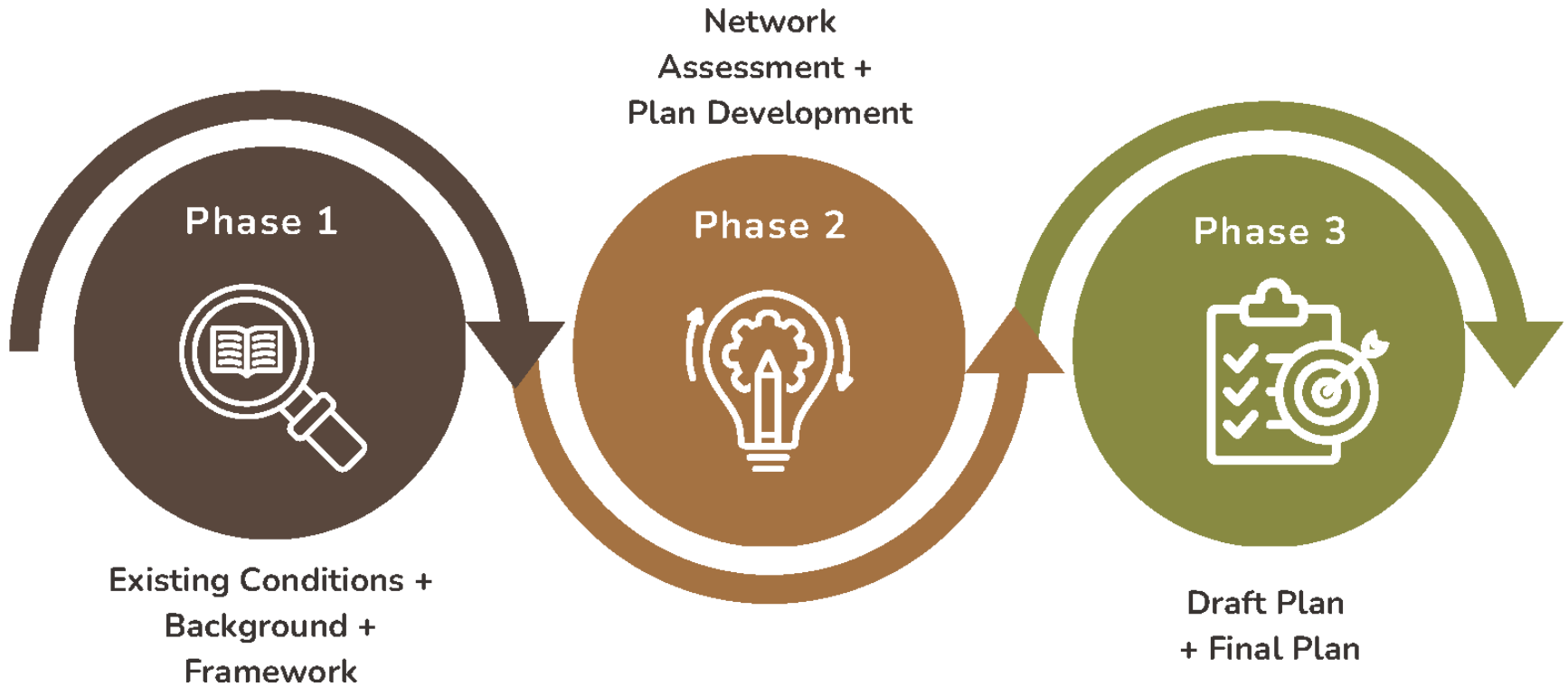




# MASTER TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Council Meeting May 15, 2024

# PROCESS



# ENGAGEMENT

- First Nation Outreach
- Online Survey #1
- Interviews with key groups
- Online Survey #2
- Council Presentations
- Online Survey #3
- Open House



# WHAT WE HEARD

## Council

- Fuller Lake Connection
- More Details / Information on Scenic Roads
- Lack of Desire for 4 Lanes
- Desire for Prioritized Actions and Quick Builds
- Cost to Implement



# WHAT WE HEARD

## Council Motion

- Publish Plan on Connect North Cowichan in advance of open house
- Forward draft to the Environmental Advisory Committee for Feedback
- Prepare a ‘What We Heard’ report
- Seek Early Engagement and Consultation with
  - First Nation where projects many have mutual / direct benefits
  - Other government bodies where plan may impact levels of service or physical infrastructure
- Prioritize the Recommendations
  - Related to bylaws, policy, and budgets
  - To incorporate into a multi-year capital and annual roads capital budget

