

Resilient 15-Minute Neighbourhoods

Vision for 2050

Residents can meet their daily needs within a safe and easy walk, roll, or cycle trip from home. Most neighbourhoods have a mix of housing types, with shops, services and inclusive public spaces. Lush trees and greenspaces provide cooling, beauty and connection with nature. Surrey’s actions set a path for many others to follow, and support a thriving, local green economy.



Measures and Targets

Measures and Targets for Resilient 15-Minute Neighbourhoods will be defined through the Official Community Plan update process.

GOAL 1

Plan and build a network of 15-minute neighbourhoods

Where We Are Now



“Building Foundations”

Strengths to Build On

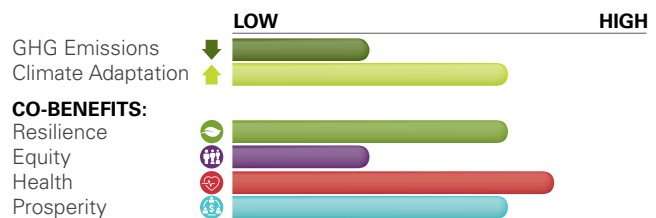
- > Urban structure of five town centres with higher density, mixed use, and transit
- > Planning for complete communities around SkyTrain stations, including the new Surrey-Langley line
- > An Official Community Plan that is undergoing a detailed review and update

Shifts* – What is needed to reach this Goal?

- N1** Update land use planning regulations— including the City’s Official Community Plan, Zoning Bylaw and other plans— to support creating more 15-minute neighbourhoods.
- N2** Update regulations and policies for new development to support reduced automobile reliance.

Potential outcomes and benefits of implementing these Shifts

- > Avoiding greenfield development improves adaptation and resilience
- > Walkable 15-minute neighbourhoods improve happiness and health
- > 15-minute neighbourhoods can improve economic activity and support local businesses



*See Implementation Table (Section G) for specific Actions supporting these Shifts

GOAL 2

Improve climate resilience of new and existing neighbourhoods

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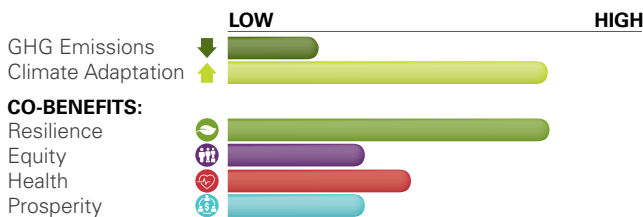
- > Rapid growth creates opportunities to design and build climate-resilient neighbourhoods
- > Green Infrastructure Network provides backbone to build off to protect more ecological features
- > Existing practices and policies for climate adaptation, such as Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy

Shifts* – What is needed to reach this Goal?

- N3** Design and retrofit neighbourhoods with green and inclusive public spaces that improve climate resilience.
- N4** Encourage food growing in new developments and in publicly accessible spaces in existing neighbourhoods.
- N5** Integrate climate adaptation in land-use planning regulations and development policies.

Potential outcomes and benefits of implementing these Shifts

- > Enables GHG reduction from buildings and transportation
- > More greenspace and access to nature improves health and resilience
- > Proactive planning for adaptation and resilience saves on infrastructure costs
- > Potential for economic development and improved equity



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