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The *Shifting to Sustainable Transportation Partnership* has released a new report outlining how the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and surrounding commutershed can move to a more sustainable transportation system.

Formed by HRM's Sustainable Environmental Management Office, Transport 2000 Atlantic, Cities & Environment Unit and Ecology Action Centre, the *Partnership* has released the report in response to major transportation infrastructure investments and a shared recognition that there is an urgency to shift to a more sustainable transportation system. The report directly addresses the need for a comprehensive and long term approach to transportation planning.

The report highlights the outcomes of a one-day intensive workshop in January 2009 that brought together a diversity of professionals, stakeholders and citizens to plan for the future of the region's transportation system in an integrated and sustainable way.

Workshop participants identified four critical components of a more sustainable transportation network for the region:

1. Dedicated rights-of-way for transit, high-occupancy vehicles and active transportation
2. Transportation hubs and terminals as significant places
3. Land use patterns that are integrated with the transportation system
4. Local feeder systems serving the transportation hubs

The report calls for the formation of a *Sustainable Transportation Task Force* that would engage the public in the development of a long-term *Sustainable Transportation Strategy* and identify immediate and long-term actions required to implement the *Strategy*. Building on HRM's *Regional Plan*, the *Strategy* would support compact, affordable and sustainable growth for the region.



Shifting to Sustainable Transportation: A Sustainable Transportation Framework for HRM

Download the report at:

www.halifax.ca/environment/index.html

www.ceunit.dal.ca (click on "News")

www.ecologyaction.ca/content/transportation-publications