

BC First Nations Transportation Assessment Report and Action Plan



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- The BC First Nations Transportation Assessment Report and Action Plan (Transportation Action Plan) identifies the main transportation challenges and opportunities facing First Nations in BC, and provides recommendations to support equitable access to transportation.
- The report brings together the research and engagement conducted through the First Nations Low-Carbon Transportation Project to date. The report was endorsed by Chiefs at the BCAFN Annual General Assembly by Resolution 35/2025.



Overview of the Themes

The report and action plan contains 50 recommendations, organized into 10 themes (see Figure 1).

1. Increase investment in multi-modal transportation

Invest in public transit, community shuttles, and passenger rail that meet First Nations' needs.

2. Close the infrastructure gap

Address longstanding transportation infrastructure deficits through dedicated, flexible, reliable, and long-term funding.

3. Advance improvements in cultural and physical safety

Improve transportation systems to enhance cultural safety and physical safety for First Nations people, particularly 2SLGBTQQIA+ peoples.

4. Support First Nation-led active transportation

Support walking, cycling, and other active transportation initiatives led by First Nations as well as the revitalization of ancestral trails

5. Build capacity and improve services/infrastructure on reserve

Strengthen community capacity and improve services and infrastructure on reserve through targeted funding and technical support.

6. Prioritize First Nations' access to marine transportation

Ensure reliable and affordable marine transportation options for coastal and remote First Nations that depend on waterways for travel and essential services.

7. Ensure a just transition

Support a transition to low-carbon transportation that centres First Nations' rights and self-determination.

8. Facilitate collaboration and shared decision-making

Strengthen collaboration between First Nations and governments through shared decision-making in transportation planning and implementation.

9. Reform funding and program delivery

Improve transportation funding models by streamlining programs, reducing barriers, and ensuring funding is accessible, flexible and supports capacity building

10. Equitable and affordable access to vehicles

Ensure First Nations have equitable access to affordable private vehicles, including electric cars and supporting charging infrastructure.



Figure 1: 10 Transportation Action Plan Themes. Each theme has multiple recommendations within it.

Next Steps

BCAFN is advocating for the full implementation of the recommendations contained in this report, including improved policies, shared decision-making, and investments that advance a just, accessible, safe, affordable, and low-carbon transportation system for First Nations in BC in alignment with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

BCAFN calls on Crown governments, Crown Corporations, local governments, organizations, and industry to fully implement the action plan and recommendations in partnership with First Nations. First Nations' access to mobility and transportation in BC and Canada is vital to advancing reconciliation and effectively implementing the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* and the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*.



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