on 30th Avenue is a challenge for either turning lanes or meters since the lane changes for accommodation of these issues, and it can cause accidents for drivers. Kalamaka Lake at the Vernon Golf Course (11th) is really narrow for the trucks that are turning, and they have to go into oncoming traffic to make the turn. Very Dangerous!!

summer tourist traffic impact (on many things, including bikeability)

summer traffic

Summer traffic

Summertime traffic gets a little crazy! And winter roads seem like they could be sanded maybe so they don't get so icy

Taxes have been spent to redo roads that have been narrowed to provide bike lanes. Too many bike lanes with no one in them.

Terrible roads

the advance green arrows need to be installed at a few more intersections, specially 48th ave and pv road. also the traffic on pleasant valley by the funeral home is crazy. almost need a light here . lots of people do rolling stops at the 4way. traffic can get backed up all the way to hunters!!

The amount of traffic through the center of the city

The backlog of the traffic on 32 St (or hwy corridor) is poorly planned and especially from 43rd ave and needs better turning availability. Needs a better left hand turn and add an right hand turn area as it is a major road to alleviate traffic problems.

THE BAD ROADS. LOTS OF POT HOLES AND BUMPS IN Vernon B.C.

The bike lanes beside the parking on streets, creates dangerous situations. Turning out from the hospital and the hospital crosswalk on the highway, terrifying at night that I will hit someone. Finally the speed coming down hospital hill, maybe traffic calming to slow people down.

The bus service is not sufficient and it only offers once an hour service to my daughters in Coldstream. I don't drive a car anymore. Generally buses are ok and I occasionally take the bus to the mall.

The bus service is very poor for seniors, particularly for people with handicaps or mobility issues. Getting to the mall or the Walmart area is very difficult. Bus services are worse.

The bus system is not good since Greyhound left. There is nothing between here and Alberta for the time being.

The bus system within the City of Vernon is unbelievably inconvenient, especially for people with handicap.

The bus transportation is not adequate.

The challenge is from bad drivers on our roads. Red light runners, etc.

the condition of the roads

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

The condition of the roads on the way to Predator Ridge and on Tronson road are not acceptable. Always huge potholes and slippery conditions in the winter

The congestion on the highway coming in to town bottleneck due to red lights roads crossing highway. Too many red lights on highway

The constant construction, and the gas prices. If public transit had more flexible hours and stops I would be tempted to use that instead.

The continued traffic congestion on 32nd street and 27th. This is evident especially in the summer months.

The cost of the school bussing and the school board expecting the children to walk along Silverstar Road to school. Its unsafe in good and bad weather conditions.

The cost/frequency of the bus service. I don't currently have access to a car during the day, but normally to choose to walk rather than take the bus due to the fact that Vernon is small and the bus cost plus the time spent waiting don't make bus travel worthwhile to me.

I also have problems with a lack of sidewalks in my part of town and difficulties with safe roads to bike on.

The driving speed limits should be revisited to allow a good flow of traffic. Traffic should not be hindered from flowing in a good manner.

the fact that the city of vernon has narrowed many roads including main street making it more difficult to get around

The fact that Vernon City Council does not listen to the people who elected them to deal with traffic issues frequently reported in the media

The idiots at city hall keep making the roads narrower and unsafe for transportation use...taking us back to Vernon in the 1950's where we had to worry about head on collisions inside the city limits.

The intersection at 39th ave and pleasant valley rd is often backed up. It is my understanding that there is a multifamily complex just up the street, which will of course create more traffic along this intersection.

the lack of a decent bus system on middleton mountain and around the Coldstream area (even though I actually live in Vernon on middleton mountain)

the lack of an extensive and timely bus service both in the city proper and to and from surrounding communities.

The lack of Greyhound bus lines or some alternative at a reasonable cost.

The limit to the times public transit is available, especially in the later evenings.

The main Hwy flowing right through the business district.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

The main roads get clogged with traffic and then you are stuck waiting. If there is an accident or construction there is no alternate route as a back up. The traffic lights don't seem to be properly synched and on the highway by Lake Country you are often backed up all the way past the billboards.

Public transportation (bus service) in Kelowna is quite terrible. The busses do not wait 10 seconds for you. They also do not wait in their bay at the stop (for example at the UBCO exchange) - they wait with their 'Not In Service' lights on far away so you have no idea if that is your bus or if your bus is on its way. More often than not (there are maybe 3 nice drivers I've encountered so far) the drivers are rude and seem bothered that you are even taking the bus. The timing is off on the busses, they don't seem to be in synch with either College class times or with people trying to make the connecting bus. In prime busy time (4:00 - 5:00pm) they sometimes don't even show up so you miss connecting busses.

