The Growth Plan to Half a Million (Growth Plan) provides the City with a strategy to guide growth and transportation investments to accommodate a doubling of the population and employment over the next 25 to 30 years. The Growth Plan combines recently developed plans with new strategic directions that support Saskatoon’s goals for Sustainable Growth and Moving Around.

The seven themes highlighted to the right are part of a new model for managing growth that will provide residents with access to a variety of new options for housing, employment and commerce that are connected by accessible and attractive transportation choices.

### Growth Plan Themes

- **Neighbourhood Infill**: Smaller-scale growth in established neighbourhoods to provide additional housing options for 26,000 new residents.
- **New Suburban Neighbourhoods**: Higher density with mixed uses to accommodate 130,000 to 175,000 people.
- **Strategic Infill Areas**: Infill of the Downtown, North Downtown, and University areas to accommodate 75,000 new residents.
- **Growth Near Major Corridors**: Prioritize transit oriented corridors and nodes for redevelopment to support a greater mixture of housing choices, employment opportunities and retail activity in a vibrant, walkable community. Preliminary estimates indicate that this growth could support up to 40,000 people.
- **Transit Plan**: A broader range of services in the long-term to provide an exceptional customer experience and target investments where there is the greatest chance of increasing ridership. The city-wide transit mode share is forecast to increase from 5% to 8% in the long-term with expanded transit services and facility investments (a ridership increase from 12 million to 41 million passengers per year).
- **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**: Complement the transit system with BRT investments to serve as the spine of the network using priority features and enhanced stations. Centre or curb side bus lanes are forecast to accommodate anywhere from 1,600 to 2,400 passengers per hour in the peak directions and reduce long-term transit travel time by approximately 30% to 50% across the core areas of the City.
- **Core Area Bridges**: Roadways and river crossings will continue to be primary routes serving the established areas of the city and will balance forecasted growth for all modes as travel demands double. Four integrated network improvement options are being considered across the South Saskatchewan River in order to increase people carrying capacity of the core area roads and bridges.

### Sustainable Growth Vision

Accommodating half a million people within existing city boundaries while enhancing the vibrancy of Saskatoon requires a shift in development patterns, where core areas of the City will account for approximately 50% of all population growth, and support a strong mixture of commercial retail and office land uses.

### Moving Around Vision

Providing attractive and balanced transportation choices that serve as the foundation for sustainable growth.

### Candidate Nodes and Corridors for Growth

Legend
- **Priority Nodes**
- **Main Street**
- **Community Arterial**
- **Urban Bld**
- **North Downtown and City Centre**
- **City of Saskatoon**

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**Figure 1: Candidate Nodes and Corridors for Growth**

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**Figure 2: Core Area Bridges**

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