

## Smart Cities Challenge

Specific to moving around safely and reliably and staying connected with each other, what would successful implementation of the Smart Cities Challenge look like in your life and our communities?

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 110 People     71 Thoughts     718 Ratings

“Top 20 thoughts from the second exchange for Smart Kootenays bid to the Smart Cities Challenge”  
-West Kootenay SCC Group

# Here are 20 thoughts that received the highest star ratings

**Develop a West Kootenays transportation app that allows you to see in real-time the location and availability off all available modes of transport.**

You can determine where the buses are, where the nearest electric changing station is, where the car share vehicle is, or where the e-bike pick up is.

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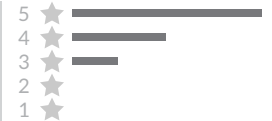


**Increased reliability of air transportation**

People and products are moving into and out of the region seamlessly resulting in economic and social well-being

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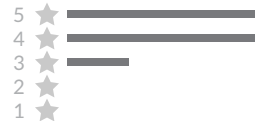


**Able to easily connect with alternate travel plans when flights are cancelled.**

Unreliable air-travel creates need for an easy affordable way to come up with alternatives.

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**Significantly improved air travel reliability.**

It's vital for successful business, tourism and life.

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**Access to an uber-like way to travel between communities**

Increase ability and affordability to travel throughout the region

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**Better navigation technology for our airports**

Increase reliability so that people are able to visit larger centers and people from larger centers are able to visit the Kootenay region.

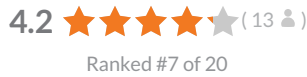
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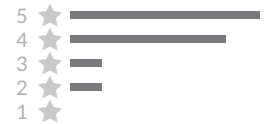
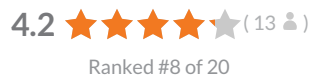
**Install the needed technology to make the Castlegar airport more reliable.**

Airport reliability will help improve the regional economy and reduce the complexity and uncertainty that travel to and from the region presently has.



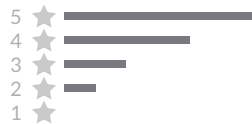
**Public transportation that is frequent; information on schedules/ routes are easily accessed via apps**

The easier it is to access public transportation, the more likely it is to be used.



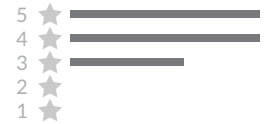
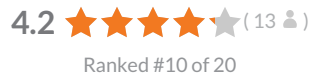
**Significantly increased transit. More routes running more often. Both within city limits, and connecting communities. App enabled.**

Because no matter how much tech you inject into this system, it won't matter unless matched by wheels on the ground.

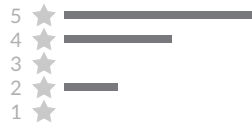


**There are some significant areas without cell coverage, which limits communication and hinders emergency services such as fire/rescue.**

Natural disasters are a risk in our mountainous and forested region. Not having cell coverage (e.g. Slokan valley) is almost shocking.

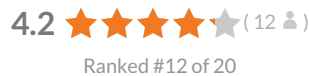


**some way to expand cellular coverage important to remain connected for business and emergencies**



**Broadband Internet**

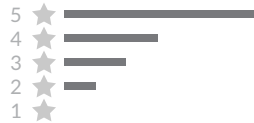
Broadband internet in homes and business would be more reliable, faster, and make connecting with our community easier.



**It can be a barrier to access and/or communicate with professionals such as counselors and doctors if travel is required over long mountain terrain**

Residents accessing professionals in other communities would not require full day loss of employment to travel

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**Promote ride sharing / car pooling for daily commuters**

Many people drive into town every day. Could there be a web app that would make it easy for commuters to share rides?

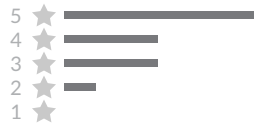
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**Growth of the rideshare network**

This will reduce traffic and carbon emissions, while fostering connections between individuals, riding in cars together.

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**Is there a bus coming?**

Bus service isn't very frequent in rural areas. It would be great to open an app and see where the bus is to know if it's worth waiting for it.

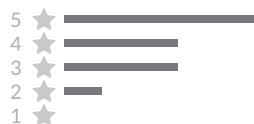
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**Roads, Buses, Bike Path, Shared Services**

Make these communities behave like a larger more sustainable community. Stop trying to stand alone.

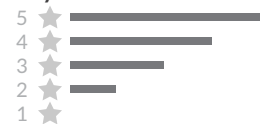
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**More people moving to and working from our region.**

Economic growth and prosperity.

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Ranked #18 of 20



**Safer/more options for travel for people that are inebriated**

Too much drinking and driving as the result of not having any options to get. Home safely and for a reasonable price

4.0 ★★★★★ (8 👤)  
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**Reliable accessible affordable online connectivity**

Increases connections between residents and reduces need to travel

3.9 ★★★★★ (14 👤)  
Ranked #20 of 20

