

# HALIFAX

6.1.1 Staff Update on Projects and Plans

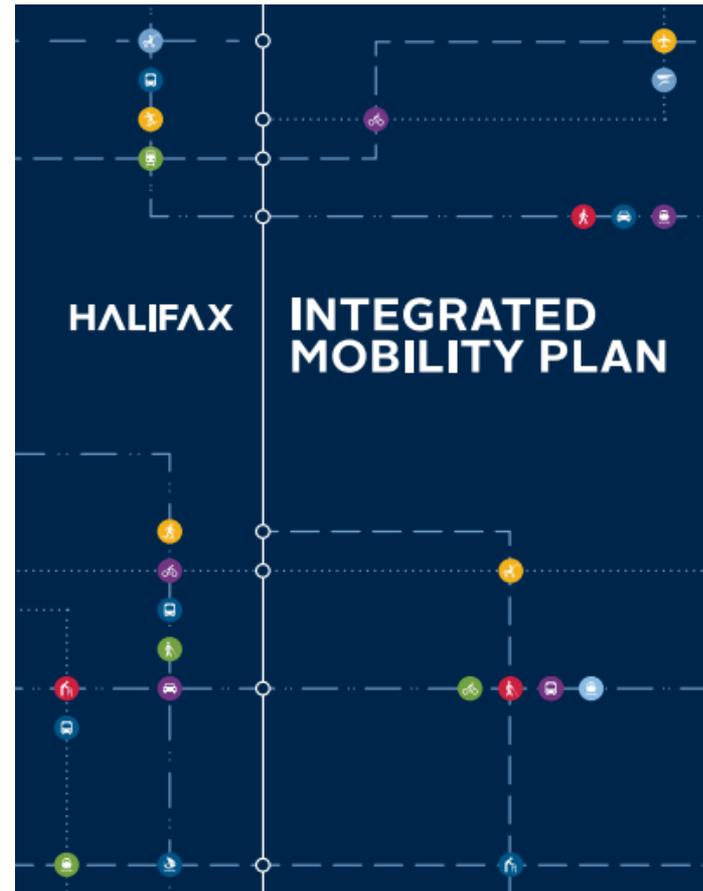
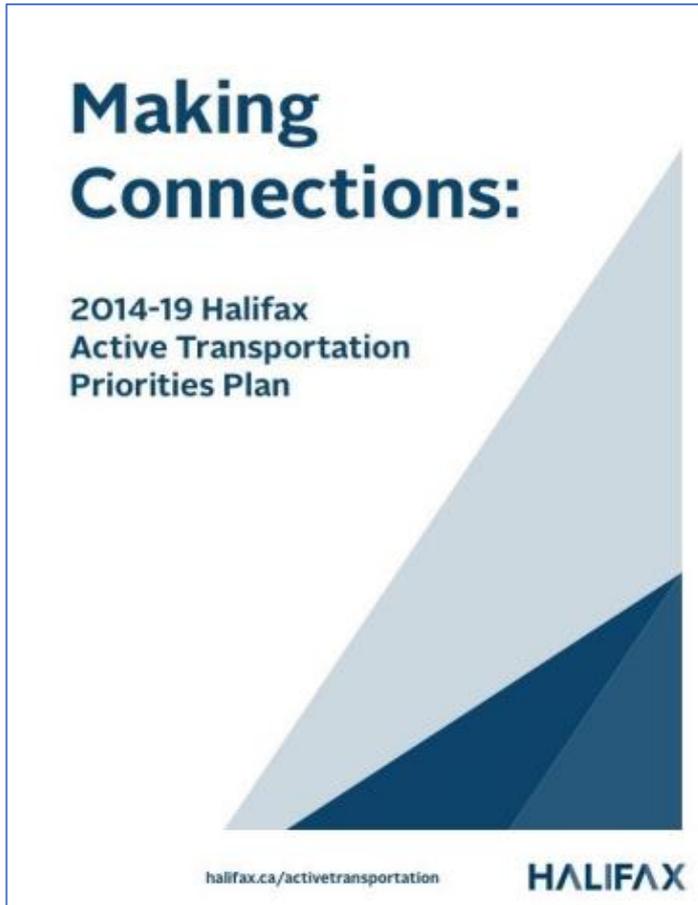
## **Active Transportation Advisory Committee**

November 18, 2020

# Agenda

- Policy and Plans
- AT Planning Group Introduction
- Covid 19 impact
- Functional Planning Projects
- Update on 2020 AT capital construction
- Regional Centre AAA Bikeway update
- Winter works maintenance standards
- New Active Transportation grants program
- Monitoring
- Education and Promotion activities