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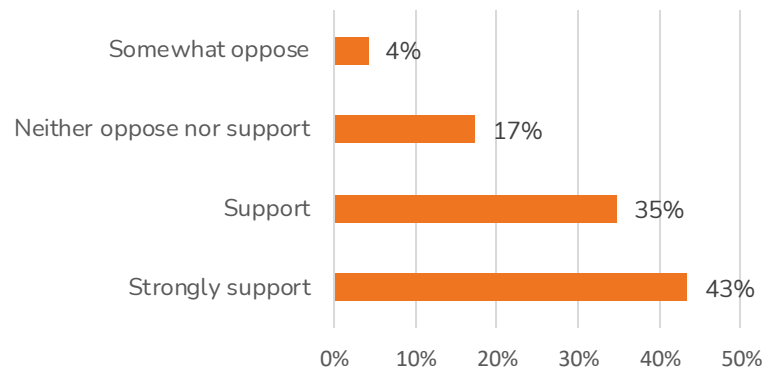
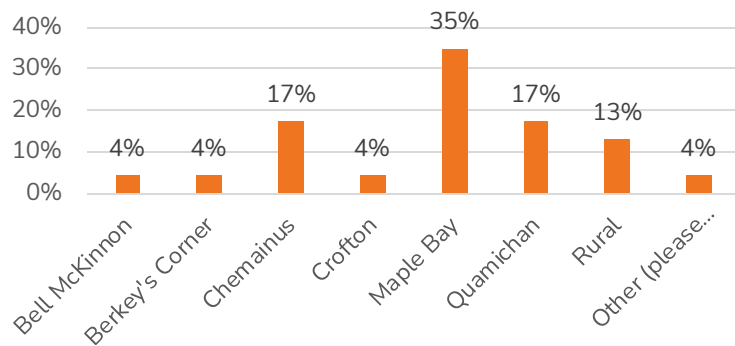
## Environmental Committee

- Consider wording that speaks to **flexibility in uses** and expansion of **rights of way; alternative options in cross sections and methods of acquisition**
- Add statement articulating the **plan horizon and frequency for updates**
- **Continue to support implementation of active transportation solutions** that consider safety and accessibility issues including separation of vehicles and path users, eco-friendly firm surface pathways, electric charging for other non-vehicle users, public end of trip facilities for cyclists
- Increase commentary and add to maps **potential future use of E&N corridor as a transportation corridor**
- Consider addition of a **scenic local cross-section** to acknowledge road segments that don't fit into arterial/collectors
- For **multi-use pathway** segments, to provide consideration for pathways **on both sides of the road**

# WHAT WE HEARD

## Connect North Cowichan & Open House

- Plan & Survey #3 published to Connect North Cowichan Feb 23 – March 18, 2024
- Received 23 online comments
- Held Open House on March 7, 2024 in Lobby of Aquatic Centre
- Total of 30 members of the public attended
- Level of Support for the MTP Directions = 78%
- Mix of people from different areas and range in age from 30-79



# WHAT WE HEARD

## Connect North Cowichan & Open House Key Themes

- Road Network:
  - Design roads to maximize safety for all users
  - Prioritize / improve identified intersections in Plan
  - Address on-going speed concerns
- Pedestrian Network:
  - Plan is comprehensive
  - Ensure facilities designed with pedestrians in mind
  - Improve accessibility standards
  - When multi-use paths get busy consider separation

