

Draft Criteria for Selection of Multi-Use Corridors For Further Study

At the May 15 RAC meeting members asked staff to identify criteria to help determine which multi-use corridors (presented by staff at the meeting) should be selected for further study (i.e. inviting representatives of that corridor to attend an upcoming RAC meeting). Below are suggested criteria for selecting which multi-use corridor to pursue. It is suggested that corridors selected for further study must meet a threshold criteria, as this is a distinguishing feature of the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC). Although no corridor will have all of the characteristics described in the secondary criteria, we are seeking to focus on corridors that meet as many of these criteria as possible.

Threshold Criteria – Corridors selected for further study must have this feature

- Existing or planned multi-use with at least rails (could include multiple types of rail) and trails in the same corridor, and coordination and accommodation of utilities (either via corridor crossings or located in the corridor)

Secondary Criteria – Corridor should have as many of the following as possible

- Varied topography
- Multiple owners and/or involvement of multiple jurisdictions
- Similar right of way widths and issues regarding pinch points
- The project should at least be through the planning stage so there are lessons to be learned – completion is preferred
- Sensitive areas/environmental obstacles
- Similar adjacent land use: urban, suburban, rural
- Multiple road crossings
- Connections to regional trail and transportation systems
- Provides support to adjacent communities – i.e. the corridor ties to nearby destinations for meaningful commuting, recreation, touring and economic value