# Policy and Plans



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# AT Planning Group Introduction

Megan Backos, AT Planner  
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Dawn Neil, AT Planner  
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Part of Transportation and Public  
Works, Project Planning and Design

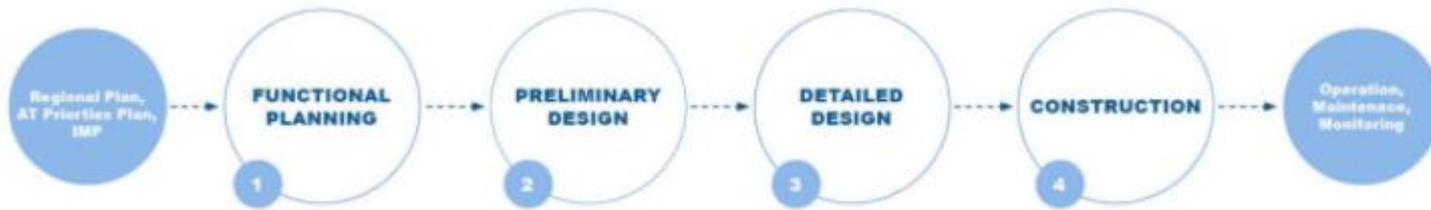


# Who else is involved in AT in HRM?

- Halifax Transit
- Corporate communications
- Traffic
- Right-of-way
- Real Estate
- Planning and Development
- Strategic Transportation Planning
- Road Operations
- Construction
- Parking
- Parks and Recreation
- Risk Management
- Finance
- Procurement
- Redbook update group
- Environment
- Urban Forestry
- Emergency Service
- Corporate Addressing
- Legal
- Government relations
- Municipal Clerk's Office
- Others...

# From a Plan to Construction

## HALIFAX ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & DESIGN PROCESS



We lead functional planning for AT facilities

We support design and construction.

# Functional Planning Projects

- Bedford-Sackville Greenway Functional Plan
- AT Plan for Bayers Lake Business Park
- Africville Ped-Bike Connections Functional Plan
- Alderney Landing to Geary/Dartmouth Common
- Shearwater Connection on Pleasant St.
- North End Local Street Bikeway (phase 2, Almon to Cogswell)
- Peninsula South Complete Streets
- Almon Planning and design
- Mid-town Bikeways
- Dalhousie/Oak/Crichton
- Cherry Brook AT Plan (starts winter 2021)
- North Preston Greenway Extension and Village AT
- Lucasville Greenway

Bayers Lake Business Park Active Transportation Plan

Key Dates  
Round One Public Engagement  
04 November -- 20 November 2020

Important Links

- Integrated Mobility Plan
- HRM Bicycle Facility Dictionary
- Active Transportation Priorities Plan
- Halifax Bike Map
- HRM Business Parks Functional Plan (2008)

