Transportation Choices

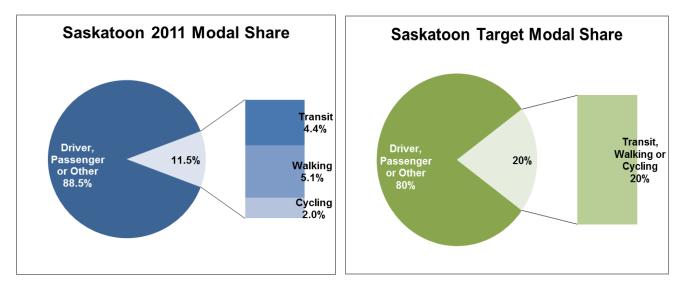
Long-Term Target: 20% of people use cycling, walking or transit to get to work

Description: The target measures our success in significantly increasing the proportion of transit users and cyclists and decreasing the proportion of people who drive to work.

The target uses census data from the *National Household Survey* and reflects only trips to work. The Transportation Division will work towards providing an alternative indicator to estimate what mode of transportation people use to cross the river.

How are we doing?

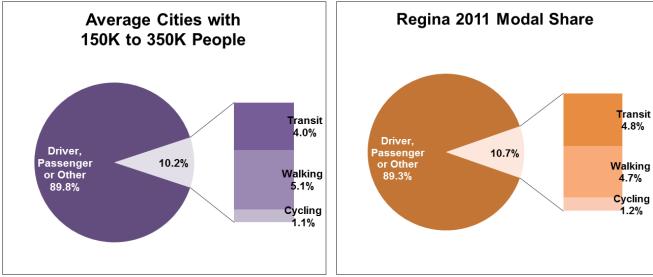
In 2011, approximately 11.5% of Saskatoon residents used cycling, walking or transit to get to work.



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey

How are other cities doing?

An average of 10.2% of people in cities with a population of 150,000 to 350,000 used cycling, walking or transit to get to work in 2011. More people in Saskatoon cycle or take transit to work than the average in other mid-size cities.



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census, National Household Survey

What do we need to do to achieve this target?

- Achieving this type of change will require priority for transit infrastructure investments including development of rapid transit corridors.
- Increased investments are needed to make cycling a more accessible transportation option for more people.

What are the benefits of achieving the target?

Fewer people driving and more people cycling, walking and taking transit to work have many benefits for the community:

- Less energy consumption and greenhouse gas production
- Less road congestion
- Reduced need and costs for road and bridge infrastructure
- Healthier people
- More cost-effective transit system

What are the risks?

• People like the flexibility, convenience and time savings driving to work offers. More people will drive to work if sufficient investments are not make to make transit and cycling more attractive transportation options.