I have to say the bus service in Vernon is a night and day difference than that with Kelowna's. They are always pleasant and friendly and don't act like you are ruining their day by taking the bus.

Also - the #90 bus (UBCO) should not travel into Oyama. It makes zero sense. The #90 does not travel into Vernon or Coldstream and should only stop along the Parkway in Oyama instead of entering Oyama and wasting everyone's time. That one person in Oyama (if there is one) can get themselves to the Parkway stop with no problem.

The most important issue in my area (Foothills) is lack of a safe place for children to walk to school, along Silver Star Road is very unsafe. Also, lack of safe crosswalks along Foothills Drive. Need flashing lights or speed humps.

The most important transportation issue in Vernon is the condition of our roadways. From potholes (some of them huge) to a lack of lines on the roads to provide some guidance while driving, it is a hazard driving around our community.

The most important transportation issue to me is making cities more bike friendly.

the necessity for a bypass, slow traffic down from the college lights northbound to 60 or 70km

The need for bypass highways in the Okanagan cities and towns.

The price gas is too high. Limits my willingness to drive around.

The public transport. Cost versus use. Would be lovely to use it but for example my daughter's work, it never works out. She works part time for this semester, and on a Sunday and the buses don't accommodate. They stick to main routes and never go into a community for the elderly people so if the inlaws could take the bus they are dropped on a main route and made to walk into the subdivisions and sometimes quite far.

The quality and reliability of the Commonage Road from Predator Ridge to Vernon is a very big concern of mine. There have been many times that this road has been too dangerous for me to use. The quality of the maintenance is not very good - for example, during a three week period last year, the road was glare ice and extremely dangerous in sections.

To avoid this, I will sometimes use Hwy 97 to go into town, but the left turning lane from Bailey Road to the Hwy is also extremely dangerous - winter or summer! There have been a number of people killed there. An underpass or some other method for merging on to this road is warranted I believe. These problems will only get worse as the population of Predator Ridge increases.

the roads are terrible. I drive a smart car, better paving and upkeep is needed

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

The roads are very hard to travel on and are getting worse and worse and some bus schedules have too big of gaps between the busses coming. (the 7 bus comes every hour and a half, which is very inconvenient)

The roads in the Predator Ridge area are horrible and need to be replaced.

The rural setting allows for little use of anything but a car..

The streets that have been narrowed to quiet traffic are too narrow when there is truck traffic on them. Also some traffic lights on busy streets that change to red to let traffic on a quiet street go backing up the main road.

The transit should line up better with layman working hours. Thank you.

The volume of traffic on why 6 and 97 through Vernon at certain times of day.

The volume of traffic seems to be large, HWY 97 there's a large volume of traffic going through all the towns it would be nice to have a bypass of something.

The worst is downtown Vernon. There is no place to park. The streets have been made thinner because they put in a bicycle lane and nobody is riding bicycles. This is a city of older people and nobody is riding a bicycle.

Their are not adequate buses where I live because I can't walk far.

There are no buses where I live. There is absolutely no transportation available unless I want to take a cab. There are no buses. There is nothing.

There are several:

1. Inadequate public transit. We would all use public transit much more if it were more useful. i.e. If busses ran more often and later into the evening. It is not possible for young people to get around in the evening without either walking after dark or being driven.
2. More bike lanes would make riding safer and more fun.
3. More affordable green transportation - i.e. hybrid and electric cars |

There are too many pot holes in the downtown roads, please fix them.

There are visibility issues with bushes, and the lines on the pavement are not visible at night.

There aren't enough bus services, which creates really long wait times, so I don't use the bus.

There could be improvements to the bus route system and additional bike routes.

There is no public transportation, so always have to drive our personal vehicles.

There is not enough transit and when you go to the mall you have to sit outside in all the weather elements.

There is very limited bus service ever since Greyhound vacated their service to Vernon.

There needs to be in adequate crosswalk or Crossway with lights at the hospital.

There should be more late night bus service in this area.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

This year the city decided to do a lot of road repairs and it's been a challenge getting around.

Time of buses, ease of using for mobility issues, ie even walking to them and getting on and off, seniors issues.

Timing of traffic lights, especially the Highway intersection by Earl's

T-intersections and traffic circles - no one knows how to use them properly. And there are way too many sets of traffic lights in Vernon.

Too many stupid drivers

too congested

too many cars and no centre of town where cars are not allowed.

Also separate bike lanes are needed everywhere with many more lines painted to show drivers that bikes belong there not their vehicles.

Too many cars and not enough roads. Driver inattention.

Too many elderly people driving on the road that are too scared to drive.

