

# Tackling Climate Change Series

## How active transportation reduces our carbon footprint

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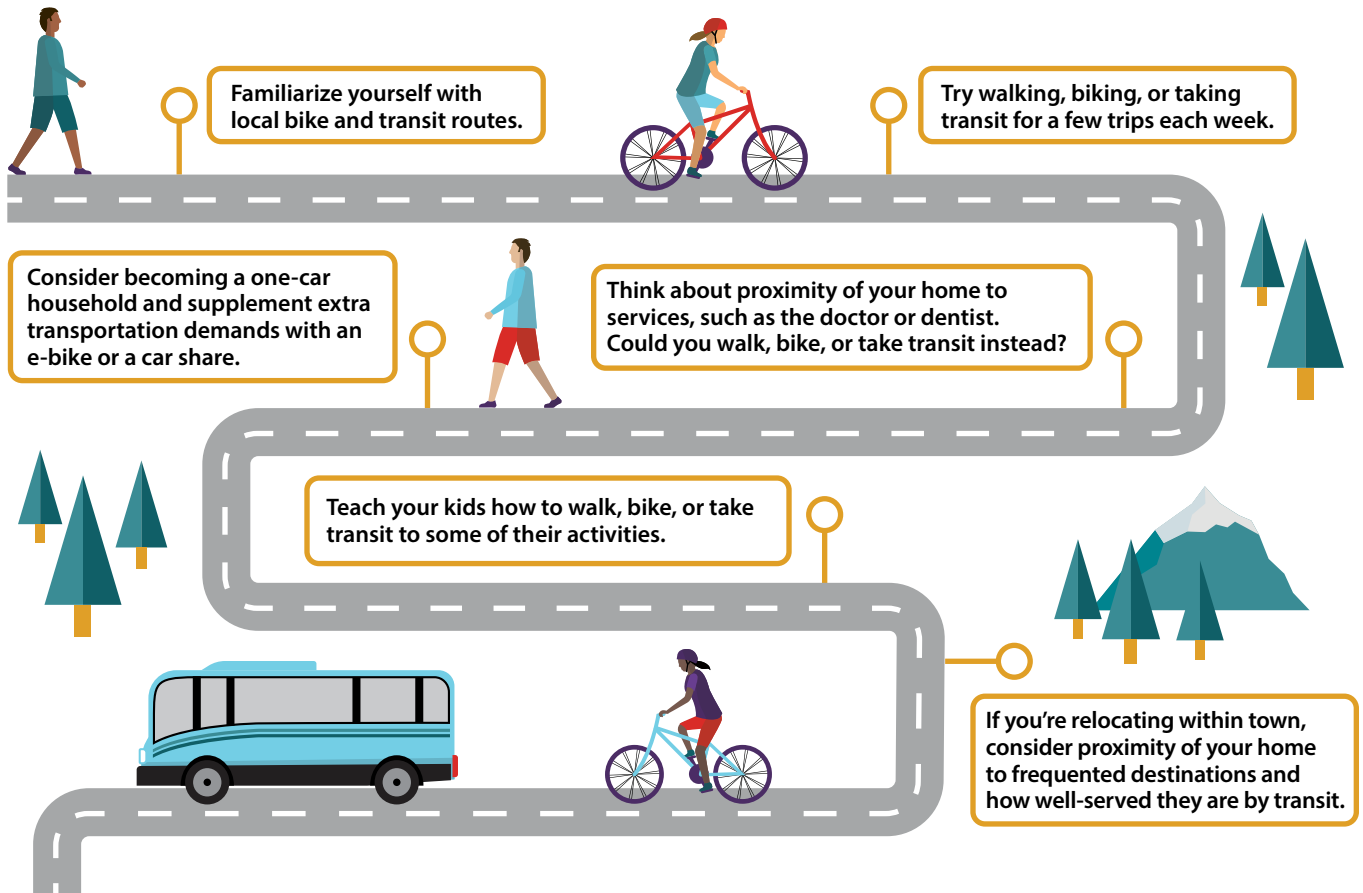
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Shift Beyond the Car

### Find new ways to get around town

Transportation accounts for about **52% of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Squamish**.

There are several ways we can tackle these transportation emissions, but the approach is to rethink how we get around town. This can look different for different people, but there are options for everyone. Here are a few ideas to help you get started with changing your transportation habits.



### Benefits of active transportation and transit

In addition to reducing GHG emissions, there are a wide variety of personal and community benefits to walking, biking, and taking transit.

#### Improve your health



Using active modes of travel contributes to improved physical and mental health.

#### Save money



Walking, biking, and transit are far cheaper than driving a personal vehicle.

#### Eliminate parking woes



Taking other modes of transport eliminates the need to find parking.

#### Reduce congestion



Shifting to active transportation and public transit reduces the number of cars on the road and the need for added infrastructure.



**Consider the destinations you frequent around town.  
Could you bike, walk, or take public transit there instead?**

## Active transportation and transit in Squamish

Check out the [Rider's Guide](#) to familiarize yourself with transit routes in Squamish. [BC Transit](#) also has a helpful site that provides real-time bus location information in Squamish. You can see the routes, stops and exactly where the bus currently is. You can also set up email alerts to let you know when your bus is approaching (e.g. 10 mins away) or use the [trip planner function](#).

Cycling around Squamish is a fast and efficient way to commute. View the District of Squamish [Cycling Map](#), to see bike routes throughout town. Many recreational trails are also great for more leisurely bike trips around town. [Trail Forks](#) is a handy app for recreational trails, or check out the District of Squamish [interactive web map](#).

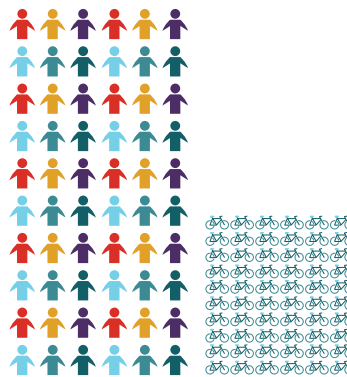
E-bikes have increased in popularity in recent years and are a great solution for navigating hills or providing extra power for a longer commute. These battery-assisted bikes have a maximum speed of 32 kilometres per hour and are permitted on Squamish bike routes. Ask at your local bike shop about what E-bikes they carry or could order in for you.

Every trip in, around, and to Squamish already starts and ends with walking. As our neighbourhoods become more dense, opportunities arise for walking to school, work, shops, or for recreation. Walking is free and can easily be paired with transit, carpooling, or other modes of transportation.

## Space required to transport 60 people



**60 People = 60 Cars**



**60 People = 60 Bikes**



**60 People = 1 Bus**

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## Carpooling and car sharing

If you are able to reduce the number of vehicles in your household, but still need occasional access to an extra car, check out the local car sharing service [Modo The Car Co-Op](#).

Carpooling can be a cost effective way to commute to work whether you work in Squamish, Whistler, Vancouver, or anywhere in between. By carpooling, you are reducing cost, fuel consumption, parking costs, and traffic. Check out apps like [Poparide](#), or social media sites like Facebook or Craigslist to coordinate rides.