

Surrey Central Transit Village Plan

Executive Summary

The Surrey Central Transit Village Plan is envisaged as a Transit-Oriented Community, or TOD, developed in the heart of Surrey Central. The Plan integrates both land use and transportation strategies to create a vibrant downtown centre, fusing both a distinctive public space strategy of high quality streets and the development of a major civic square or plaza.

The opportunity exists, specifically in Surrey Centre, for a new urban ‘heart’ which includes finely scaled grid of streets combined with an enhanced public realm, functioning within a broad mix of urban uses, in a compact walkable and sustainable community. The Plan’s implementation will encourage residents, students, workers, and visitors to choose green modes of transportation wherever possible.

The Surrey Central Transit Village Plan was the culmination of a multi-governmental partnership between the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD), the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (GVTA), and Transport Canada. HBBH Architects was retained as the primary consultant to work with the City and partners to develop both the Plan but also an implementation strategy.

The project was initially conceived as a means by which to reduce greenhouse gases and other emissions by encouraging the use of transit and modes of transportation other than the private automobile. The Plan is also a means by which Surrey City Centre will be revitalized and developed into a true sustainable urban downtown and community.

The strategies outlined in the Surrey Central Transit Village Plan are designed to enhance the physical environment of Surrey City Centre to increase walking, cycling and transit opportunities. This project introduces the idea of new sidewalks for pedestrian movement, traffic calming measures, improved signage, better and well-placed lighting, and traffic signal priority, stronger pedestrian and cyclist crossings, bus shelters, street furniture and bicycle lockers, as well as a number of inherently sustainable features, including proximity to Skytrain, overall walkability, and increased of greenspace, walking pathways, and bike connections.

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