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### City Undertakes Innovative Transportation Study to Accommodate Growth

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In conjunction with the City of Yellowknife's *Smart Growth Development Plan*, the City has recently commissioned the transportation consulting engineering firm of **iTRANS Consulting Inc.** to conduct a **Transportation Improvement Study** that will be integrated into the City's long term vision to promote a sustainable and orderly urban development, and that will bring Yellowknife's growth to the year 2065. The study is intended to provide a transportation framework to accommodate the City's expansion to a population of 50,000.

Rapid and projected growth of Yellowknife has placed significant demand on the City's transportation infrastructure. To better plan growth for the future, the City has decided to prepare a detailed Transportation Improvement Study for the region. The study will look to provide the following:

- Develop a traffic demand forecasting model that projects future traffic in the immediate (2009), intermediate (2034) and long term (2064)
- Examine existing transportation conditions including parking demands; and recommend alternative modes of traveling to allow for pedestrian traffic and cycling
- Develop an updated transportation network plan that addresses all modal forms of transport
- Develop transportation infrastructure alternatives and improvements
- Provide conceptual cost estimates of such improvements

The study will recommend options, review the cost and benefits associated with each option considered and provide estimated capital costs of implementation. The study is expected to be completed in December 2009. The City will seek public and stakeholders input in the course of the study.

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