



# JRTA: Overview

April 2024

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# Overview

# Why is **transportation** important?

Transportation plays a significant role in the day-to-day lives of all Nova Scotians.

It enables access to healthcare, education, and employment opportunities. It allows for the movement of goods to support people and the economy.

It fosters independence and can help address issues of isolation and social and economic exclusion.

# What is the JRTA?

## **New Provincial Crown Corporation**

Created in Fall 2021 (Bill 61) to address transportation issues associated with rapid growth in Halifax and surrounding communities.

## **Mission**

Championing regional collaboration to advance transportation solutions through joint planning, partnerships, data-driven analysis, and strategic investments.

## **Mandate**

Plan for all modes of transportation consistent with the region's growth and development to ensure the safe, efficient, and coordinated movement of people and goods.

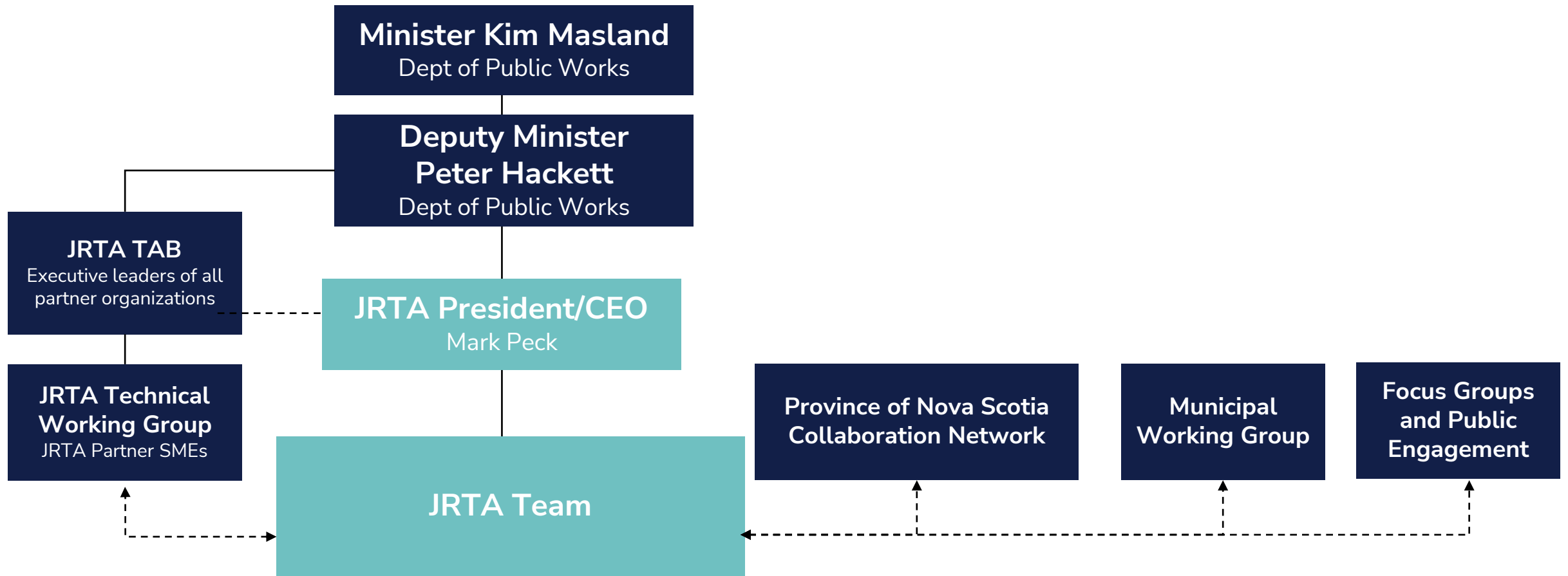
