



# Small Towns Big Steps

in Active Transport



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# Small Town Advantages

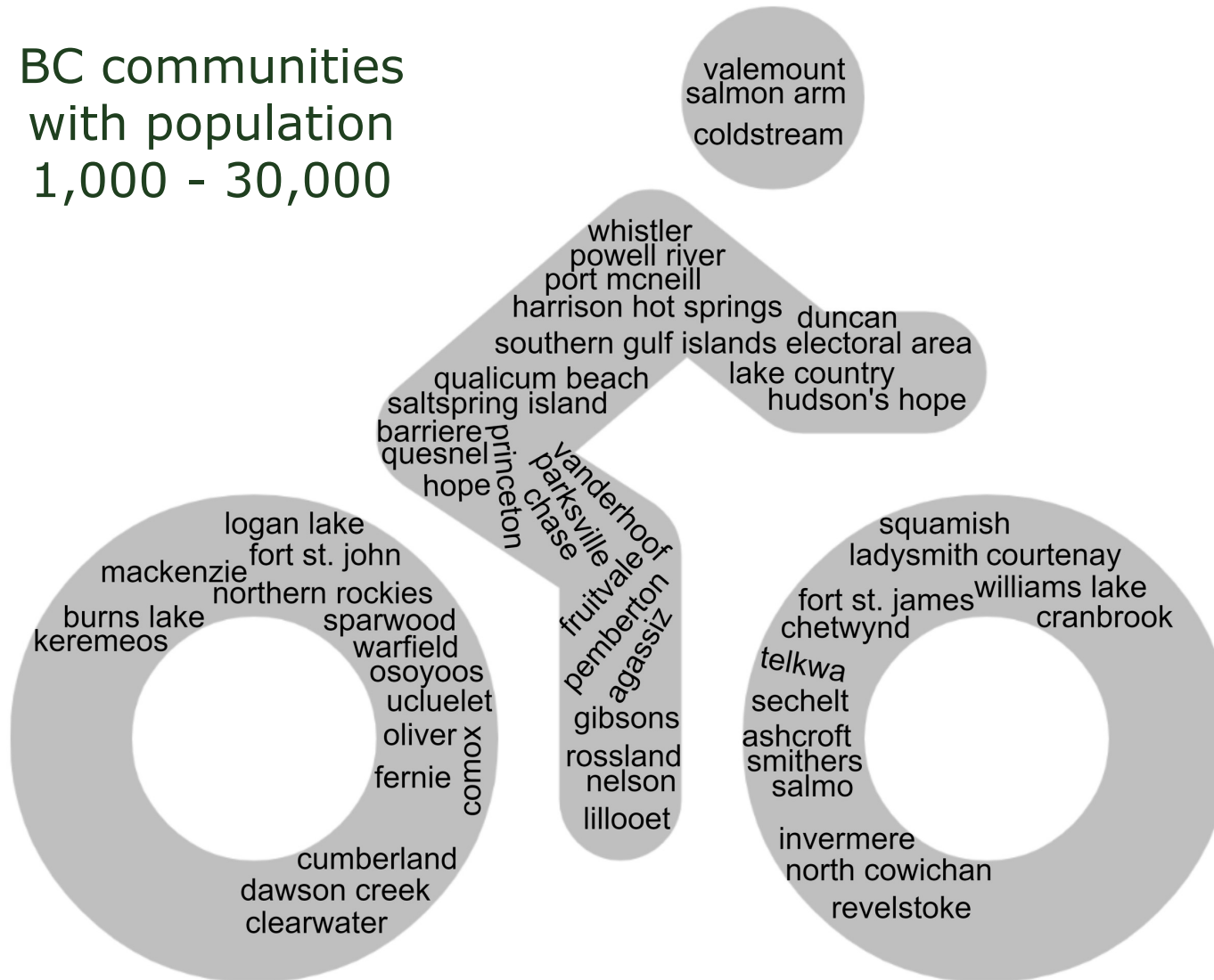
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- Good places to walk and ride bikes
- Parks, green spaces and trails to support active transportation
- Compact centres suited to active transportation trips
- History of collaboration, partnering to get projects done



