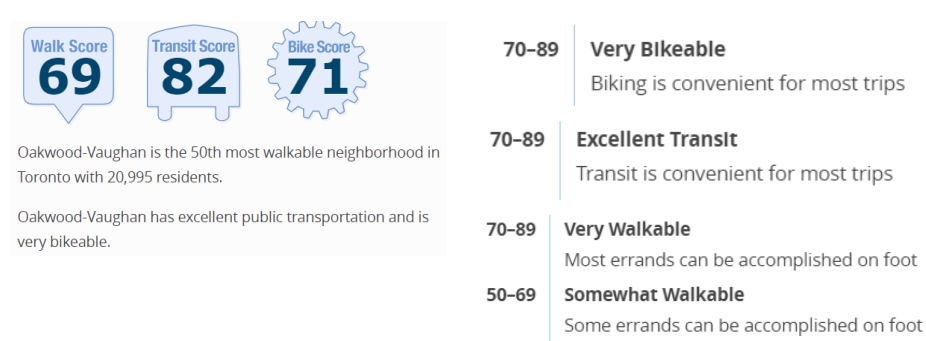# Backgrounder: Mobility – moving in and around Oakwood & Vaughan

Walking, moving with a wheelchair or stroller, running, biking, driving and taking the bus are various ways in which we move in and around Oakwood Vaughan. How do we make it easier to be mobile in OV as we look ahead to our future needs and growth of our neighbourhood?

We tend to think about mobility when we:

- Try to push a stroller or move a walker or wheelchair through snowy sidewalks or around the garbage/recycling bins
- Realize during the pandemic that it is difficult to stay 6ft away from someone when the sidewalks are so narrow – even more challenging on recycling collection day when bins block the sidewalk
- Worry about both the volume and the speed of traffic on our streets
- Want to bike according to the rules, yet the one north-bound bike lane ends abruptly on Vaughan Rd – what is the correct thing to do to travel south on Vaughan Rd?
- Find it faster to walk to Eglinton West subway than wait for the bus at Oakwood & Vaughan
- Want to go to the library to pick up reserved books or to play chess in the tables outside, but it is too hot outside, there is insufficient shade and/or we have a physical challenge
- See a store that we'd like to visit yet there is no where to stop the car or to park
- Are trying to navigate a delivery truck into the lane behind our shop, or even to stop on the street in front of our shop to receive supplies
- Change our route because we don't feel safe being in certain areas of OV.

According to walkscore.com, these are the following walking, biking and transit scores in OV (note, their definition of what space is included in OV is not available):

70–89	**Very Bikeable**	Biking is convenient for most trips
70–89	**Excellent Transit**	Transit is convenient for most trips
70–89	**Very Walkable**	Most errands can be accomplished on foot
50–69	**Somewhat Walkable**	Some errands can be accomplished on foot

Walk Score 69
Transit Score 82
Bike Score 71

Oakwood-Vaughan is the 50th most walkable neighborhood in Toronto with 20,995 residents.

Oakwood-Vaughan has excellent public transportation and is very bikeable.

Do you agree with these scores? If not, what are the barriers that you experience when moving in and around OV and what scores would you give?

The 2016 Census provided some information about commuting: time and mode/method of commuting. For both topics, the information was collected as a 25% sample, meaning not everyone in OV received a question about commuting on that census.

5,825 people in OV answered: Amount of commuting time for the employed labour force aged 15 years and over in private households with a usual place of work or no fixed workplace:

Less than 15mins	15-29mins	30-44mins	45-59mins	60mins or greater
390	1,360	2,215	1,030	835
Selected areas within OV with greatest # of people per commute TIME:				
Vaughan, Northcliffe, Eglinton, Greyton, Glenholme (35)	Vaughan, Winnett, Durham, Arlington, Rushton, Windley, Humewood (90)	Cedric, Moir, Vaughan, Winona, Holland Park (200)	Cendric, Moir, Vaughan, Winona, Holland Park (90)	Vaughan, Glenholme, Clovelly, Oakwood (80)
Cedric, Moir, Vaughan, Winona, Holland Park (25)	Cedric, Moir, Vaughan, Winona, Holland Park (80)	Dufferin, Key West, Lauder, Allenvale, Glenholme, Amherst, Gibson (130)	The south-east corner Eglinton & Dufferin and the north-side of Vaughan (90)	The south-east corner Eglinton & Dufferin and the north-side of Vaughan (80)
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Belvidere, Alameda, Clovelly, Winona, Gloucester Grove, Winnett, Durham, Atlas (25)			Vaughan, Greyton, Glenholme, Eglinton, Oakwood, Clovelly, Glenholme (60)	Vaughan, Northcliffe, Eglinton, Greyton, Glenholme (70)

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					of Vaughan (15)
Cedric, Jesmond, Moir, Vaughan, Winona, Holland Park (135)	Vaughan, Greyton, Glenholme, Eglinton, Oakwood, Clovelly (15)	The south-east corner Eglinton & Dufferin and the north-side of Vaughan (235)	Rogers, Rockvale, Hanson, Oakwood (20)	Hursting, Atlas, Vaughan, Winnett (25)	Vaughan, Belvidere, Winona (10)
Dufferin, Key West, Lauder, Allenvale, Glenholme, Amherst, Gibson (130)	Vaughan, Winona, Belvidere, Atlas (15)	Vaughan, Northcliffe, Eglinton, Glenholme, Greyton (170)	Cedric, Jesmond, Moir, Vaughan, Winona, Holland Park (20)	Dufferin, Key West, Lauder, Allenvale, Glenholme, Amherst, Gibson (15)	Dufferin, Vaughan, Northcliffe, Keywest (10)
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Potentially Responsive Tactics to improve mobility:

- Increase the diversity of experiences that can be accessed by walking, e.g., school, community hub, park, shops & services, restaurants, visiting friends. This could be obtained by increasing density – the # of people living in OV and by increasing density, we could increase more regular public transit use.
- The concrete benches at the 5 points intersection are very good – incorporate more benches along Oakwood and along Vaughan.

- Provide a public washroom near the 5 in points intersection as well as near Reggae Lane on Eglinton Ave W
- Introduce more mobile traffic cameras on streets where excessive speeds of cars are observed, and introduce more "bump outs" into the streets to slow down traffic and create community gathering spaces - some are used for unofficial community share and recycling spaces
- Increase tree plantings with protective bases incorporated into wider sidewalks to reduce the heat effect and create shade for a more pleasant walking experience
- Extend the bike lane on Vaughan Rd. beyond Winona and north to Eglinton and Dufferin
- Require hoarding with community painting initiatives around sites vacant for more than 1 month to make it more pleasant to walk in the neighbourhood
- Extend the width of sidewalks to accommodate people as well as garbage/recycling bins
- Provide more benches along streets and more picnic tables in parks – recognize that there are differently-abled people that cannot sit on the ground

OV Community Plan: Questions for Exploration on mobility in OV:

1. What ways do you move around in OV – how are you most mobile?
2. Where do you go? Put on a map your typical routes that you use in OV and what mode
3. What would OV look like in 10 years as a neighbourhood that is easier to move around in?
4. There are groups of OV stakeholders discussing other parts of our Community Plan. What connections to you see among Culture retention and growth with the following topics:

Enhanced Health & Safety   Economic Vibrancy & Growth   Green OV

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