

# HALIFAX | Halifax Mobility Response Plan



Active Transportation Advisory Committee  
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# Mobility Response Plan Recap

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- Task force was created to respond to need to adapt streets and sidewalks due to COVID-19
- Regional Council passed a motion re: the temporary implementation of Halifax's AAA Regional Centre Cycling Network in April 2020
- Halifax Mobility Response Plan started with four focus areas



# Space to Move

- Temporary expanded sidewalks on SGR and Quinpool
- Over 16km of Slow Streets in Regional Centre
- Accelerated implementation of Lower Water Street protected bicycle lane
- Tactical urbanism projects helped to support walking, rolling, and cycling safety

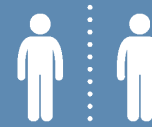


# Space to Queue/Load

- Adjusted signal timing at key intersections to ensure people were not gathering while waiting to cross
- Worked with businesses to spray paint markers on sidewalk for queuing
- Responded to business requests for loading spaces

## SPACE TO QUEUE

To allow for proper physical distancing due to COVID-19, businesses may need to indicate where to queue on the sidewalk. This will help customers know where to wait when picking up items or entering the establishment. These guidelines will assist businesses in creating space to queue, ensuring a safe environment for both customers and pedestrians travelling along the sidewalk.



**Ensure markers on the sidewalk are 2m (6ft) apart.**  
This will allow for physical distancing following Public Health guidelines.



**Space for queuing should be alongside the business's building from the entrance.**  
This will allow for pedestrians using the sidewalk to pass safely.



**Use a water-based spray paint.**  
This will allow for easier removal when the markers are no longer necessary.

# Space to Support Business

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- Closed portions of street on Argyle and Bedford Row to create pedestrian areas and allow for expanded patios
- Narrowed certain streets or created one-way streets to allow for expanded patios



# Engagement

- Initial actions were taken with limited engagement
- First round of engagement was done with an online feedback map where people were encouraged to place pins with ideas/suggestions
- Engaged with several stakeholder groups throughout the process
- Final survey conducted to get feedback on implementation

## Engagement by the Numbers

628

# of pins on SYC  
map

207

# of survey  
responses

13+

# of stakeholder groups engaged  
with

# Lessons Learned

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- **Materials:** Lightweight materials were not enough to deter people from driving or make people feel safe and comfortable using AT and were easily damaged/moved
- **Equity and Accessibility:** We need to do more to center social equity and accessibility in our quick-build projects. The Mobility Response Plan highlighted the gaps in our processes and assumptions that inform where we put infrastructure and what we put on the ground.

# Next Steps

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- Halifax staff writing a report in response to Council's motion, aiming for December 15
- Report will include a recap of what actions we took this year and potential actions for next year for Council consideration





Thank you.  
Questions?

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