Too many parents need to drive kids to school. Not great bussing options

too many traffic lights in Vernon and no flow of traffic. You'll drive one block only to be stopped again and have to wait through all the advance lefts. Specifically - the intersection out front of Tiki Village and Canadian Wholesale Club. Traffic crossing 32nd street (highway) often can't get through as the traffic is backed up at this intersection.

Too many vehicles on the road with just one driver in it. Not enough public transit options. Buses in town often seem to be very empty, maybe smaller size buses could be more cost effective, allowing for more routes?

too many vehicles on the road with one person - need more car pooling, incentives to walk more

Too much emphasis on cycling lanes and not enough on improving roads for vehicular traffic

traffic and construction

Traffic at hwy 97 and 25 ave

Traffic at hwy 6 and 25 ave

Traffic build up on main street and 27thstreet.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE SUMMER

Traffic congestion on 32nd Street (Hwy 97).

Traffic Congestion.

Lack of safe bicycle lanes.

traffic does not flow well; lights are poorly coordinated. Driving across town is frustrating.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Traffic flow - need more left turn lanes at many intersections. Need a right turn lane at intersection in south bound lane on Hwy 97 at 43 Ave - the congestion there is really bad. A left turn lane is needed north bound on PV and 48 Ave at Butcher Boys as traffic is much busier at that end of town now.

Traffic flow. Especially in the summer

Traffic gridlock. The lack of an appropriate transportation corridor that would re-route highway/industrial traffic away from the center of town. As a resident of Vernon for 41 yrs we are 30 yrs behind in addressing this issue. There needs to be a proactive approach to create a bypass for this city.

traffic holdups for people turning left on 32 Street and 27 Street

Traffic is busy and the bus service is scattered.

Traffic is too high in volume at peak times for the roads available to flow smoothly. Often wait times are several lights for each intersection and often the traffic backs up through intersections so traffic is impeded. For example, the intersection at Highway 97 and Glenmore road in Lake Country is horrendous. This summer the time to get off Glenmore to make a left hand turn on to HWY 97 was 20-30 minutes daily for the afternoon trip home. Vernon and Kelowna need a highway bypass to reduce the volume of through traffic.

Traffic is very heavy at 27th Avenue and erous.41St Street, Vernon at Stop sign. Very frustrating and dang

Traffic light timing.

Traffic lights and road construction. The road construction is bearable though as it's means improvements to road conditions and routes.

Traffic lights in Vernon are too short.

Traffic mainly - bottle necks at certain times of day.

I would take the bus to work, but it is always too crowded and I don't feel safe standing on a bus traveling down the highway

TRAFFIC ON 32ND St. And 27th St. Are often backed up . Parking on both sides of side Streets and Avenues make very narrow passing especially during winter months.

traffic patterns

traffic speeding up hospital hill

Traffic violations (Speeding, red light running, not staying in the lane on curves.)

Traffic volume and backup. Left hand turns during the day on 32nd st without turning lanes.

Transit. It is not available everywhere, and, although I am not sure, the existing transit does not have appropriate schedules.

I live on Turtle Mountain. If I wanted to take transit instead of my car, I would still need to navigate the walk up and down the hill. Currently I am able to do that, but as I age, I wonder if that would be possible. It means that I use my car more than I would if convenient transit was available.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

transit...too long of wait or no bus service for time needed

transportation alternatives so seniors can stay in their homes.
More bike corridors.

Transportation for seniors to and from shopping malls

Transportation to or from the airport -if you don't want to leave your car - perhaps you are going to be away for a considerable period

Travelling on bikes with kids. It is very stressful watching out for your kids and making sure drivers are aware of you.

Trying to drive out of our mobile home park when the traffic is busy on Pleasant Valley Road.

Turning right off of HWY 97 onto 43rd Ave. Very backed up majority of the time. |

Unsafe driving behaviour.

Unsafe traffic. I see at least 2 traffic violations any day that I travel to the downtown area. Today, on a 1 hour trip to Vernon's downtown I witnessed a cab run an already red light at 30 ave and 34 st and a semi truck driver with a phone stuck to his head as he was making a left turn from Hwy 6 to hwy 97 and that was just in a 1 hour period. Not enough policing.

Upgrade traffic lights controller (too many intersections are working against each other at peak travel times).
Improve main roads surface (too many potholes), improve line painting (too many areas aren't marked properly and that leads to bad interpretations of the road by drivers)

Urban Sprawl

Use the public transit busses to move school children around wherever possible. There is to many empty busses circulating in town.

Use smaller, more efficient busses

Create more bicycle paths AWAY from roads.