# Measuring Progress in BC: Survey

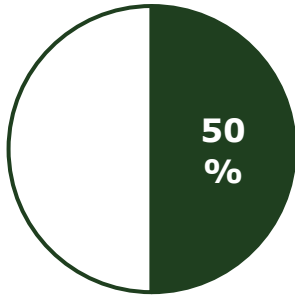
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with population  
1,000 - 30,000



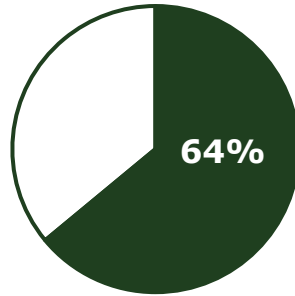
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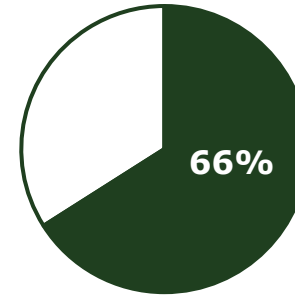
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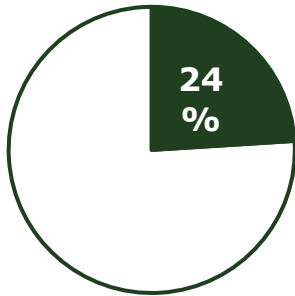
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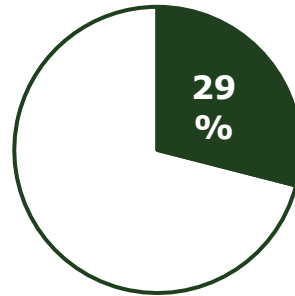
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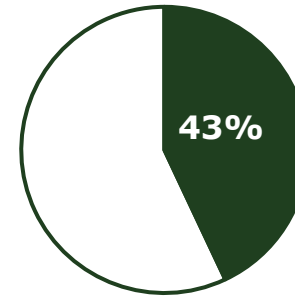
Active transport in OCP



