



Your New Commute Guidebook

QEII - Halifax Infirmary Site

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Introduction

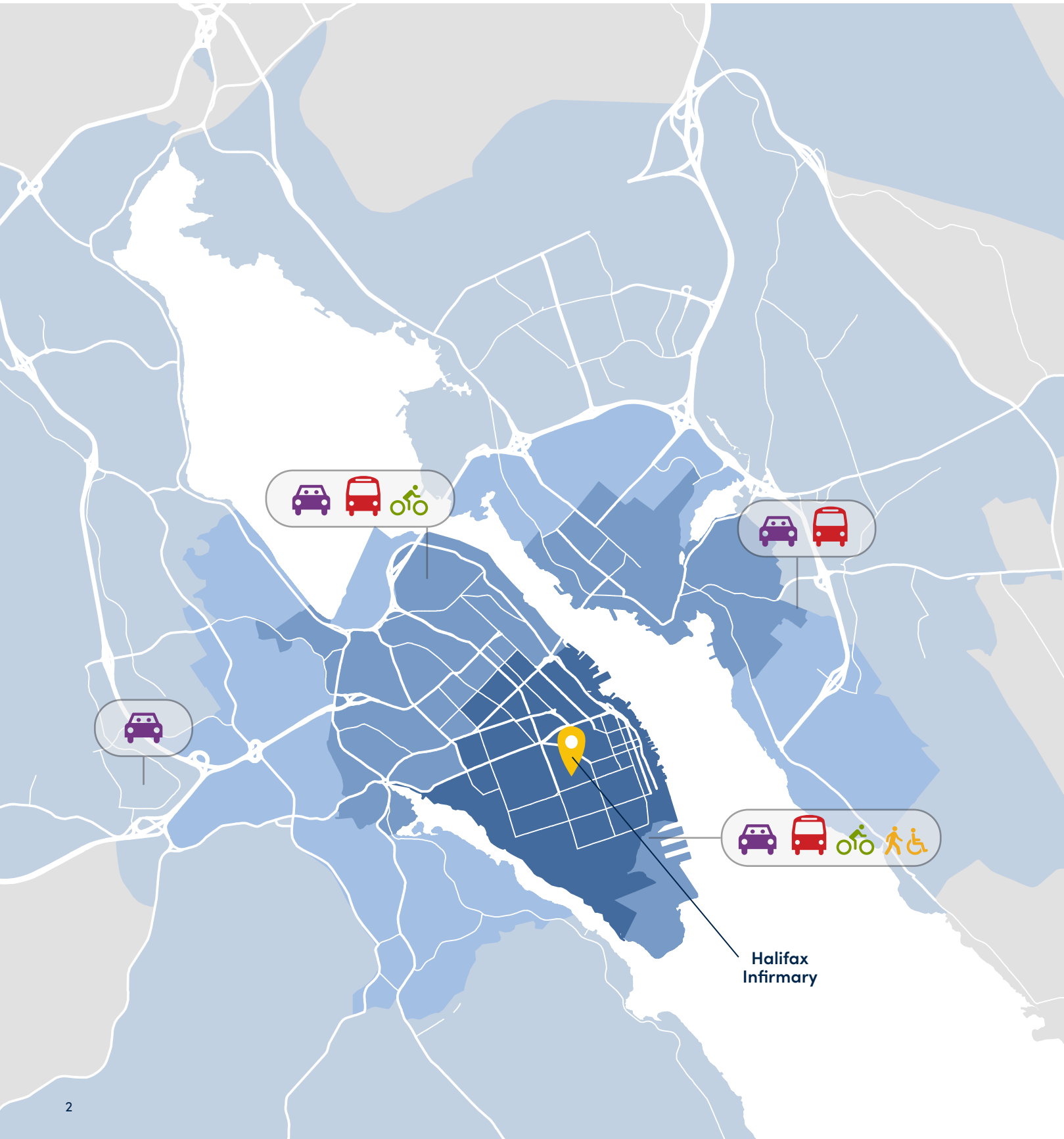
In August 2024, the Robie Street parkade closed. This impacts how people get to and from the hospitals at the Halifax Infirmiry site. This guide will help with trip planning. It has information on walking, cycling, transit, carpooling and parking. It will help you understand the cost and availability of different options. The guide can help you understand the services available as you consider a new commute.

