

## Transportation Tip Sheet

### Did You Know?

27% of Calgary's greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) are caused by burning gasoline and diesel for transportation (both commercial and personal)<sup>1</sup>? The air we breathe, the amount of land we need, our physical well-being and the cost of travel are all impacted by our transportation choices. It's easy to make decisions everyday that will help lower your travel footprint and our overall impact on the planet we call home.

### Check out these great local resources:



Calgary Transit



Bike Calgary



Calgary Car Share



Car to Go



When we conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we can all enjoy cleaner air and a healthier environment.



1. Electricity Statistics. (1995-2014). Retrieved October 16, 2014 from: <http://www.energy.alberta.ca/Electricity/682.asp>

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 Take action! Follow these tips to reduce your transportation footprint.

### > No Cost

- Choose active transportation (bike, walk or take transit) whenever possible.
- Carpool. Run errands with family or friends, and find coworkers who live nearby.
- Plan your vehicle trips and run multiple errands. One big trip wastes less fuel than many small trips.
- Slow down. Fuel efficiency decreases as speed increases. Same goes for accelerating – take it slow and save on fuel.
- Try to avoid peak driving times in order to save fuel wasted while idling.
- Go idle free. Idling wastes fuel, produces more harmful emissions and contributes to climate change.
- Ensure your tire pressure is right. Under-inflated tires increase fuel consumption. Most gas stations let you use their air compressors for free.

### > Low Cost

- Get regular tune ups. Fuel efficiency, performance and life span are affected by virtually all components of your car so make sure to take good care.
- Fix leaks. Oil leaks from cars are washed away by rain and snow melt, and 80% of Calgary's storm drains go directly to the rivers.

### > Investment

- Purchase a fuel efficient car. There are many options on the market.
- Think about size. Choose a vehicle that is the right size for most of your needs (ex. Commuting, groceries, driving kids to school) not just for certain activities (ex. Camping, ski trips, off-roading).
- Trade in an old gas guzzler. Newer vehicles tend to have higher fuel efficiency and there are lots of incentives for trading in your old vehicle.



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