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How to get it done

Brampton correctly identifies culture/organizational issues as the key challenge rather than technical issues

1. Reconcile vision, plans, regulations, standards, ordinances at area level
   - Lag in time
   - Cross-departmental

2. Budgets (capital/O&M) should reflect vision and priorities

3. Getting Alignment: structured decision-making: vision, values, choices and tradeoffs.
Recommendation 1: “Strengthen planning and decision-making for social equity and climate justice including action-oriented and measurable goals”

Recommendation 5: “Be courageous and evidence-based in accelerating delivery of highest and best use of right of way space that is sensitive to context (civic, commercial, mobility, curb, HOV)”
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