Halifax Infirmiry: Highlights

- Centrally located on Robie and Summer streets
- Close to shops and services on Quinpool and Spring Garden
- Highly walkable and bike friendly

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30 Minute Commute to Halifax Infirmmary



Mobility Options



Walking/ Rolling



Cycling



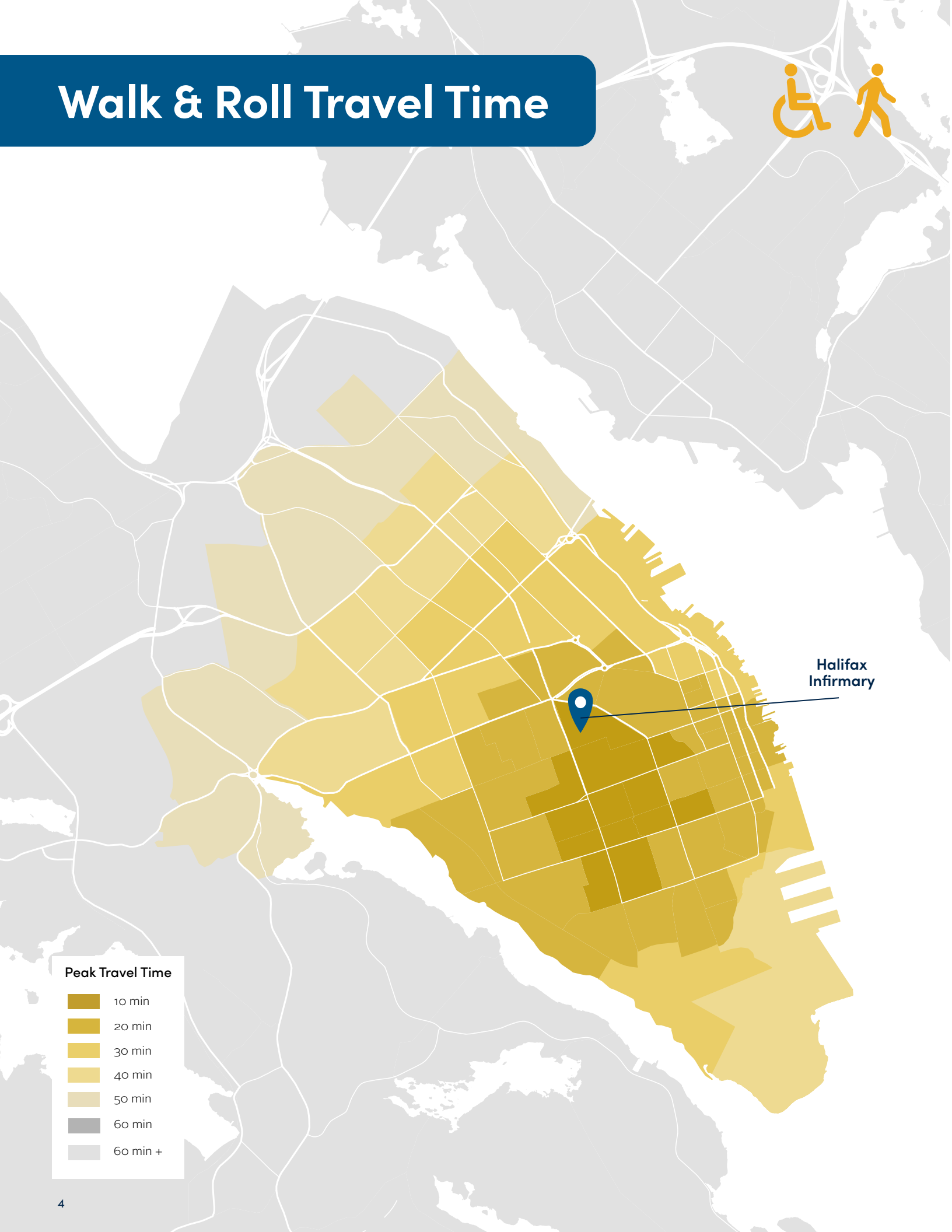
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Driving / Carpooling