Dedicated staff



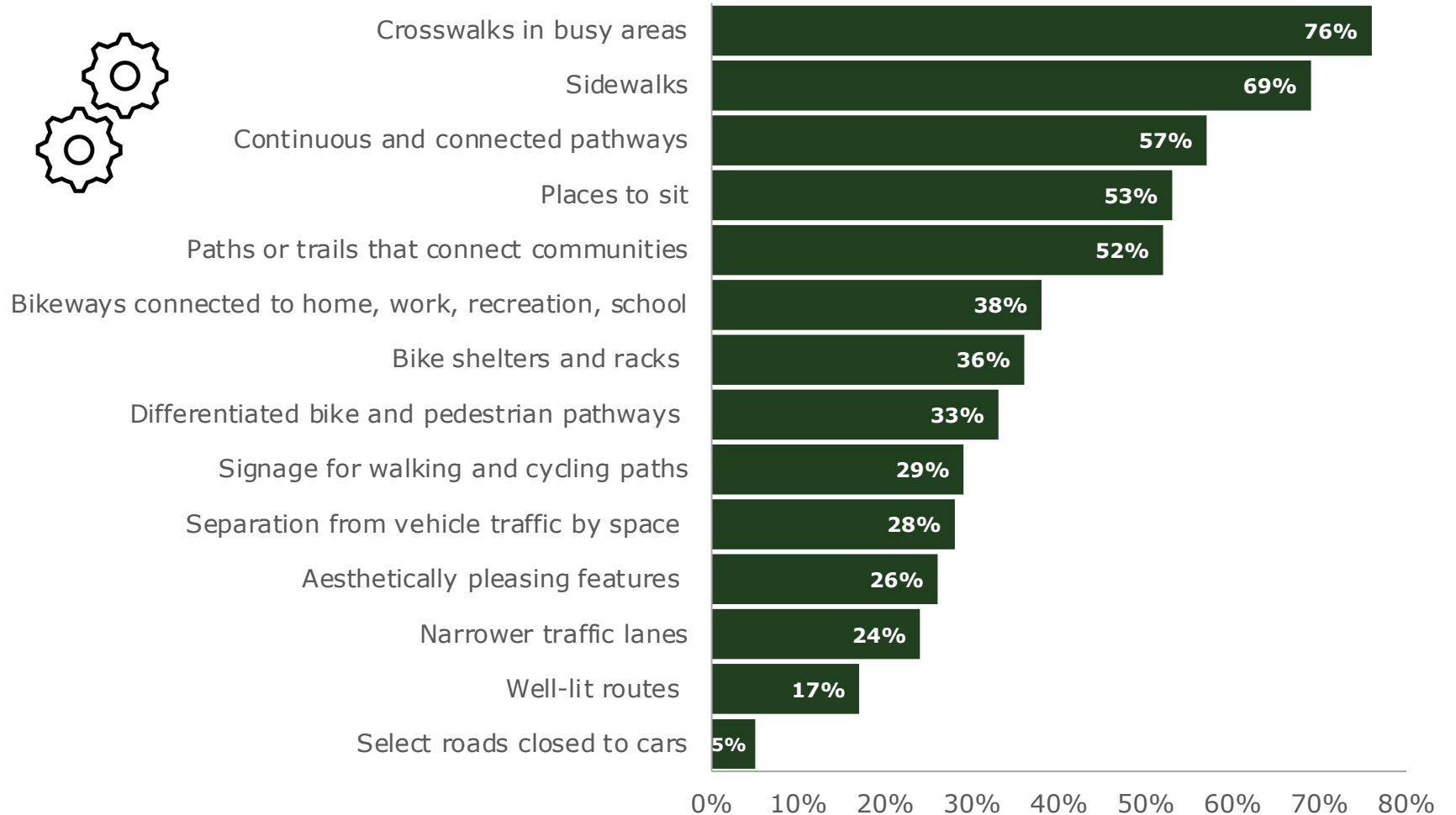
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