# Core Partners





# Governance & Alignment

# Governance & Team



# Background & Alignment

By 2050

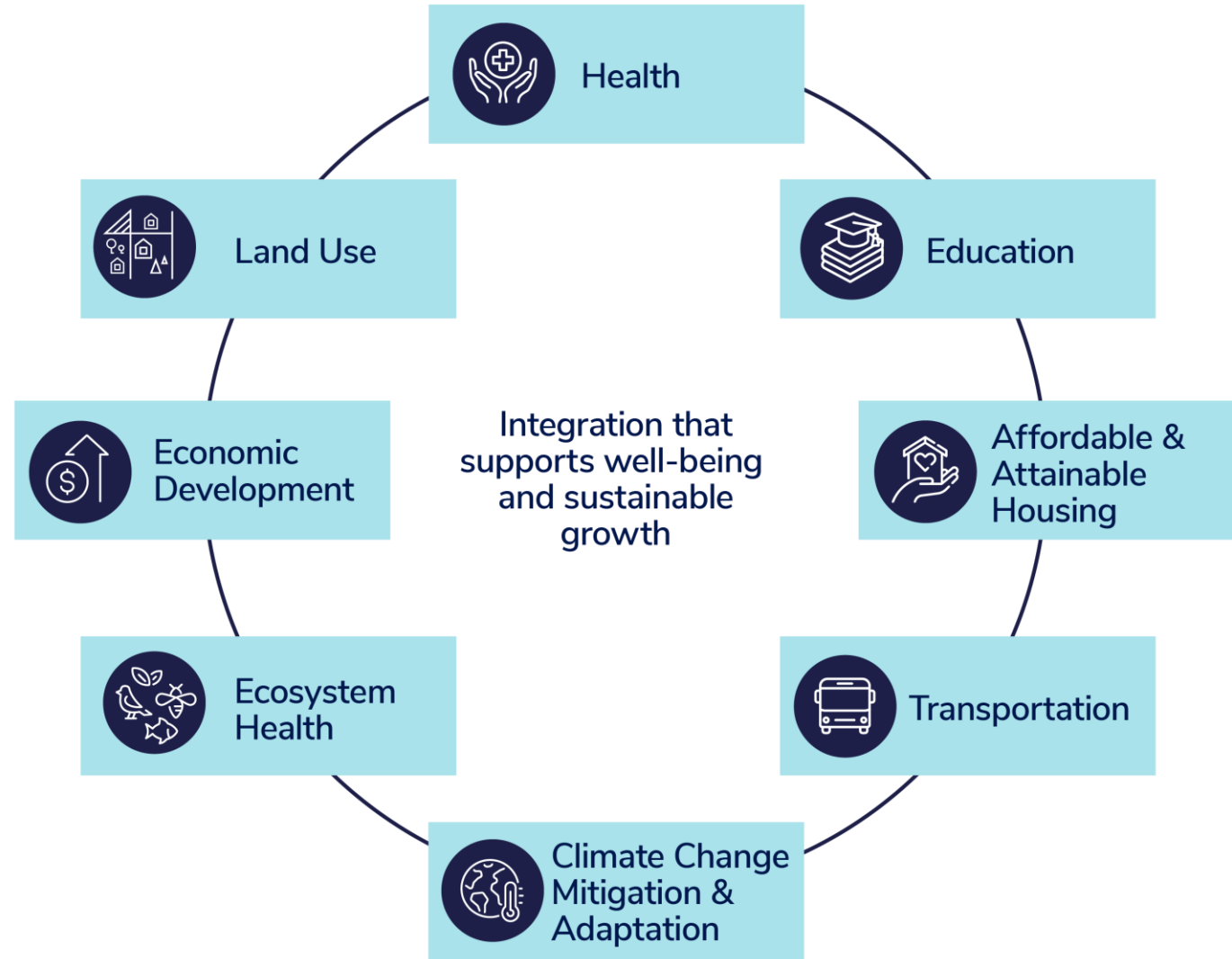
## Net-Zero

Targets set by province and HRM

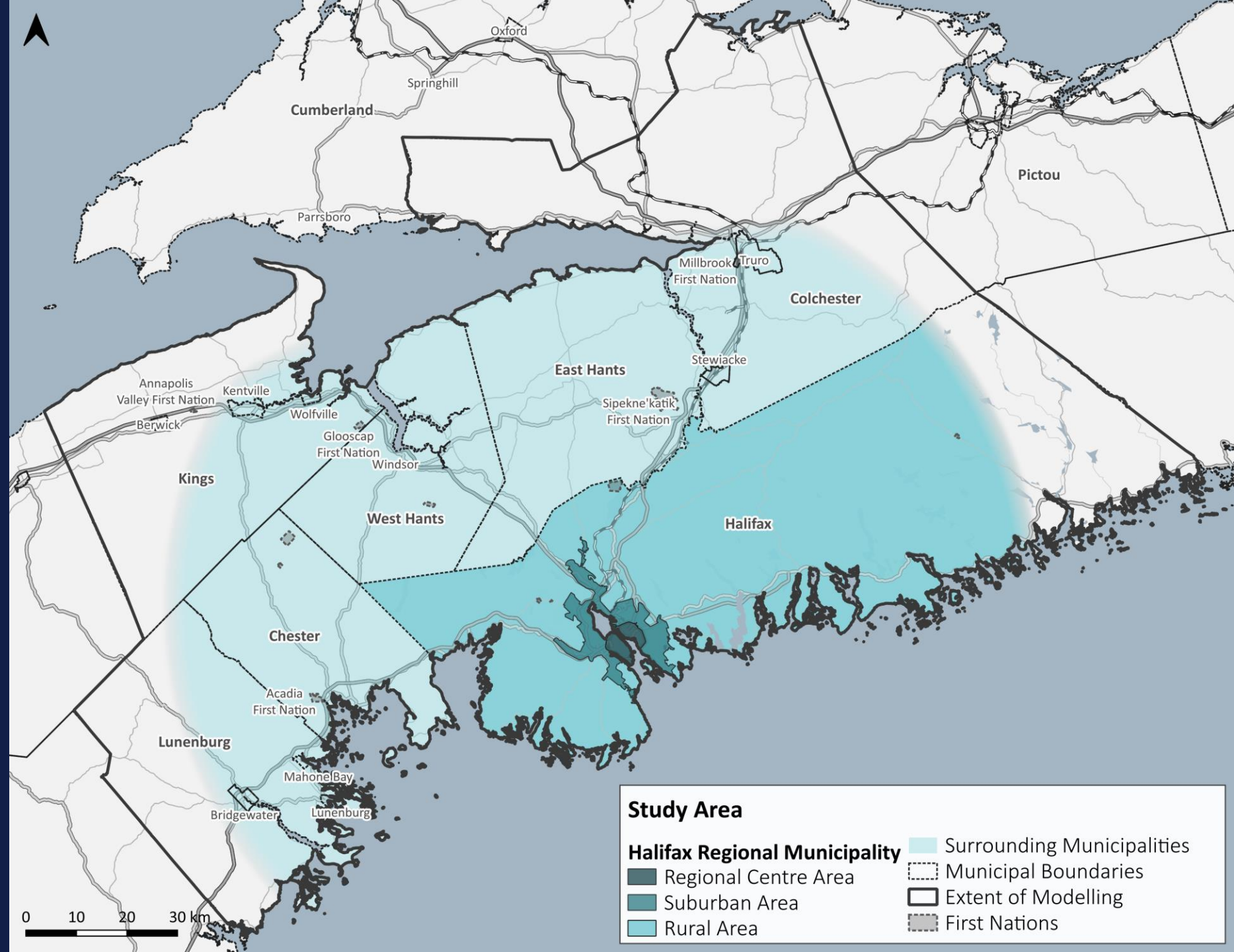
By 2060

## 2x Nova Scotia Population

Target of 2M people



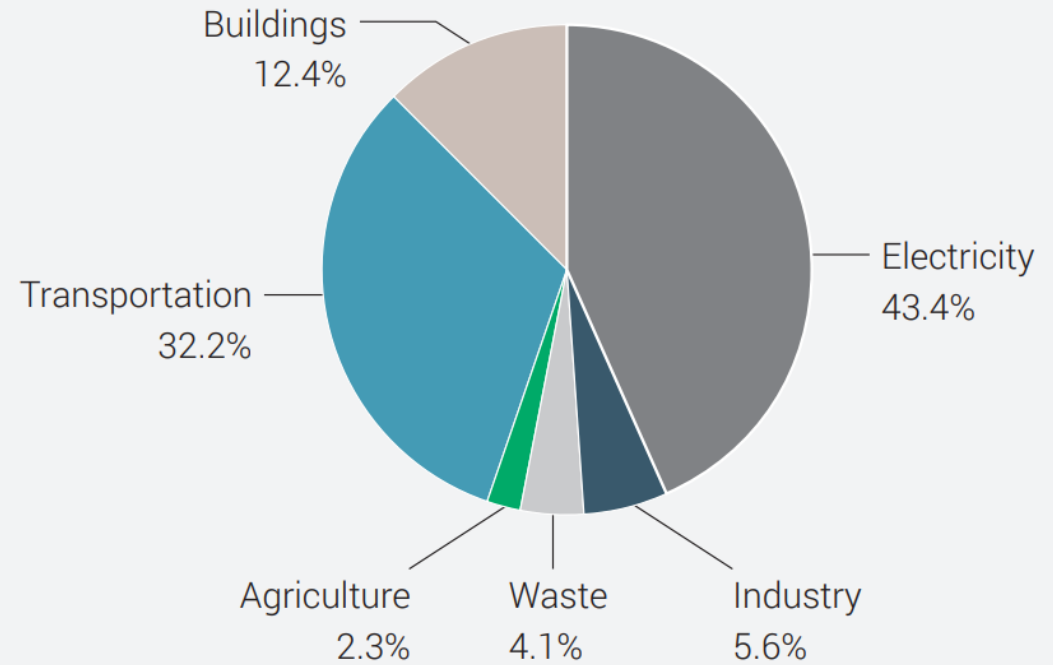