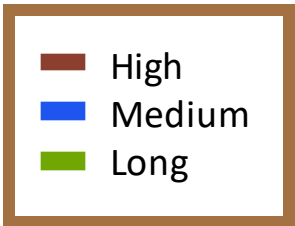
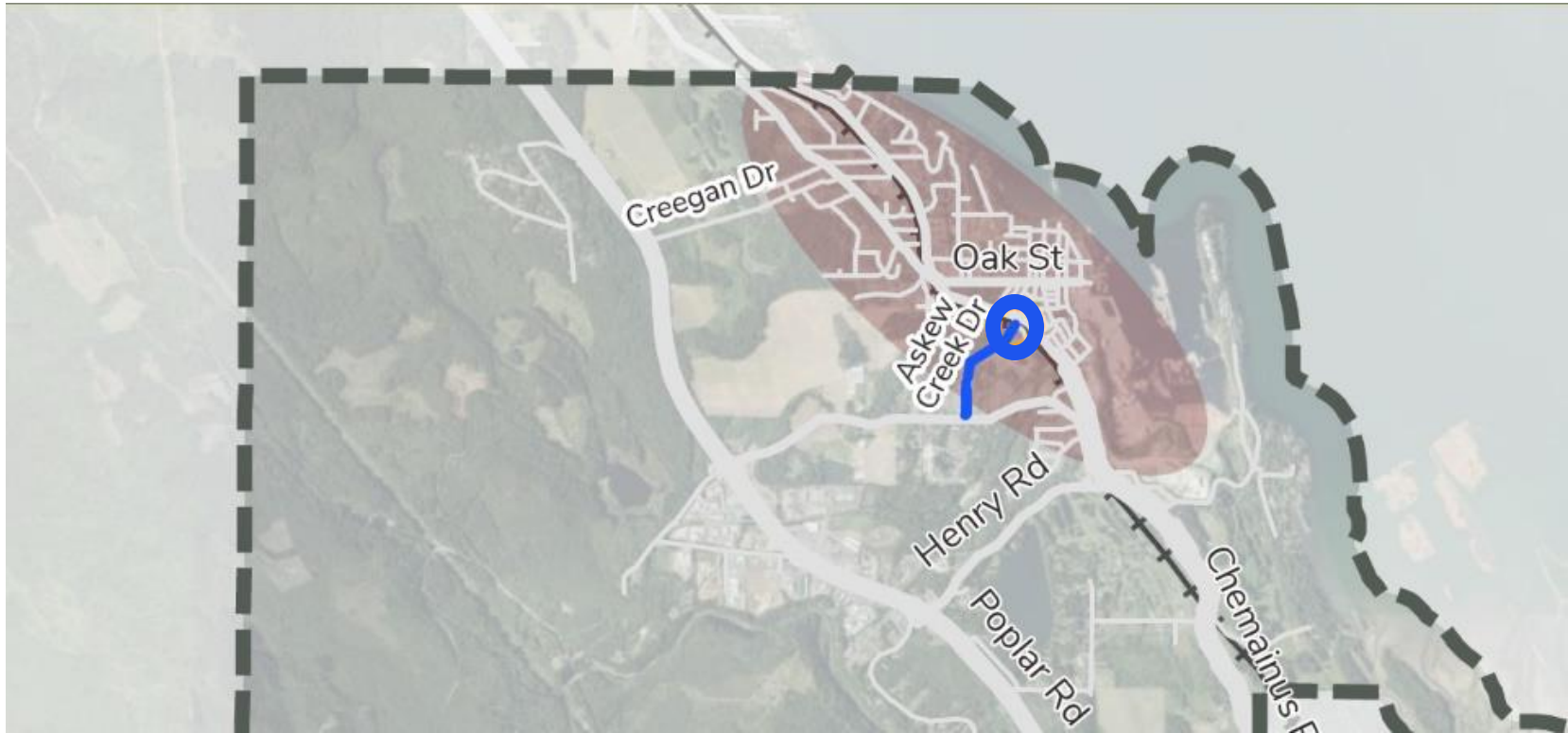


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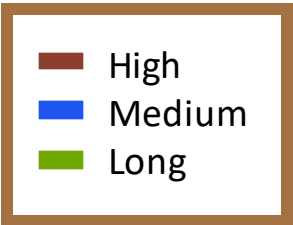
## Connect North Cowichan & Open House Key Themes

- Cycling Network:
  - Largely supportive
  - Prioritize separating vehicles from bikes
  - Prioritize facility projects where gaps to key destinations (schools, community centre, growth centres)
  - TCH major barrier to safely cross for cyclists
- Transit Network:
  - Transit service and frequency is lacking
  - Critical part of future network
- Other:
  - Portion not supportive based on high costs & supporting sustainable transportation modes over vehicles

# PRIORITIES



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# COST IMPLICATIONS

- Adds on average \$4.7 million/year to existing \$3-4 million Roads Budget
- Projects can be pushed/bumped at Council discretion, but extends time to implement
- Grants and Developer Cost Charges / Amenity Contributions may offset portions of costs
- Building one key cycling connection per year builds momentum and is recommended in first five years
- Investment in Sustainable Transportation draws Development





# THANK YOU