Walk & Roll Travel Time



Peak Travel Time

- 10 min
- 20 min
- 30 min
- 40 min
- 50 min
- 60 min
- 60 min +

Walking / Rolling

Employees living in central Halifax have quick and easy walks to the Infirmary. The area is pleasant for walking or rolling. Hills are low and gentle. Sidewalks and crosswalks are plentiful.

Parks, Shops and Services

Banks, restaurants, and services are all a quick walk or roll from the hospitals. Local businesses are on Robie Street, Quinpool Road, and Spring Garden Road.

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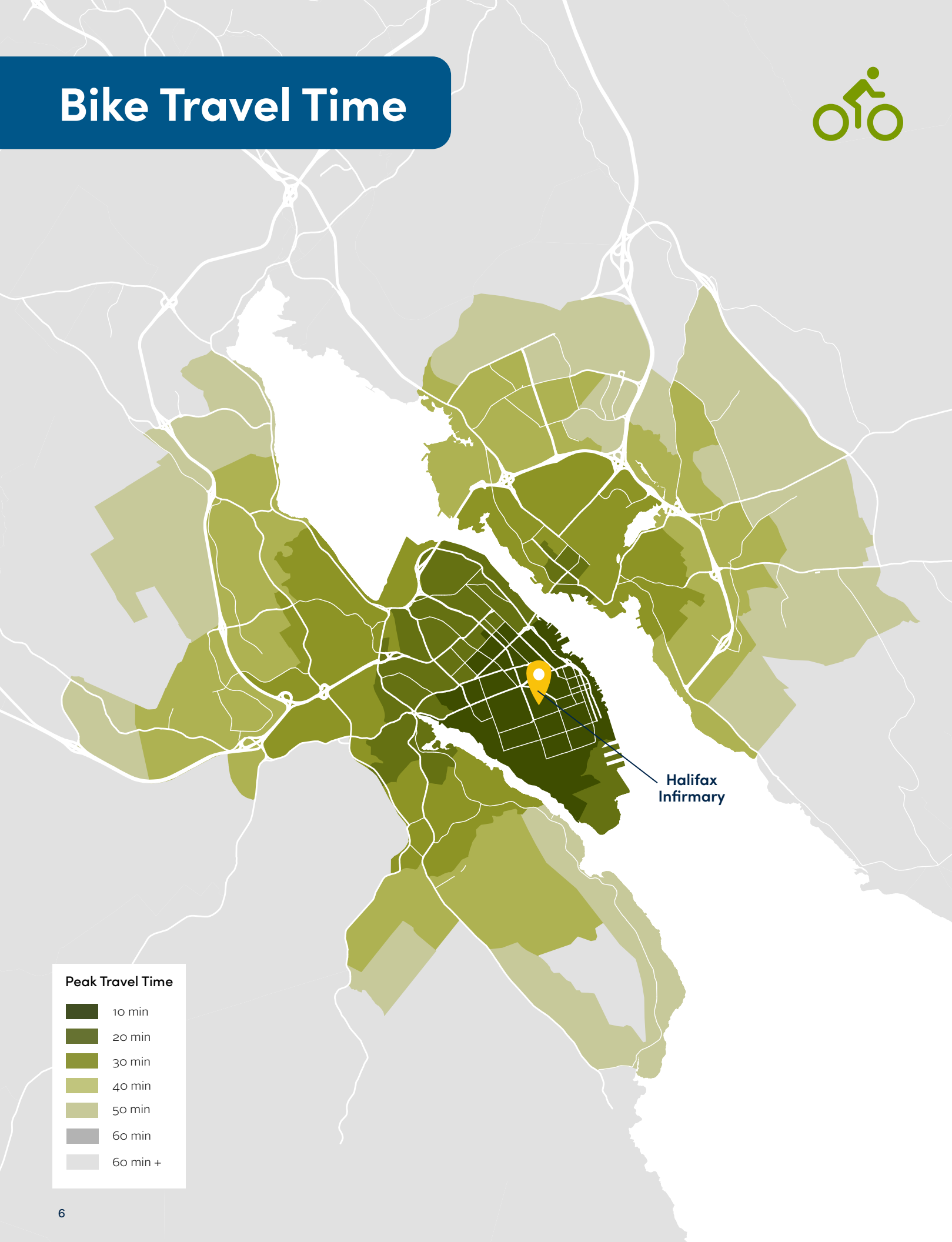
Whichever way you commute, every trip begins with a walk or roll. Even if you do not walk or roll to work, chances are you will at some point in your day.