# Study Area



# Climate & Transportation

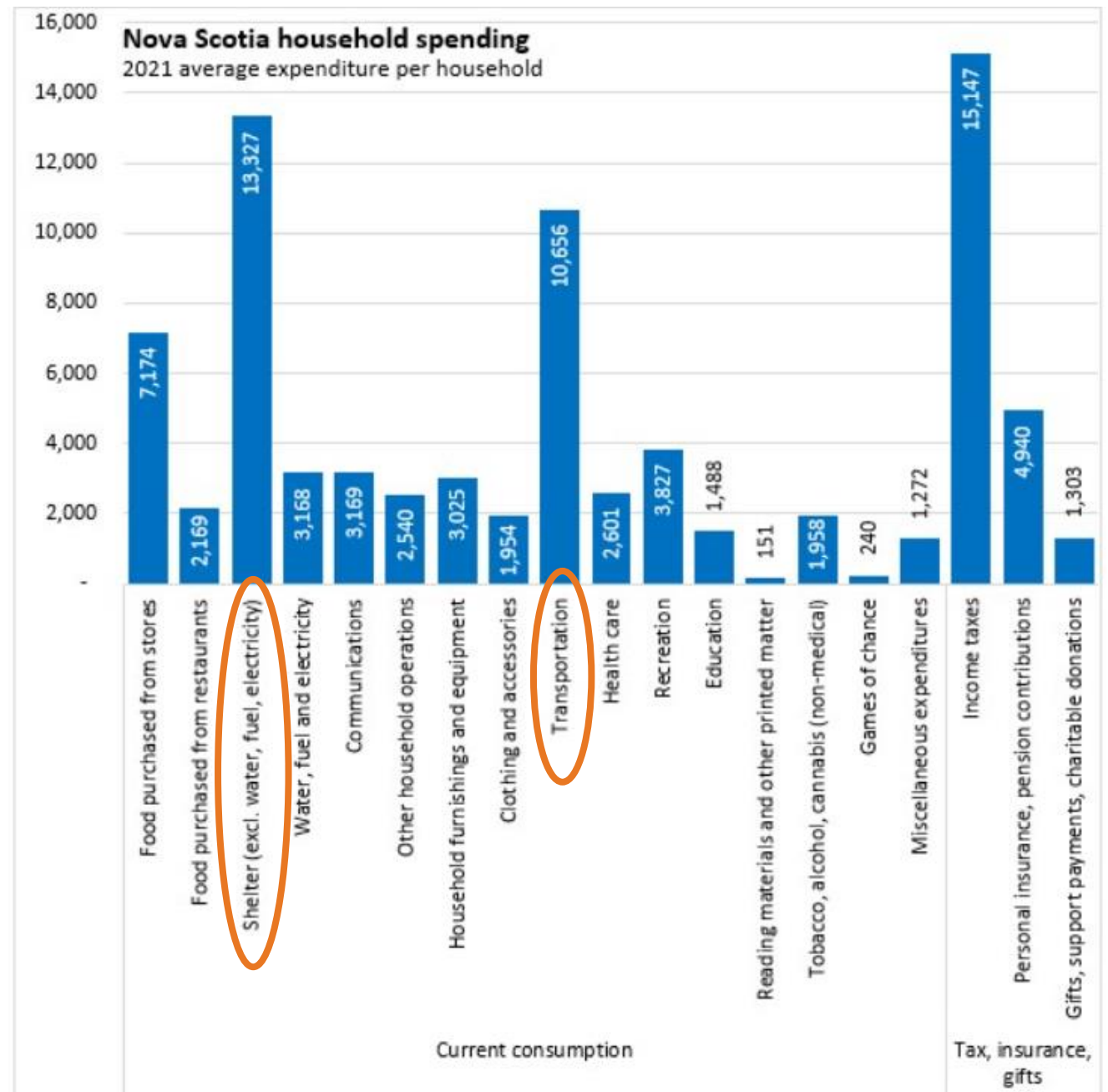
In 2020, nearly all (88 per cent) of greenhouse gas emissions came from the use of fossil fuels for electricity generation, transportation, and heating buildings.

## Nova Scotia's Greenhouse Gas Emissions, 2020



Source: Our Climate, Our Future: Nova Scotia's Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth

# Housing & Transportation

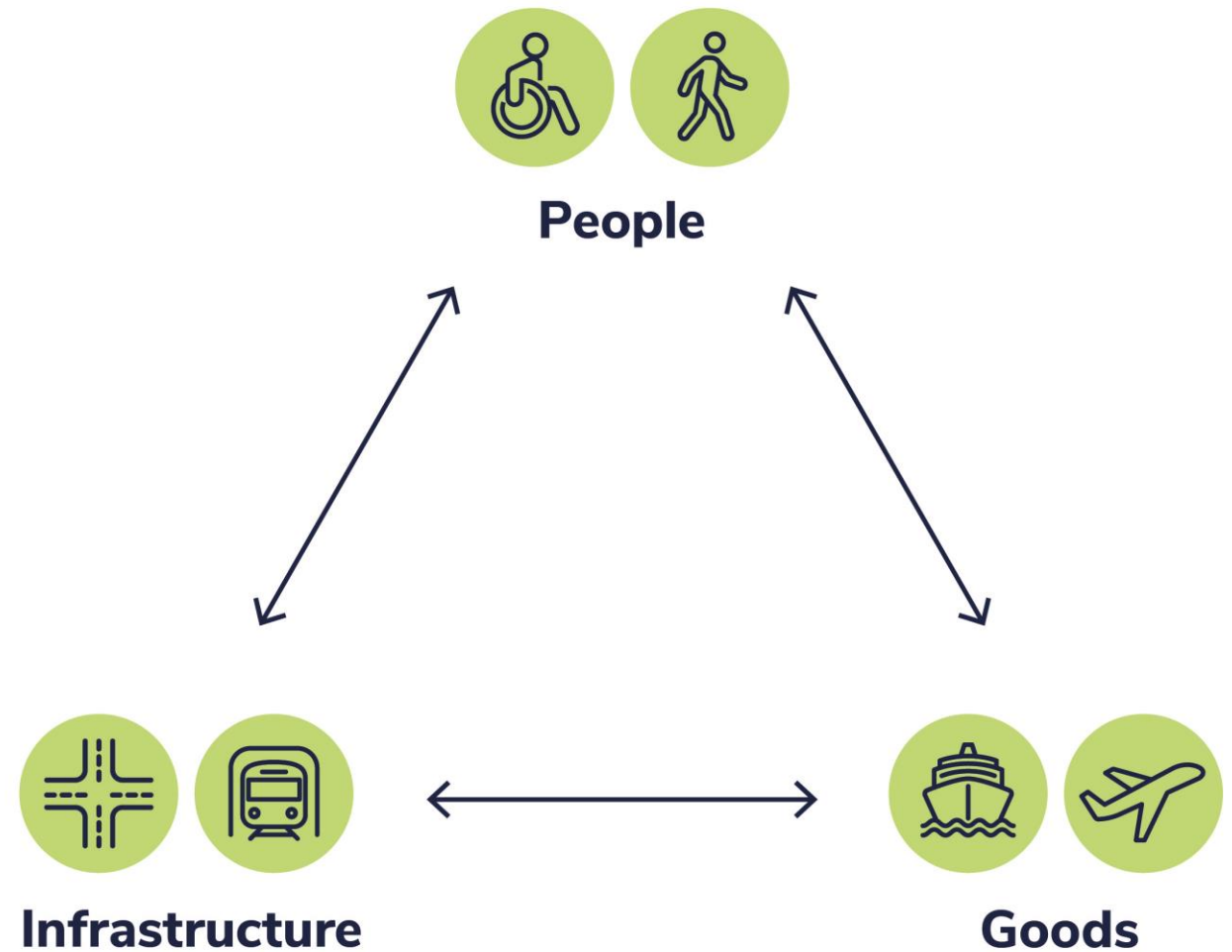


Source: Statistics Canada, Survey of Household Spending, 2021



# Regional Transportation Plan

# What is the **Regional Transportation Plan?**



# Collaboration & Outreach

## Technical Working Group

Subject matter experts from our Core Partners.

## Municipal Working Group

CAOs / Directors of Planning from the fifteen municipalities in the study area.

## Province of Nova Scotia Collaboration Network

60+ provincial staff across departments whose work intersects with the JRTA.

## Focus Groups

Four external groups including community transit operators, community organizations, advocacy groups, industry, major employers, and educational institutions.

## Public Engagement

In-person and virtual sessions across three stages to support plan development.

## Additional Outreach

Supporting trusted, community-rooted organizations for first-person and community-specific accounts and perspectives on transportation issues.

# Vision, Goals, and Principles

## Vision

Nova Scotians have a **safe, efficient, equitable, and resilient** regional transportation system. Our people and communities are **healthy, connected, and prosperous**, powering a strong regional economy.

## Goals

- Strengthen regional connections
- Enable efficient and sustainable goods movement
- Lead strategic investments, alignment, and implementation
- Coordinate and collaborate on sustainable land use
- Develop a future ready regional transportation system

