



2017 Award for Excellence in Planning

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In recognition of
Housing & Transportation Cost Burden Study



The Metro Vancouver Housing and Transportation Cost Burden Study (H+T Study) presents a new way of looking at housing affordability in the region. Typically, housing is considered affordable if a household is spending less than 30% of pre-tax income on it. However, housing and transportation choices are closely linked and represent the two largest expenditures for many working households.

Intuitively, people understand that there is a trade-off between housing costs and transportation costs. For the first time in the region, the H+T Study quantifies transportation costs and combines them with housing costs to provide a more complete picture of affordability for working households.

The H+T Study is fostering new conversations among multi-sector stakeholders that focus on integrated solutions that consider housing and transportation together rather than in isolation.

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