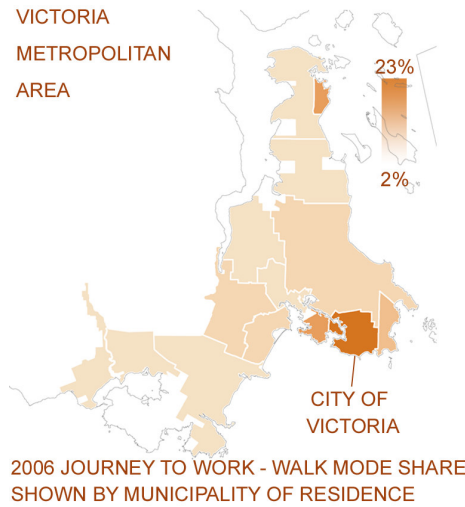
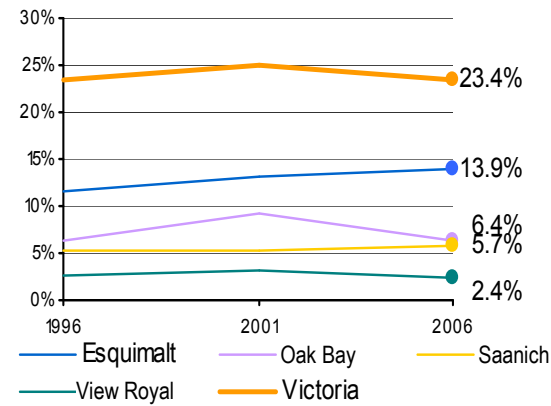


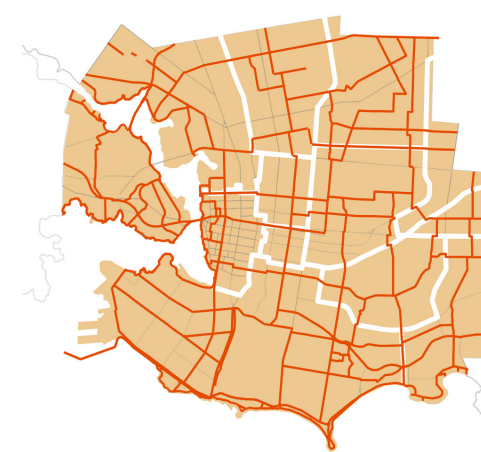
# 3.6 Walking and Greenways



## Journey to Work, Walk Mode Share, Core Municipality Comparisons



## Greenways (Greenways Plan)



In 2003, Victoria City Council adopted the Victoria Greenways Plan to provide a policy framework and a series of strategies to establish a greenway system throughout the City of Victoria. This is a long-term plan that will be implemented over the next 50 years.

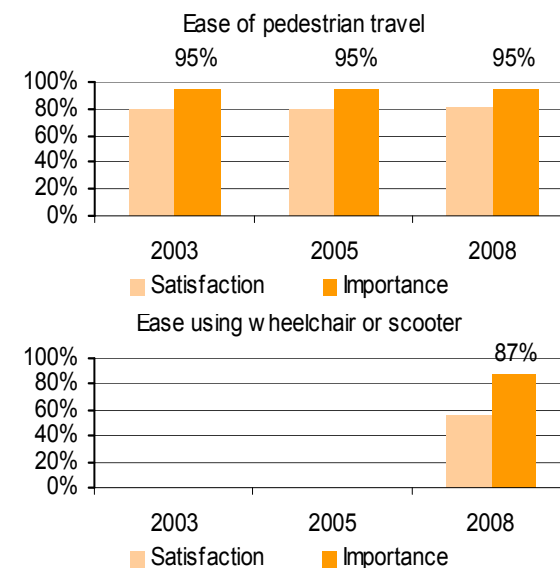
A greenway is a corridor of protected open space that is managed for conservation and/or recreation. The common characteristic of greenways is that they all go somewhere and follow natural land or water features. Greenways can provide a link between special destinations such as schools, parks commercial centres,

recreation centres and any other location where people often go, and encourage people to walk, cycle or use some other form of non-motorized transportation. Between 1996 and 2006 the overall Walk mode share remained at 23 %, however within the city, walk mode shares changed across city neighbourhoods with most declines happening in the western neighbourhoods.

Walking is the most common of the Sustainable transportation modes\* within the City of Victoria. The 2006 census shows that 23 % of Victoria residents get to work by walking. This high number is unique in Canada among municipalities of similar populations and is also the highest in the region. The municipality with the next-highest proportion of residents walking to work is Sidney, followed by Esquimalt and Oak Bay.

Between 1996 and 2006 the proportion of residents walking to work remained at 23 % for Victoria as a whole; however at a neighbourhood level there were considerable changes in proportions changed across city neighbourhoods with most declines happening in the western neighbourhoods.

