

# Let's Get Back to the IMP

Halifax Cycling Coalition  
It's More Than Buses  
Walk 'n Roll Halifax

Presentation to the January 26, 2023 Transportation Standing Committee

Our advocacy:

**Safe, comfortable, and accessible**  
mobility of pedestrians, transit users,  
and people cycling **everywhere**  
in our city.

## Integrated Mobility Plan Priorities

Increase use of Active Transportation

Increase use of Transit

Decrease use of vehicles

## Benefits

Healthier Halifax Community

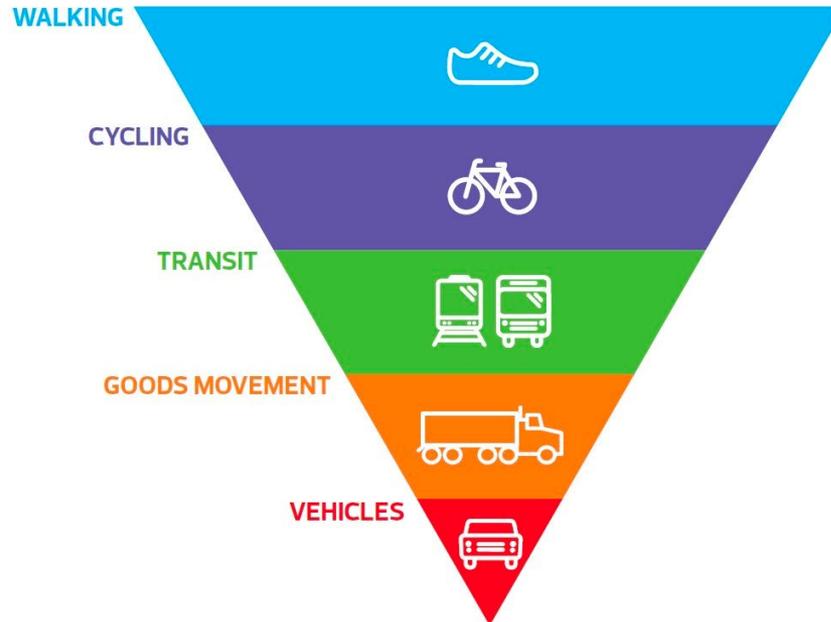
Vibrant, Walkable Neighbourhoods

Increased Safety of Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs) towards Vision Zero

Sustainability

# Complete Streets Philosophy

A Clear Hierarchy of Priorities



As seen on Page 56  
of IMP

# Our Concerns

*Infrastructure projects (design stages or completed)  
invariably fail to meet*

1. The IMP Priorities and Pillars
2. The Complete Streets Hierarchy
3. Equity criteria (for equity deserving groups and VRUs)

## Our Concerns

*Instead, infrastructure projects prioritize ...*

1. vehicles, increased traffic volumes and flows rather than transit and vulnerable road users
2. vehicle-centric corridors rather than human-centric neighbourhoods

# From Reactive to Proactive

Current system is **reactive** where we:

1. document unmet priorities at the several design stages
2. maintain a civic dialogue with the HRM staff

Whereas we as stakeholders cannot:

1. engage the consultants
2. have infinite resources to advocate for transit users and VRUs

We strongly recommend that the process urgently become **proactive** and **transparent** for VRUs and transit users

To create infrastructure projects are consistent with HRM approved policies and guidelines

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**Transparent:** During engagement on all design stages document how the inverted triangle priority approach, Complete Streets principles and IMP Pillars were followed, and provide an explicit rationale for any departure

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# Example of Evaluation

At each stage, consultants and staff will document evaluation using the approved evaluation rubric in the IMP\* with separate evaluations for

People who Walk

People who Bicycle

People who take Transit

People who Drive

\* As seen on pages 41- 42

# Next Steps

We recommend a **motion** by the TSC for **proactive, transparent and accountable** process by staff and consultants, including the use of a modified **evaluation rubric**

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