



Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC) 2026 Workplan

Scope of Activities

The following areas of Active Transportation (AT) will act as a guideline for the DATC Committee's work throughout the year. Many of the initiatives are ongoing from year-to-year, but several initiatives cover items that can be substantially achieved in 2026:

1. Sustainability

- a. Recognize and advance AT activities related to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the Region of Durham and improving safety.
- b. Provide advice on the identification and implementation of programs, which encourage public awareness and education on AT matters, including the achievement of bronze-level Bicycle-Friendly status for the Region of Durham and any area municipalities not yet designated in Durham, in collaboration with the Works Department and other stakeholders.
- c. Provide input and support for Active and Sustainable School Travel (ASST) program in some jurisdictions.
- d. Promote the use of AT in the Region, especially the important role that it plays in connecting people to transit.
- e. Recognize the differing AT needs of commuters and recreational users within the urban and rural areas.

2. Infrastructure & Policy

- a. Continue to advance the Regional Trail Network (RTN) as a key transportation and tourism component of the AT network based on various requests and initiatives in partnership with Community Growth and Economic Development, Health and Works Department staff and area municipal partners.
- b. Support the implementation of multi-modal transportation options in the Region of Durham with a focus on advancing the Region's AT network as outlined in the 2017 Durham Transportation Master Plan and the Regional Cycling Plan 2021.
- c. Assist in providing support to the Durham Meadoway as it advances to the Preliminary Design stage, the Cycling Wayfinding and Signage Strategy implementation and input on area municipal Active Transportation Plans.

- d. Support the Region with future active transportation grant funding opportunities as they become available – both federal and provincial.

3. Communications and Advocacy

- a. Coordinate efforts to advance the shared goals of the various area municipal AT committees.
- b. Collaborate with partners on AT initiatives occurring at all government levels, including: Waterfront Regeneration Trust (Great Lakes Waterfront Trail), Smart Mobility Durham, the ASST program, the Durham Meadoway, the Greenbelt Cycling Route, Trans Canada Trail Route across Durham, June Bike Month, and Health Department.
- c. Provide advice to Regional Council on legislative matters, programming, and policies from all levels of government related to AT.
- d. Identify and advance initiatives to improve communication and collaboration between the Region and existing area municipal Active Transportation Committees.
- e. Provide advice on AT matters related to Vision Zero and Complete Streets initiatives, as well as mid-block crossings to improve safety on Regional road infrastructure.
- f. Continued discussions with Metrolinx (Major Transit Station Areas policy directive) and the Region's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Office with the goal of increasing AT as a viable option to arrive at GO Transit Stations.
- g. Support the Region to promote and maintain the Share the Road Cycling Coalition designation of "Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze-level Status".
- h. Provide input to Regional staff on the development of a Region-wide AT map viewer, and support updates to the RTN and Durham Trails mapping.
- i. Develop a logo for the DATC.

4. 2026 Meeting Dates

DATC has scheduled two regular meetings in 2026, to allow for sufficient recruitment period for the new term in 2027 and align with the election year. An additional meeting may be held between June 2026 and March 2027, at the call of the Chair. Resources (Community Growth and Economic Development and Clerks) will be provided to accommodate this schedule and workload. Meeting dates include:

- March 12, 2026
- June 11, 2026