

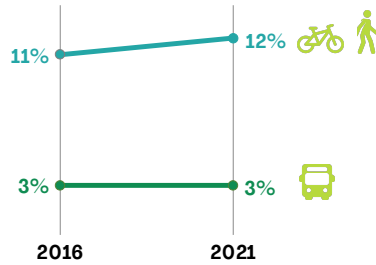


# SUNSHINE COAST ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION 2023 PROGRESS REPORT

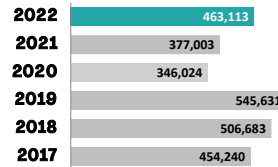
Vehicles are the largest source of carbon emissions on the Lower Sunshine Coast.<sup>1</sup> As a community, we must transition to more sustainable forms of transportation such as cycling, walking, and transit. These selected metrics, reported biennially, will help track our progress over time.

## COMMUTERS

No significant change in the number of people commuting on the Coast by transit or some form of active transportation.<sup>2,3</sup>



## TRANSIT



**463,113**  
total rides<sup>4</sup>

**KMS OF BIKEWAYS<sup>5</sup> 7.3**

Comfortable for most **3.1**  
Comfortable for some **4.2**



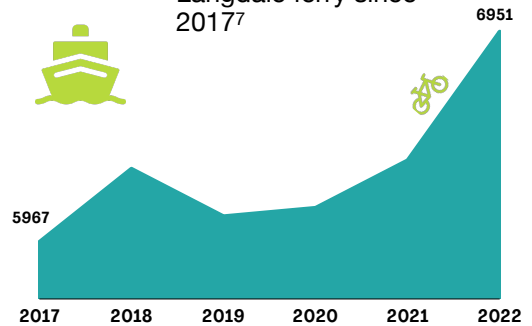
## CYCLE TRIPS ON GIBSONS WAY<sup>6</sup>

**648**  
Over a two week period



## BIKES ON FERRIES

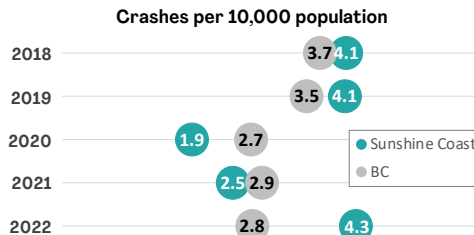
**16%** increase in bikes on the Horseshoe Bay to Langdale ferry since 2017<sup>7</sup>



## SAFETY

**14** pedestrian or cyclist vehicle crashes<sup>8</sup>

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**21** highway crossings with signals or markings (no change since 2020)<sup>9</sup>

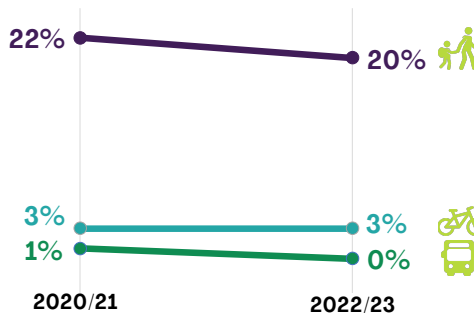
## POLICY

**2 of 4** local governments have or are in the process of developing an active transportation plan<sup>10</sup>

## ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

**1 in 5**

children in Grade 5 walk to school, and very few cycle or take transit<sup>11</sup>



Sources: (All figures are 2022 unless noted.)

- Sunshine Coast Community Energy & Emissions Plan, 2010.
- Statistics Canada. Table 98-10-0462-01. Commuting destination by main mode of commuting, age and gender: Canada, provinces and territories, census divisions and census subdivisions.
- Does not include commuting off the Sunshine Coast, e.g. ferry commuters.
- Ahmad Kidwai, Manager, Transit and Fleet, SCRD, September 21, 2023. Note 2020 ridership significantly dropped due to COVID 19.
- On the Lower Sunshine Coast, bikeways have been categorised into four comfort levels: Comfortable for Most, Some, Few, or Very Few, based on the [Benchmarking the State of Cycling in Metro Vancouver 2019 report](#). Factors considered include protection, speed limits, and traffic volumes. [More details](#).
- Based on data manually collected from TrAC's bike counter equipment placed in front of Elphinstone Secondary School for 14 days from November 14-27, 2023.
- BC Ferries Traffic Reporting, September 26, 2023.
- 2022 crashes include all accidents involving a cyclist or pedestrian casualty. [ICBC online database](#) using [BC Population Estimates](#).
- Collected manually by TrAC.
- Within the past ten years, District of Sechelt - Master Transportation Plan/Active Transportation Plan (2023), Town of Gibsons - Active Transportation Network Plan (2023 in progress), SCRD - Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway Plan (1996).
- Human Early Learning Partnership. (May 2023). Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) Grade 5 report. School District & Community Results, 2022-2023. Sunshine Coast (SD46). Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia, School of Population and Public Health.