Halifax Infirmary
Walk Score

85/100



Bike Travel Time



Cycling

Getting to the Infirmary by bike is convenient and safe. Vernon Street is a quiet and slow street, perfect for all cyclists. It is one block from Robie Street and connects the hospitals with the west and south end. Pathways across the Commons connect the site to the north end. If you cycle to work, covered bike parking is available outside the entrance on Summer Street. Indoor bike parking is found in the Summer Street parkade.

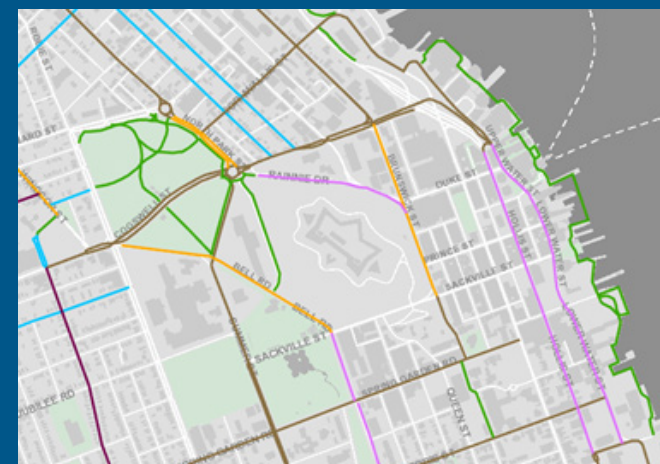


E-Bikes

E-bike are bicycles with a battery that gives a boost to the rider, making it easier to cycle. The bikes can be plugged in to charge the batteries. New e-bikes bought at a Nova Scotia retailer are eligible for a \$500 rebate.

Bikes and Transit

Cyclists can use transit for part of their trip. Every bus has a front bike rack (rack fits two bikes). Bikes are allowed on the ferries. Bike racks are available at some transit terminals, including Bridge Terminal and Lacewood Terminal.