Lifecycle

- Project Initiation and Analysis of Existing Conditions

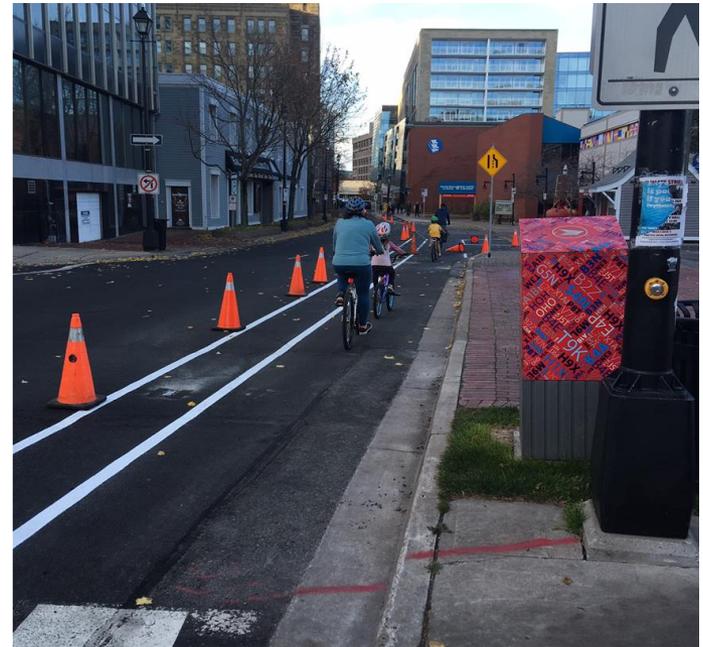


# What else AT group does...

- AT grant program
- Technical
- New sidewalk ratings
- Updating new sidewalk ratings
- Co-ordinate monitoring
- Council reports
- Reporting (KPIs)
- Funding applications
- Infrastructure grant administration
- ATAC
- Stakeholder relations
- Media relations
- Rural AT approach
- Education and Promotion projects
- Micromobility/bike share readiness
- Annual and mid-term capital/budget planning
- Pilot Projects (e.g. bike corrals)
- Advice to other transportation functional planning (e.g. Bedford Highway, Rapid Transit Strategy)
- Advice/participation in HRM corporate committees (HalifACT; winter works review)
- Support regularity changes (e.g. bike signals)
- Co-ordination with Provincial Government on AT (e.g. rails to trails)
- Support/work with tactical program.
- Covid Mobility Response
- Updating HRM planning and design processes
- 311 responses
- More....

# Some Covid 19 Impacts

- A couple of capital projects deferred to 2021
- Some AT staff resources dedicated to HRM's Mobility response
- Public engagement for functional planning is now online.
- Lower Water St. tactical protected bike lane prioritized
- Couldn't replace term AT Planner
- Importance of AT facilities recognized
- Potential budget impacts going forward



# Update on 2020 AT capital construction (1)

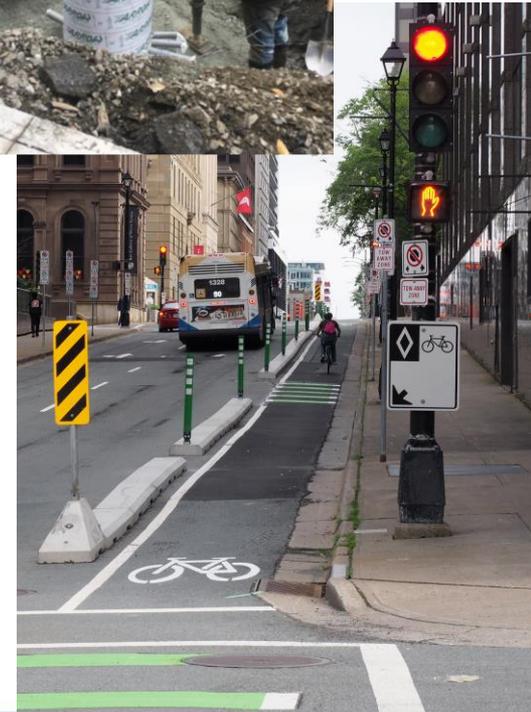
## New Sidewalks

- Heritage Hills Dr
- Mount Edward Rd
- Flamingo Dr
- Sunnybrae Ave
- Theakston Ave
- Brentwood Ave
- James St