## Principles

Accessibility

Collaboration

Equity

Resiliency




Sustainability

Well-being

# Plan progress

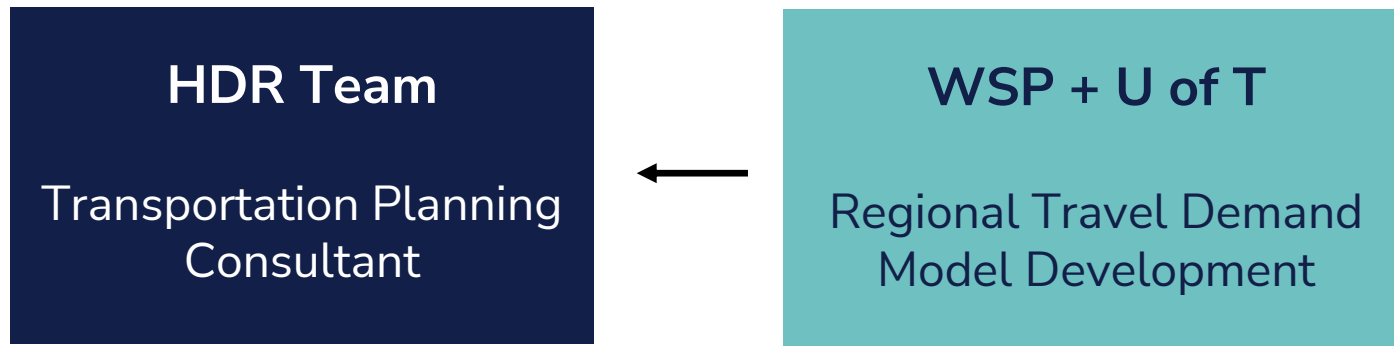


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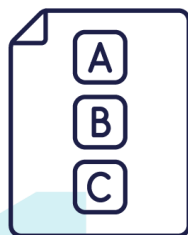
2022	2023				2024				
Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sept	Oct-Dec	
Procurement	Project Launch	Existing Conditions Assessment	Scenario Development	Scenario Evaluation	In-Depth Assessment		Implementation Plan	Draft Plan	Final Plan
		 Public Engagement Stage 1			 Public Engagement Stage 2		 Public Engagement Stage 3		

# Planning Framework

## Regional Transportation Plan



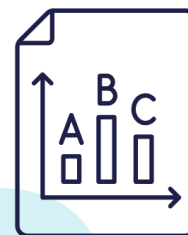
# Our **Scenario Planning** Process



Develop scenarios



Identify transportation projects and policies



Evaluate projects and policies in each scenario



Preliminary results to shape in-depth analysis

# Evaluation Process



Develop scenarios



Identify transportation projects and policies



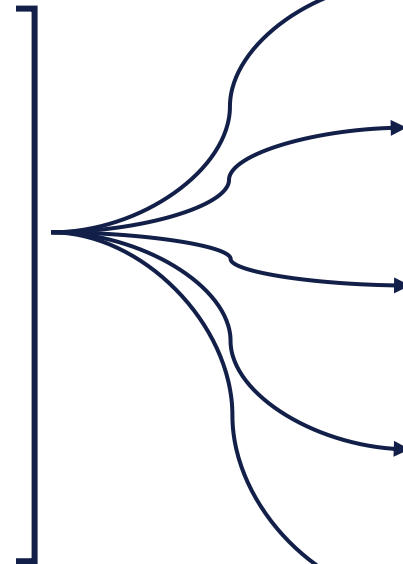
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## Measures (simplified list)

- Active Transportation & Transit Mode Share
- Average Travel Time
- Access to Freight Generators
- Access to Employment
- Average Trip Distance
- Time Lost to Congestion
- Number of Collisions
- GHG Emissions



## Goals



Regional Connectivity



Efficient and Sustainable Goods Movement



Cost-Effective, Integrated and Efficient



Environmentally Sustainable and Land-Use Aligned



Resilient and Adaptable

**Combined Score**

# What's Next



# Access to **Federal Funding**

## Permanent Public Transit Funding

- In 2021, the federal government announced the creation of a permanent public transit fund of \$3 billion per year beginning in 2026-27.
- This creates a permanent, predictable and stable funding source for long term transit investment.
- Fund will enable governments and transit authorities to effectively plan, maintain and expand their transit and active transportation systems in a way that is integrated with land use and housing objectives.

# Thank you

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