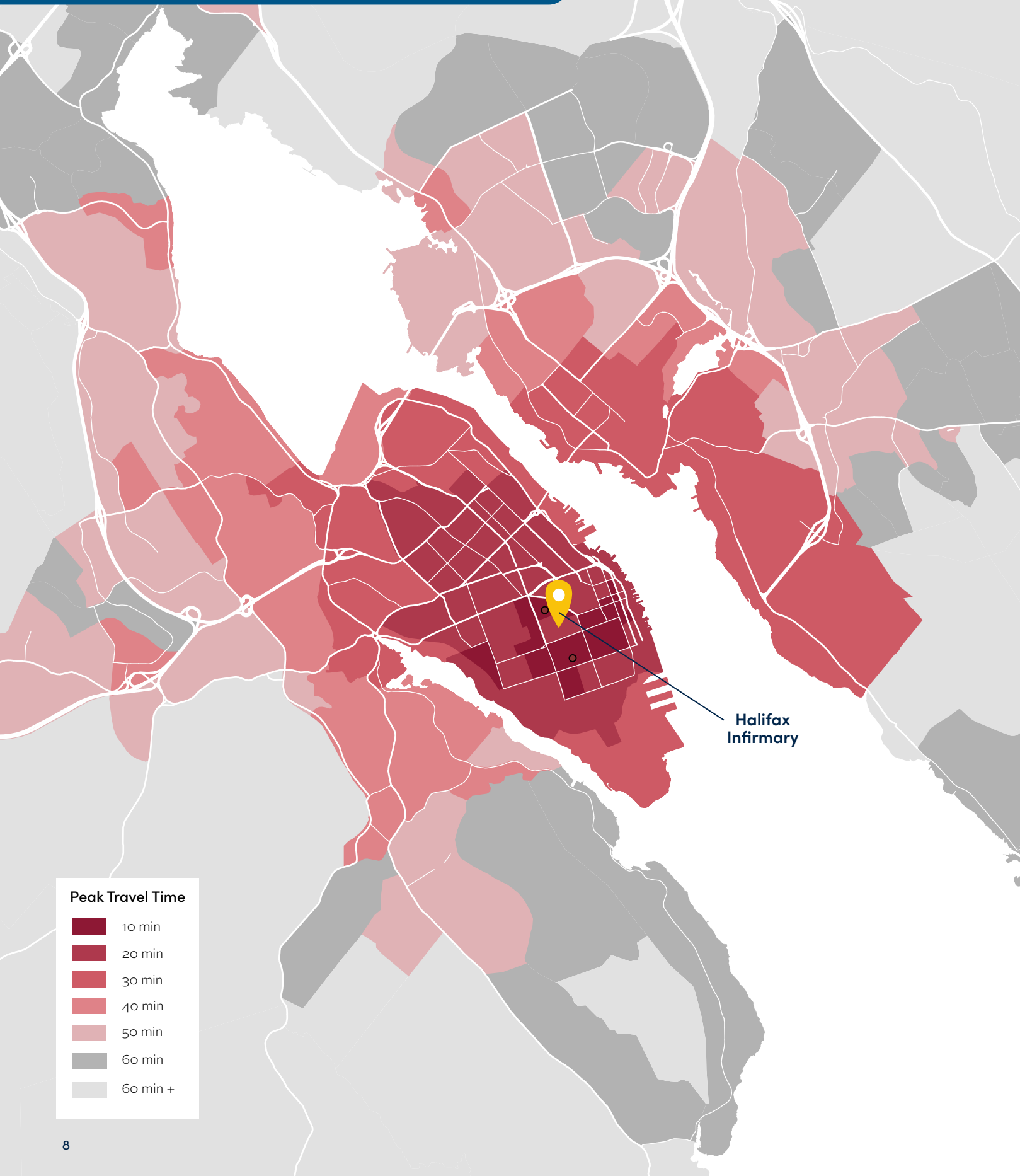


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Interactive Bike Map

Click [here](#) to access and explore bike routes in your area, and plan how to get there by bike.

Transit Travel Times



Transit

The Halifax Infirmary is well served by transit. Major bus routes stop on Robie Street and Summer Street.



Travelling to Bedford and Sackville

The Route 8 (Sackville) runs 7 days a week from Robie Street along the Bedford Highway to the Sackville Terminal. Route 90 Larry Uteck runs seven days a week from Robie Street to the West Bedford Park & Ride. Express routes stop on Summer Street, including routes:

- 182 First Lake Express* (to Sackville Terminal and Park & Ride)
- 183/185/186 (to Middle Sackville and Kinsac)
- 194 West Bedford Express* and 196 Basinview Express*

Travelling to Clayton Park and Fairview

The Route 4 Universities runs seven days a week, from Robie Street along Windsor Street and Lacewood Drive.

Travelling to Spryfield

The Route 9A Greystone and Route 9B Herring Cove run seven days a week from Summer Street along Quinpool Road and Herring Cove Road. The Route 127 Cowie Hill Express stops on Summer Street.

Travelling to Halifax

The Route 7A stops on Robie Street, on the same side of the street as the Infirmary. It travels up Robie into the North end of Halifax. The Route 7B stops on the other side Robie Street toward Downtown Halifax and Gottingen Street.


Travelling to Dartmouth

Routes 1 (Spring Garden) and 10 (Dalhousie) stop on Spring Garden road and travel to Bridge Terminal.