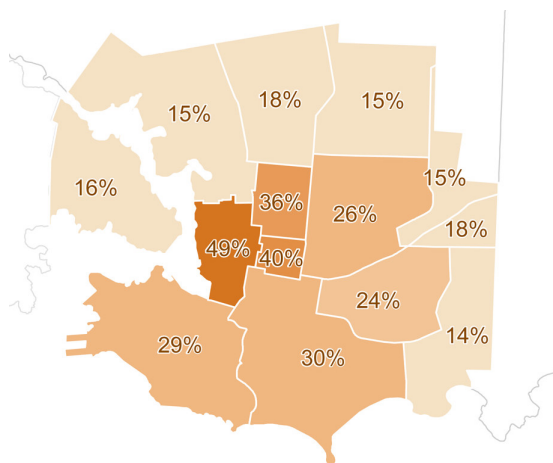
## Satisfaction with and Importance of Pedestrian and Accessible Travel



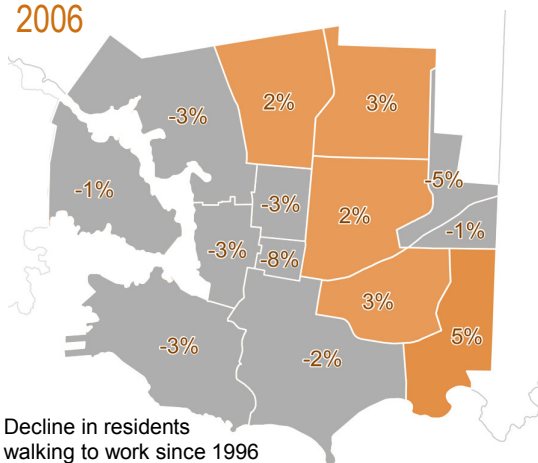
Residents of Victoria consistently place a high level of importance on the ease of pedestrian travel—since 2003 95% of citizens have rated it as “Important or Very Important” in Citizen Surveys.

2008 was the first year in which the Citizens Survey considered travel for those using mobility assistance devices; 87% of respondents rated it as “Important or Very Important”. Many of the conditions that can improve travel for people using mobility assistance devices also benefit people who use strollers for infants.

## Journey to Work, Walk Mode Share, by Neighbourhood (2006)



## Journey to Work, Change in Walk Mode Share, by Neighbourhood 1996-2006



- RELATED SHEETS
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  - 4.1 PERSONAL MOBILITY—WALKABLE AND COMPACT COMMUNITY
  - 4.2 HEALTH

UNDERSTANDING THE DATA:  
What is a mode??  
A transportation mode (referred to as mode in this profile series) is means a form of transport.  
A mode share is the percent of all trips which are done using a particular mode.  
For example, using the map on the right, 49% of residents in Downtown walked to work.

\*Sustainable Transportation is a Statistics Canada term that reports the combined totals for residents walking, bicycle, and taking public transit to get to work  
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## Journey to Work, Walk Mode Share, Core Municipality Comparisons

Walk	1996	2001	2006
Esquimalt	11.7%	13.1%	13.9%
Oak Bay	6.3%	9.3%	6.4%
Saanich	5.3%	5.2%	5.7%
View Royal	2.6%	3.2%	2.4%
Victoria	23.4%	25.1%	23.4%

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA , 1996, 2001, 2006 CENSUS

Employed labour force(1) by mode of transportation, both sexes, percentage distribution (2006), for Canada, census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations, and component census subdivisions (municipalities) of residence - 20% sample data

- Persons who, during the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census Day (May 16, 2006):
  - did any work at all for pay or in self-employment or without pay in a family farm, business or professional practice
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- Place of residence: applies to the employed labour force with either a usual place of work or with no fixed workplace address.

## Journey to Work, Walk Mode Share by Neighbourhood (2006)

	1996	2001	2006
<b>Total - City of Victoria</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>23%</b>
BURNSIDE	18.0%	16.9%	15.1%
DOWNTOWN	51.6%	49.6%	49.1%
FAIRFIELD	31.9%	31.9%	29.7%
FERNWOOD	24.4%	24.9%	26.2%
GONZALES	9.4%	12.5%	14.5%
HARRIS GREEN	48.1%	47.8%	40.5%
HILLSIDE-QUADRA	16.1%	23.4%	18.1%
JAMES BAY	31.6%	36.1%	28.9%
NORTH JUBILEE	19.6%	18.8%	14.6%
NORTH PARK	38.8%	33.8%	35.6%
OAKLANDS	11.9%	11.3%	14.9%
ROCKLAND	20.4%	24.9%	23.3%
SOUTH JUBILEE	19.1%	21.7%	18.3%
VICTORIA WEST	16.6%	15.1%	16.1%

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA , 1996, 2001, 2006 CENSUS

Neighbourhood geographies run for the City of Victoria based on: Employed labour force(1) by mode of transportation, both sexes, percentage distribution (2006), for Canada, based on custom geography (neighbourhoods) of residence - 20% sample data

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SOURCES

- GREENWAYS PLAN, PARKS AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, CITY OF VICTORIA
- STATISTICS CANADA 2006 CENSUS (population and dwellings)
- PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (buffers)

## Satisfaction with and Importance of Pedestrian and Accessible Travel

SOURCE : CITIZEN'S SURVEY, CITY OF VICTORIA, 2008