



LAND USE + TRANSPORTATION

Why is this important?

Land use influences how people get where they need to go. If destinations are too far or unsafe to walk, bike, or bus to, driving is more common. Currently vehicles contribute half of Kirkland's greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing air pollution from vehicles improves the community's health. Pollution also gets washed from roads and roofs into lakes and streams.

How is Kirkland doing now?

The City encourages smart compact growth that reduces the need to drive by supporting:

- **10-minute Neighborhoods:** a walkable community where people can meet basic needs within a ten-minute walk, that's conveniently accessible
- **Transit Oriented Development:** a type of development with a mix of housing, office, retail and other amenities in a walkable neighborhood, within half a mile of quality public transportation

Between 2009-2019, Kirkland added nearly three miles of new sidewalk. Almost 70% of the 2015 planned bike lane network is built and the City is expanding the Neighborhood Greenways network. The City received a bronze rating from Walk Friendly Communities and Bicycle Friendly Communities.

What key goals are included?

Key land use and transportation goals include:

- Increase access to existing 10-Minute Neighborhoods in Kirkland
- Reduce how much each person drives
- Ensure that people of all ages and abilities can comfortably get where they need to go by walking or bicycling
- Increase weekday trips taken by transit
- Provide shared mobility programs and services

For all goals and actions, see the Sustainability Master Plan.

What is the Sustainability Master Plan?

The Sustainability Master Plan is a ten-year planning document that outlines community-level goals and actions intended to help Kirkland meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Major community needs are:

- clean air and water
- healthy food to eat
- safe ways to get around
- more housing options that allow people of all economic means to live and thrive
- a more equitable and socially just city that is welcoming and inclusive of all people



How can you help meet these goals?

- Walk, bike or roll instead of driving
- Carpool or bus instead of driving alone
- Drive cautiously, don't speed, and be alert for people walking and biking
- Alert City staff to sidewalk and bike lane maintenance needs using the Our Kirkland app
- Advocate for code updates and policy changes that make progress towards identified goals at the Planning Commission, Transportation Commission, and City Council