Travelling to Beechville, Lakeside and Timberlea


Route 123 Timberlea Express* stops on Summer Street.

***EXPRESS ROUTES PROVIDE LIMITED-STOP SERVICE FOR COMMUTERS DURING PEAK PERIODS ON WEEKDAYS.**



The Transit App

- free to download
- trip planning
- real-time data



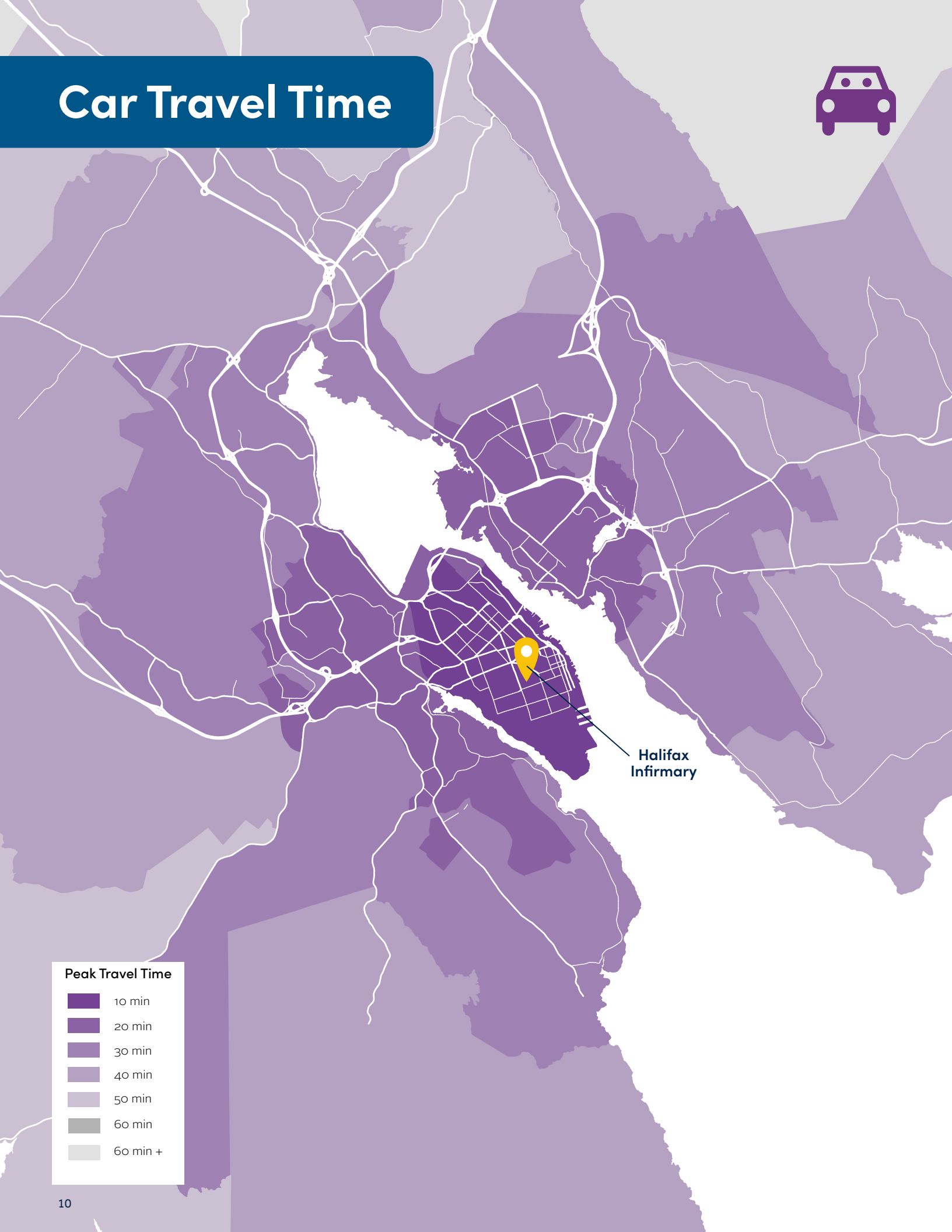
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- free mobile fare payment app
- buy tickets and passes
- quick and easy

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Car Travel Time



Driving, Carpooling and Parking

The main parkade for the Halifax Infirmary is on Summer Street. The maximum daily rate is \$14.50. There are other off-street options within a quick walk of the hospitals, including parking lots off Ahearn Avenue.



