

Appendix D: Town of Markham Policy Tables

Land Use and Development Policies

Document	Policy Statement
OP, Section 5, Transportation Policies, 5.5, Pedestrian and Non-Motorized Traffic Policies Pg. 8.	a) In all new development, and in redevelopment, consideration shall be given to pedestrian and non-motorized forms of movement.
OP, Section 5, Transportation Policies, 5.6, Public Transit Policies, Pg. 9.	f) All major development proposals and changes and additions to the road network will be evaluated with respect to their impact on existing or proposed transit services.

Bicycle and Trail Networks Policies

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OP, Section 2, General Policies, 2.2.2, Environmental Management, 2.2.2.1.2, Activity Linkages Policies, Pg. 26.	a) It is the long term intent of the Town to develop a linked trail system to provide continuous pedestrian movement throughout the Town and to link significant natural features and areas of local, regional and inter-regional significance. In the urban area, existing parks and public open spaces shall be utilized and, where feasible, enhanced to create a linked trail system.
	b) The trail system, identified as Activity Linkages, is shown schematically on Appendix Map 1 - GREENWAY SYSTEM. Detailed routes will be subject to further study in the context of the preparation of Secondary Plans, Community Design Plans, Plans of Subdivision and special trail studies.
	c) Trails on lands identified as Environmental Protection Area will be located and designed to have minimal impact on existing significant vegetation and ecological functions, and to be an integral component of restoration plans.
	d) Where naturalized trails are not feasible, through urban areas, Activity Linkages may be comprised of sidewalks, roads and walkways, and incorporate public uses and facilities all appropriately designed to facilitate pedestrian movement as part of a linked greenway system.
	e) The Town will cooperate with, and seek the assistance of the Province and the Rouge Park Partners in determining appropriate trail systems in the implementation of a Plan for the Rouge Park in Markham.

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	f) Lands required for trails shall generally be provided for through conditions of development approval including the setting aside of lands for public acquisition where required. [See also Section 3.9.3f)vii)].
	g) The Town encourages and will work cooperatively with Ontario Hydro to gradually establish trail links on sections of the Hydro rights-of-way, taking into account other priorities for secondary uses of the rights-of-way.
OP, Section 2, General Policies, 2.2.3, Rural Areas Policies, Pg. 29.	d) Open Space System The Town shall endeavour to develop a linked open space system, incorporating conservation areas and valleylands. This will include a system of neighbourhood, community and Town parks as well as natural areas. As far as possible, the open space system shall contain continuous walkways for pedestrians and a system of separate trails for the use of non-motorized bicycles. These pedestrian and bicycle systems shall be designed to link homes to parks, open spaces, schools, recreation and shopping facilities and transit stops.

Transit Policies

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OP, Section 5, Transportation Policies, 5.6, Public Transit Policies, Pg. 9.	a) Council will endeavour to provide transit service within easy walking distance in the urban area, according to guidelines adopted by the Town.
	b) To encourage increased use of public transit and economic efficiency of the transit system, higher density development will be considered on major transit routes and, particularly, in the vicinity of transit stops and transfer points.
	c) The Town will endeavour to maximize the area serviced by public transit while minimizing individual route deficiencies.
	d) The Town's transit system will be monitored, on an on-going basis, relative to financial considerations, operating procedures and ridership to ensure efficiency and responsiveness in services provided.

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	h) The Town supports, in principle, a regional transit system and the establishment of a York Region Transit Operating Authority.
	i) The Town will endeavour to improve accessibility for the handicapped to public transportation through the support of parallel transit services.

Integration Policies

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OP, Section 5, Transportation Policies, 5.6, Public Transit Policies, Pg. 9.	g) Public transportation shall include local and high speed bus services, intraregional transit and commuter rail services. The Town will co-operate with other public agencies to achieve integration of these facilities and services.

Transportation Efficiency Policies

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OP, Section 5, Transportation Policies, 5.6, Public Transit Policies, Pg. 9.	e) Such measures as exclusive major transit rights-of-way and/or exclusive lanes may be used to improve the efficiency of the transit system and the road network

Transportation Demand Management / Alternative Mode Policies

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OP, Section 5, Transportation Policies, 5.5, Pedestrian and Non-Motorized Traffic Policies, Pg. 8.	b) The parks and open space system may accommodate both pedestrian and non-motorized rights-of-way.
	c) Where a heavy volume of non-motorized bicycle movement has to be accommodated on major arterial roads, a bicycle path may be provided within the road allowance.
	d) Where pedestrian movement is required beside roads, boulevards shall separate pedestrians from vehicles wherever possible.