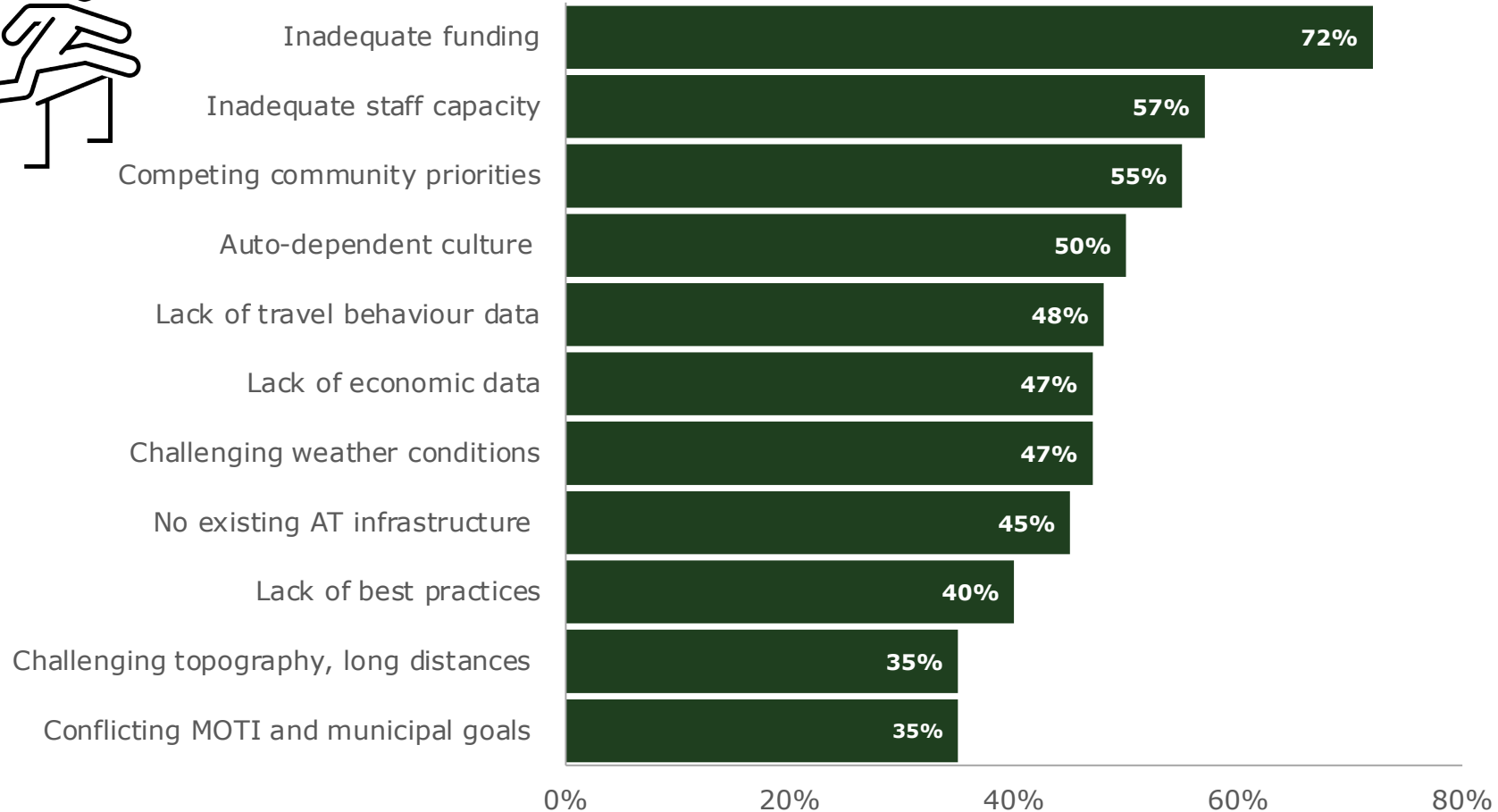
Active transportation plan