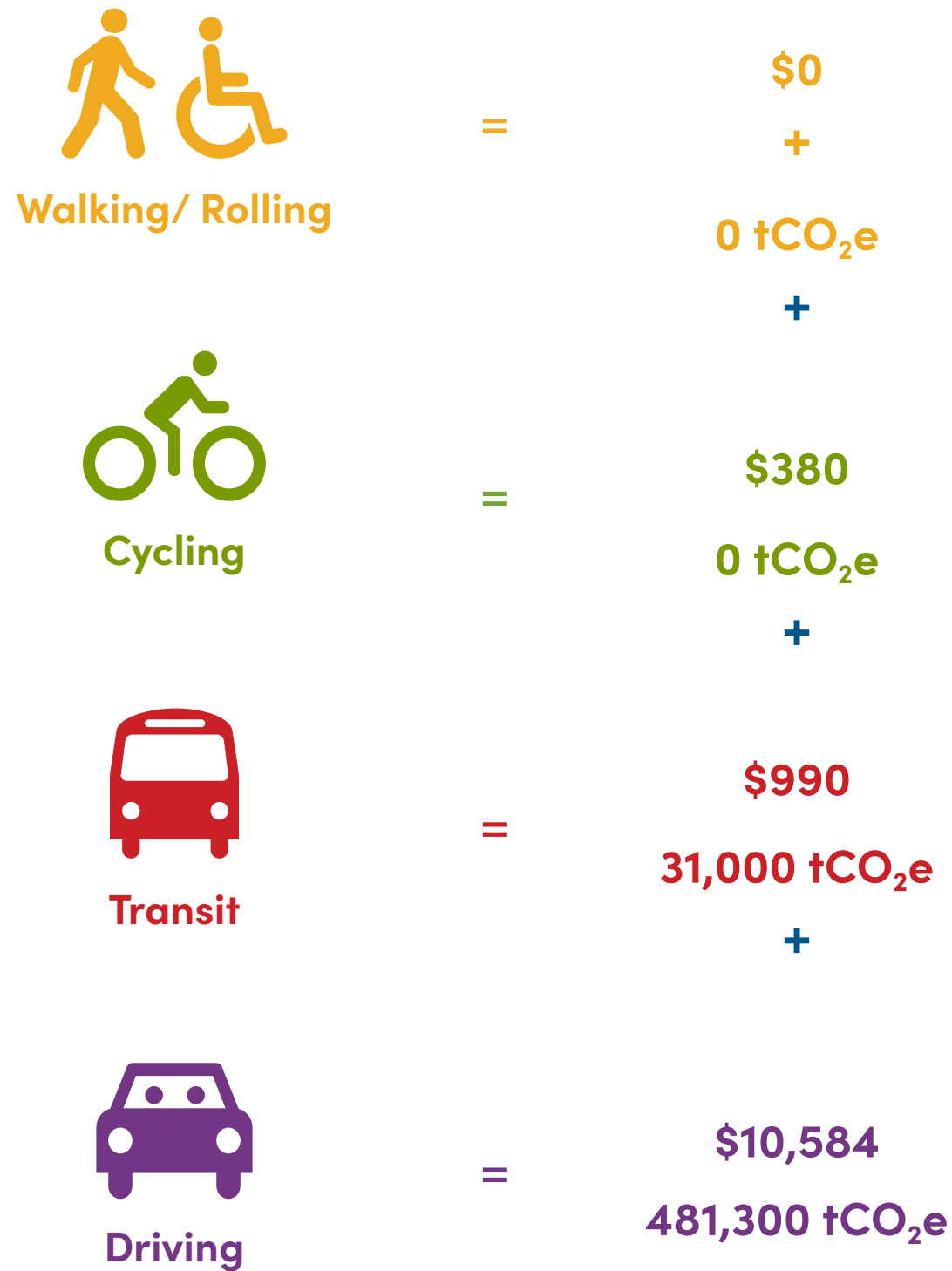
On-Street Parking

A limited number of monthly, on-street parking permits are sold to commuters. Many permits are available within a short walk of the Infirmary. Permits go on sale on the 15th of each month for the next month. Prices are between \$50 and \$70 depending on the area. For more information, visit halifax.ca/parking and click on 'Parking Permits'. Please email parking@halifax.ca if you have questions about permits or on-street parking.

Hourly on-street parking is available. Hourly parking rates are different in different zones - check the signs to know what zones you are parked in. It is a pay-by-plate system - you must input your license plate when you park. You can input your license plate and pay at pay stations, which accept credit, debit, smart pay and cash. You can also pay using the [HotSpot Parking App](#). Hourly rates vary between \$1.00-3.50 per hour.

Cost Comparison by Mode

A breakdown of annual transportation-related costs by mode (in dollars to commuter) and in tCO₂e (tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) to the environment .



Cost may vary based on employee flex work schedule, travel distance and carpool frequency.

Halifax Transit SmartTrip Program

As an employee of the Halifax Infirmery, you have access to the following benefits:



TRANSIT
12 month transit pass for the price of 9 months, purchased through payroll deduction.

TAXI VOUCHERS
Employees who commute via transit, carpool, walk, roll or cycle at least 3 times per week are eligible for guaranteed transportation home in the event of an emergency.

RIDESHARING & CYCLING
Lunch & Learn sessions provide employees with cycling skills and safety training.

To sign up for these benefits through your employer, visit: intra.nshealth.ca.

Tips



When exploring your commute options, ask around to see if you can buddy with a co-worker who has a similar route.



If you purchase an e-bike from a Nova Scotia storefront for \$1,200 or more, you are eligible for a \$500 rebate.



How to Commute Without Your Car



Why should you leave your car behind or share a ride?

Save money on car costs and parking.
Many people underestimate the true costs of driving alone. Commuting by car can cost you \$10,500 annually once maintenance and parking are factored in.