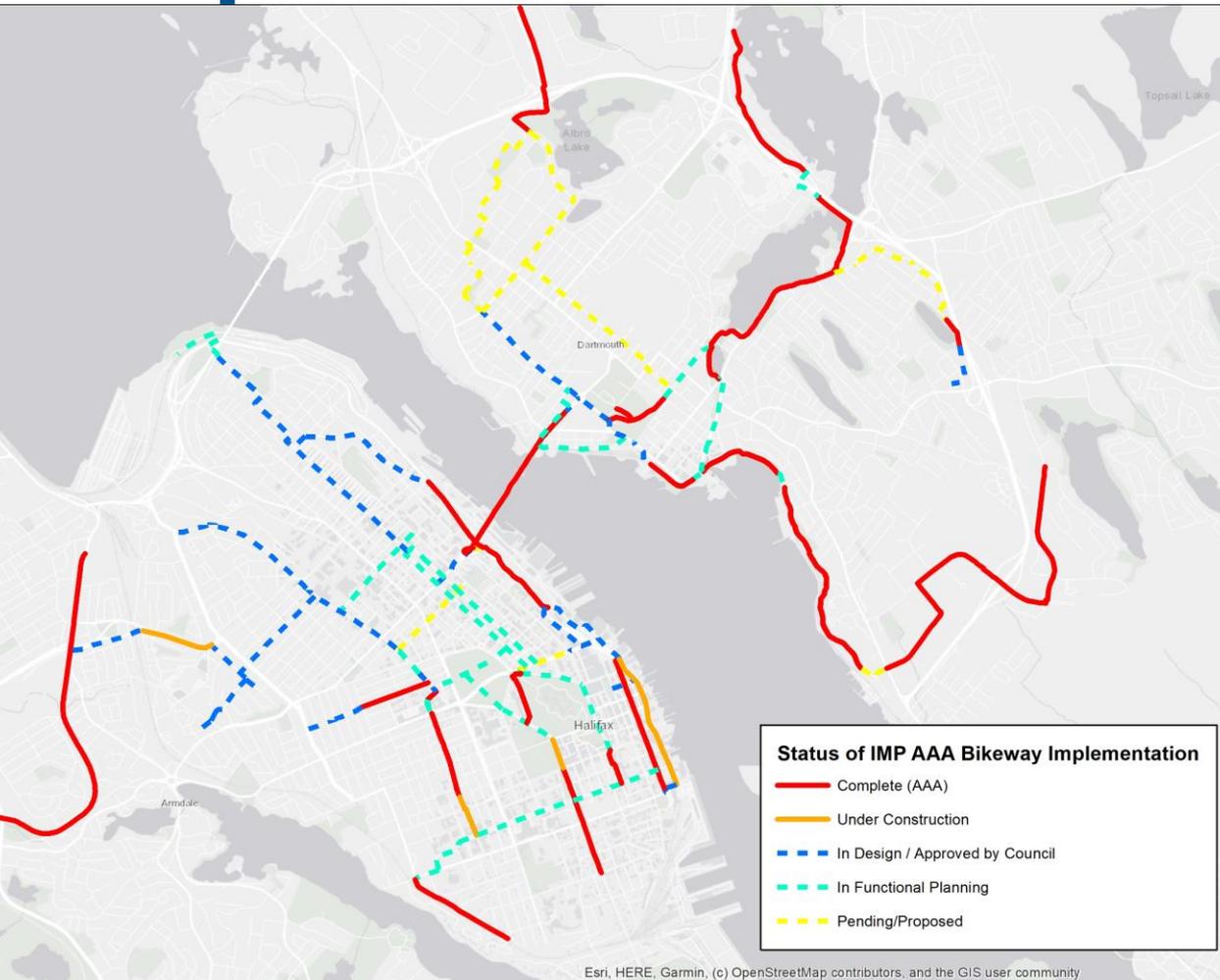


# Update on 2020 AT capital construction (2)

- Dunbrack Greenway
- Forest Hills Dr. Greenway
- Hollis Bike Lane
- South Park Bike Lane Phase II
- Penhorn Greenway Phase I
- Vernon – Seymour Local Street Bikeway Phase II
- Bayers Road MUP Phase I
- Lake William Trail Bridge (SWEPS Community Group)
- Tactical Projects
  - Young-Kaye-Isleville
  - Lower Water bike lane
  - Rainie bi-directional bike lane to Brunswick



# Regional Centre AAA Bikeway update



Some projects being readied for 2021 construction:

- Wyse Road protected bike lanes;
- Allan and Vernon Seymour enhancements;
- Phase one of North End Local Street Bikeway
- Dahlia Local Street Bikeway
- Bayers Road MUP, next phase
- Terminal Road protected bike lanes
- Tactical urbanism improvements

# Winter works standards for AT facilities

- Passed at Regional Council, September 29, 2020. Link: <https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/200929rc1118.pdf>
- Appendix C has standards and detail.
- Changes:
  - multi-use pathways, local street bikeways and protected bike lanes now have service standards. Depends on location and adjacency to priority one streets.
  - For the most part, facilities will be priority one – cleared 12 hours after end of event.
  - Added attention to pedestrian call buttons, tactile warning strips, pedestrian ramps and accessible parking spaces
  - Faster clearing of bus stops, pending budget increase.

# New Active Transportation(and recreational trails) grants program

- Approved by Council Sept. 29, 2020
- Supports community associations who build and maintain AT facilities.
- Replaces support to HRTA-member associations.
- New AT Promotion and Education grant program.



# Monitoring

- Permanent bike counters on Hollis and South Park. Others being added on Vernon-Seymour, Dartmouth Harbourfront and Windsor Street.
- Fall monitoring underway now (e.g. Vernon and side street volume and speeds, Allan volume and speeds, North End Local Street Bikeway, others). 24 hour counts.
- Modified peninsula screenline
- Counts by community associations



# Education and Promotion activities

- Get There by Bike Community grants
- Web information and PSAs on new facilities
- Making Tracks Bike Safety Videos (EAC project)
- Online interactive bike map



# Thanks. Questions?



Sackville Greenway (Thanks to Walter Regan)