Vehicle Traffic

Vehicles making left hand turns on 32st (hwy 97), heading north or south

Vernon - No transportation to the airport unless if it is a taxi. Other transportation to the airport is very inconvenient.

Vernon BC the intersection 39th ave and 33rd st. It is always busy and over-flowed with vehicles in the left turning lane.

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

Vernon is not planning for increased traffic. Kalamalka Lake Road is an example. Major work in 2018, added a bike lane, which is as wide as a single lane of traffic. Turning off the main road is difficult as the Planners left narrow entrances to the business and residential properties off Kalamalka, causing all traffic behind to grind to a halt while vehicles negotiate the narrow entrances or the turn if a vehicle is exiting at the same time. People behind are blasting their horns in frustration. But, the road itself was left single lane. Kalamalka Lake Road is one of the main roads out of Vernon and very busy. This applies to other roads in Vernon as well.. Bike lanes are a nice feature but does cause impatient drivers frustration. Bus usage is questionable. Hard to find information on schedules. Some bus stops, Kalamalka for example, just has a sign, on the edge of the busy road. No place to stand except in the dirt and weeds and if dark very dangerous. No lighting.

Vernon needs a by- Pass

Vernon should investigate bypassing the downtown. Terrible congestion in the spring and summer months.

Volume of traffic on Hwy 97

Volume on highways and city streets at peak hours

Was no issue

We do not attract large corporations to Vernon so we do not have well paying jobs so we do not have a good transit system for these employees to use.

We don't have bus route service that comes up to The Rise - need to have a car to live here.

We don't have enough safe sidewalks near the Strand to walk any distance.

We have just moved here and so far the only problem is the lack of lighting for driving at night. Okanagan Landing Road is not bad but Eastside can be very dangerous at night. We are hoping the conditions of the road will be well maintained during the winter. This week was our first time travelling the icy road and it wasn't really well maintained yesterday...some very slippery dangerous areas.

We have no public buses out here for my daughter who is almost a teen to have more freedom in the future.

We live on a bus route, and the buses that drive by here are pretty empty a lot of the time. We have the regular bus, and then we have the small buses that pick up from various locations. I don't use the bus myself, but the emptiness needs to be addressed. I don't know if I would want to wait for a bus to go to Kelowna.

We need a better bus system from Vernon to Kelowna!!

We need better public transit in Vernon. I would use buses if they ran more often and if there were more routes. We also need good bus service between communities in the Okanagan and to other destinations in BC. I am very upset about Greyhound cancelling their service in this province

We need to educate/enforce proper left turns from multi lane street into another multi lane street.
Yellow lights at intersections are too short (Kelownas are at least 50% longer)

we need to increase our communities accessibility to public transportation. It needs to become something that EVERYONE does. Currently, there is NO bus that runs around Middleton and there are many families with non-driving members who are stuck without the ability to access their community

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Vernon Residents

We seem to have empty busses travelling all day long. We lived in the Bella Vista area and saw approx 4-5 busses an hour travel by our house, virtually empty.

We will like a bus route to go right up to Mutrie Road, right now the bus does not go any further than present valley road. It is a steep hill and it will great to have a bus route right to the door.

Well this is a, it's been here for 10 yrs, building on this hill in Vernon, and their almost finished. A lot of homes are here, and still no bus service, it's a long walk down and an even longer one up, and we want a bus up here.

When my husband is sick, getting to the local hospital is difficult and he have to go to Kelowna for radiation. Transportation is spotty for the sick with ambulances.

When they are repairing roads and detours. Inconvenient.

Winter road conditions

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

with increasing population: overcrowded roads with too many pot holes white lines poorly painted only last for approx. 3 weeks. snow removal and road care in winter extremely poor. ----take a look at the excellence in Penticton. Not enough Handicapped parking spots anywhere to service the ageing population in Vernon. Handicapped parking should be on flat surfaces not on inclined parts of parking areas. Turn left arrow signals always too short, mostly only 4 cars can get through.

would like to see bi-passes for Vernon and Kelowna

In your opinion, what is the most important transportation issue or challenge in your community?

Priest's Valley Residents

7 Comments made by Priest's Valley Residents:

Excessive speed, and the need for bicycle safety.

It is unsafe to bike and walk on many of our roads; many roads in my area don't have sidewalks or biking lanes.

Keeping the roadway painted lines visible

Lack of Hwy 97 By-pass

lots of very slow speed limit zones in rural areas. Way to much congestion at hospital hill bottom area.not enough downtown parking especially free so businesses can prosper and employees dont have to plug meters all day

Probably bus service not going as late as some people need or as often.

We've only lived here for a week so we don't really know of any issues.