Avoid driving and parking frustration.
When you walk, roll, bike or take transit, you do not have to worry about congestion or parking availability.

Improve your mental and physical health.
Walking and biking to work gives you an opportunity to incorporate regular exercise into your schedule. You can also combine cycling with transit since all buses and ferries are equipped with bike racks.

Protect our environment.
Reducing kilometers travelled by car helps improve air quality since transportation accounts for 20 per cent of the municipality's emissions. You will also help combat climate change, decrease energy consumption and reduce congestion.

What are the alternatives to driving alone?

Bike, walk or roll.
Maps of current and planned infrastructure are available [here](#). Find cycling tips, skills training resources and route information to stay healthy and safe.

Hop on a bus.
Leave the driving to someone else - taking the bus even some of the time will save you money on gas, maintenance and parking.

Park and ride the bus.
Many of Halifax Transit's terminals offer free parking so you can complete the rest of your commute on a bus or ferry, saving you money and additional stress.

Carpool.
It's smart to share a ride: a carpool can reduce your costs by 50 per cent or more. Try our new website at smartridehalifax.ca. Reach out to friends and/or colleagues who share similar routes, and make your commute more social.

What if I am at work and I need my car?

Get a Guaranteed Ride Home for FREE.
Since Nova Scotia Health is a SmartTrip member, if you walk, roll, bike, take transit or carpool at least three times per week you can get a free ride home in the event of an emergency.

Join a carsharing organization.
You can leave your car at home and still have access to a vehicle during the day through carsharing services. Organizations like [Communauto Atlantic](#) offer cars by the hour in case of an appointment or errand.

What FREE resources can I use for trip planning?

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Regional Centre AAA Bike Map

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Interactive Bike Map

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Routes and Schedules



Apple Maps



Google Maps



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