

# Sustainability

## Gabriola

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## Transportation:

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**Goals:** Increase ease of all forms of zero to low GHG emission travel while reducing vehicle travel

Objectives:

- Increase ease of cycling as mode of transportation
- Increase ease of walking as mode of transportation
- Establish public transit on Gabriola
- Encourage electric vehicles
- Increase interconnections between cycling, walking & public transit both on Gabriola and into Nanaimo

### Short and Long Term Actions:

*A. Long term Action:* Increase paths for bikes, walking and electric vehicles on shoulder or beside roads.

*Short term action:* Set up meeting with relevant jurisdictions (RDN, MTI and IT) to determine who has what responsibility in establishing the bike paths and what type of funding is available.

*Responsibility:* Those of us at the session

*B. Long term action:* Increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists through reducing speed of vehicles.

*Short term actions:*

- Public education (i.e. article in newspaper) about reducing speed limit in order to make it safer to ride a bike or walk
- Look into reducing the speed limit in the village core area (part of (a) discussion)
- Look into potential to separate higher and lower speed vehicles

*Responsibility:* Cyclists and other organizations working on no carbon transit

*C. Long term action:* Network of paths enabling people to walk from one end of the island to the other.

*Short term action:* GALTT continues activities towards achieving this long term action with support from Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee and the rest of us that want to see the trails in place

*Responsibility:* GALTT, PROSAC and the rest of us through support

*D. Long Term action:* Establish bus on Gabriola

*Short term action:* Strongly support recommendation to RDN that public transit system be established on Gabriola Island

*Responsibility:* Public transit committee & task force – and the rest of us through support

*E. Long term action:* Determine how best to use those potential paths or roads that are currently designated as “right of ways”.

*Short Term Action*

- At meeting (action a) determine what the barriers are to establishing an emergency road from Phase IV to village and support those organizations attempting to establish the link (FID).
- Identify unused “right of ways” on the island and determine whether they are feasible to use as walking or bike paths.

*F. Long term action:* Integrate low to no carbon transportation for Gabriolans

*Short term actions:*

- Groups working on various no to low transportation modes discuss ways to integrate various systems
- Advocate integrated bus and ferry fares

*Responsibility:* Green Bikes Program, GALTT, Island Futures, Commons, RDN transit, Transportation Association

*G. Long term action:* All map makers mark walking trails on the map not just vehicle routes

*Short term actions:* Groups producing maps use GALTT map to mark trails

*Responsibility:* Gabriola Arts Council, Chamber of Commerce, GALTT

*H. Long term action:* Increased covered parking for bike

*Short term action:* Establish bike racks under shelter in commercial areas

*Responsibility:* Owners of Commercial Buildings

### **Measuring Success:**

- 1) Reduction in number of vehicles registered on Gabriola Island
- 2) Increased number of residents indicating cycling as transportation mode
- 3) Increased number of residents indicating walking as transportation mode
- 4) Increased number of residents indicating use of public transit system
- 5) Public transit on Gabriola