# Measuring Progress in BC: Survey



# Key Challenges: Survey



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# Integration: Finding Leaders





# Case Study Lessons

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## #1

## Collaboration is at the heart of active transportation progress.



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## #2

## Be ready for grants.





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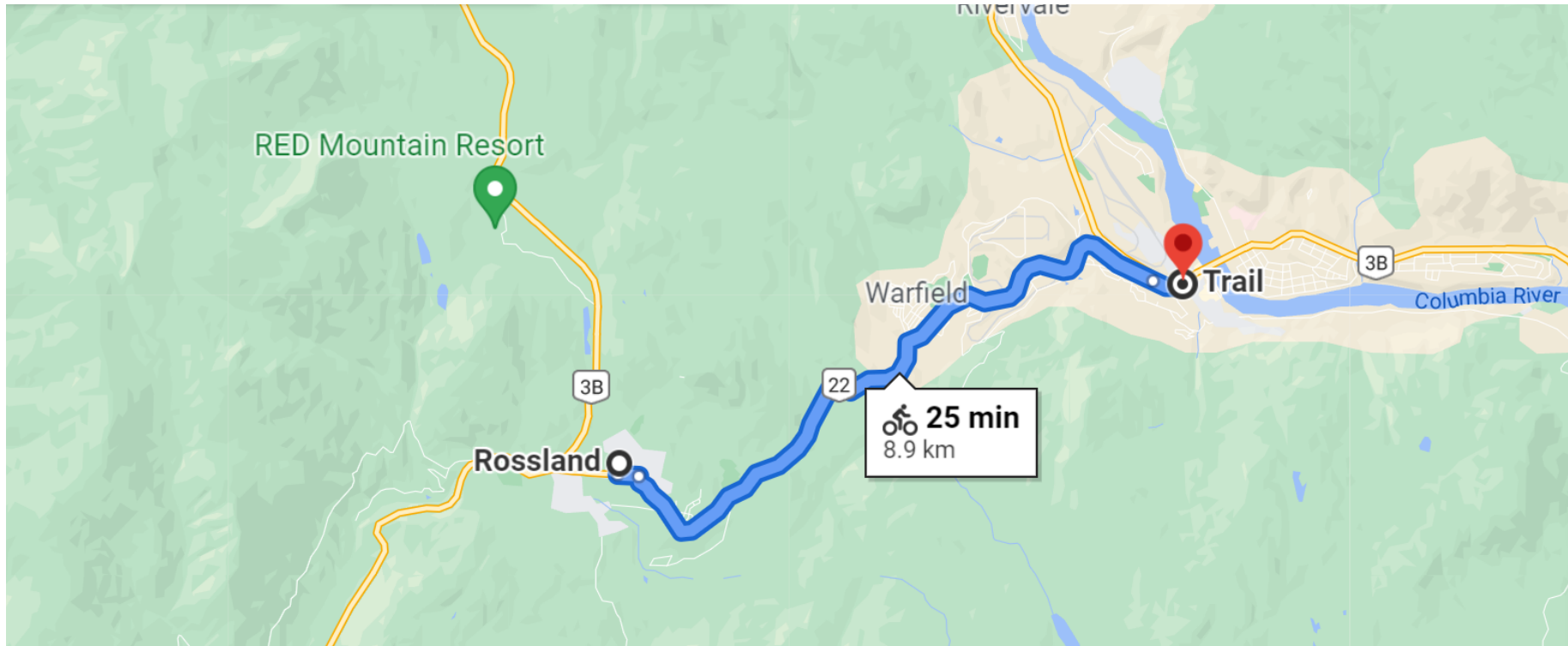
# #3 Use trails as connectors in the active transportation network.



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## #4 Look at connections to neighbouring towns.





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## #5 Incorporate an equity lens.

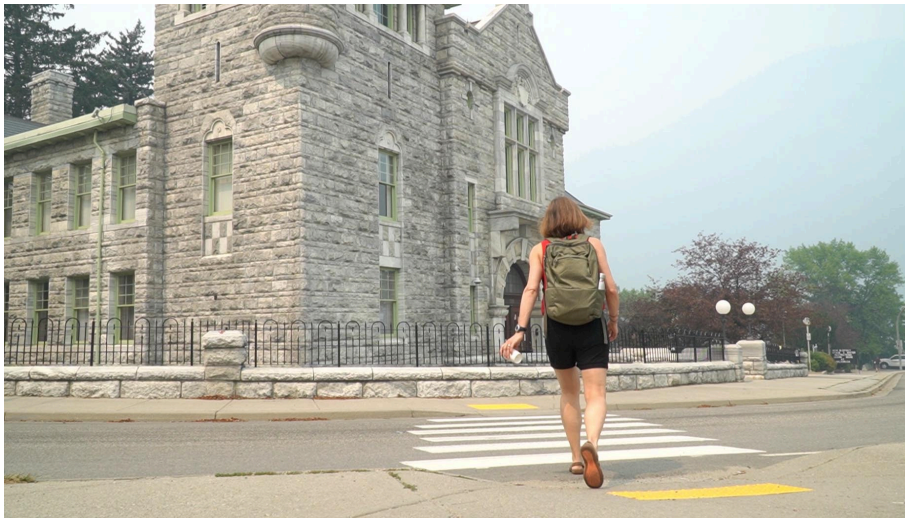


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## #6

**Get council's and community's attention on active transportation.**





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## #7 Place-making can encourage active transportation.





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# #8 Highway as Main Street is a complex active transportation challenge in small towns.



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# #9

**Look at opportunities to integrate active transportation improvements with upgrading in capital plans.**





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**#10 Build the network and don't let "perfect" get in the way of the possible.**





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