

# The University of Winnipeg Sustainable Transportation Policy

**TITLE:** SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION POLICY      **NUMBER: 90.0007**

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## **Purpose:**

The University of Winnipeg Sustainable Transportation Policy is intended to promote adoption of sustainable approaches to meeting the University's transportation needs.

## **Scope:**

This Policy applies to the facilities and activities as specified in Appendix "A" – Scope of the Sustainability Policy.

## **Legal Authority:**

The legal authority for this Policy includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following acts and regulations:

Manitoba Sustainable Development Act

## **Responsibility:**

The Vice-President (Human Resources, Audit & Sustainability) is responsible for the maintenance, communication and administration of this Policy. Responsibility for maintaining, reporting and analysis of all utility consumption records will rest with the Sustainability Office. Physical Plant is responsible for updates to the Procedures in this Policy.

## **Definitions:**

**Active Transportation** – modes of transportation or transportation technologies involving the direct application of human muscle power (e.g., bicycles, in-line skates, walking) as compared with "passive transportation technologies" (e.g. automobiles, buses, trains, aircraft, elevators, escalators), which merely carry people or goods as passengers or freight.

**GHG** – Green House Gas(es) which include carbon dioxide, methane, oxides of nitrogen, sulfur hexafluoride, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), and perfluorocarbons (PFCs).

**Sustainable** – means the capacity of a thing, action, activity or process to be maintained indefinitely and meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

**Sustainable transportation** – means approaches to meeting human needs for transportation which can be maintained indefinitely and meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

**Transportation** – means the movement of people, goods, materials, or tools from one place to another.

**Transportation technology** – means specific techniques or devices created to provide transportation services.

### **Goals:**

1. To encourage the development and adoption by students, administration, staff and faculty, of modes of transportation that:
  - (a) progressively reduce consumption of fossil fuels used for transportation;
  - (b) progressively reduce the material and resource-use intensity of transportation;
  - (c) progressively reduce and eventually eliminate discharges of toxic substances, wastes, and pollution to the ecosphere, including GHG emissions;
  - (d) assure equity of access to transportation services.
2. Encourage the adoption and use of more sustainable approaches to transportation both with respect to infrastructure and behavior over which the university has direct control, but also where it has partial control or can exert influence through education, professional development, awareness-building, or community partnerships.
3. Develop and implement policies and procedures for sustainable transportation systems which comply with or exceed the ISO14001-2004e standard for such systems.
4. Establish and maintain a measurement system to monitor progress towards the goals of this Policy.
5. Report its sustainable transportation performance to internal and external stakeholders.

### **Responsibilities**

The Vice-President (Human Resources, Audit & Sustainability) will ensure that the Administration

- Uses full-cost / life-cycle accounting in making transportation management decisions.

- Provides for training of administration, faculty and students about transportation issues and sustainable methods of meeting transportation needs.
- Regularly reviews technologies for their applicability to this Policy.
- Develops procedures, at both the institutional and departmental levels, that achieve the goals described in this Policy.
- Develops, maintains and monitors information useful for tracking progress, identifying priorities, evaluating the impact of any initiatives and ensuring accountability.
- Establishes and maintains an accountability structure.

### **Accountability**

- The University will set and review sustainable transportation objectives on a regular basis.
- Targets will be publicly available and in a format amenable to quantification. So far as practicable, the University will use standards, definitions and indicators that are consistent with the requirements of both federal and provincial legislation and those necessary to secure and maintain ISO 14001-2004e registration.
- Progress will be audited against the targets established in the objectives.

### **Related Policies**

Sustainability Policy  
 Air Quality Management Policy  
 Land Use Planning and Property Management Policy  
 Green Procurement Policy  
 Risk Management and Emergency Response Policy  
 Waste Minimization Policy  
 Water Use Management Policy

### **Policy Review**

This Policy is to be reviewed at least once every five years.