



NEWS RELEASE

Construction to Begin on Salton Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge

ABBOTSFORD – October 2, 2017 – Construction will soon begin on the new Salton Road Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge, announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

Over the past two years, the City of Abbotsford has received overwhelming support for the construction of a pedestrian/cycling bridge over Trans-Canada Highway #1 at Salton Road from residents and stakeholders participating in the UDistrict engagement process and public open houses. 81% of people who provided their feedback were in favour of a new bike/pedestrian overpass across Highway #1 to support safe walking and cycling in the U District and surrounding neighbourhoods

The project includes public art enhancements as a part of the bridge design as well as the expansion of Salton Road to include additional roadside parking. The project is funded from a \$1M grant from the Province of British Columbia's BikeBC Program as well as additional funds from the Federal/Provincial Community Works Fund.

Features of the project include:

- 2.6m wide separated bike path along Salton Road between Marshall Road and Highway #1 with a 1.5m sidewalk and parking on the west side of Salton Road
- 4m wide cycle/pedestrian bridge over Highway #1
- 3.0m wide separated bike path along Salton Road between Highway #1 and King Road with a 1.5m sidewalk on the east side and parking on the east side of Salton Road to accommodate use of the infrastructure.
- Pedestrian traffic signal at King Road & Salton Road
- The inclusion of public art which will go through a public consultation process

This bridge and cycling path will help to improve mobility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists and will also align with the City's strategic goal to enhance multi-modal transportation systems in the community to support walking, cycling and transit.

Quotes:

"I'm delighted to support the Salton Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge Project. The Community Works Fund supports local government improvements in many areas, including better infrastructure that delivers a cleaner environment, and this is truly a great example of that. Anything that encourages people to do more walking or biking through this beautiful part of the country is a great thing, both for their health and their sense of community!"

Jati Sidhu
Member of Parliament for Mission – Matsqui – Fraser Canyon

“Our government is committed to investing in people and building communities so everyone can thrive. I hope this new cycling infrastructure will benefit the residents of Abbotsford for years to come.”

*Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Claire Trevena*

“Whether for transportation or for recreation, cycling offers many benefits. This new overpass will help make cycling safer and more efficient in our community – encouraging more people to take advantage of this method of travel.”

*Michael de Jong
MLA, Abbotsford West*

“Cycling offers efficient, healthy, and environmentally-friendly travel. This project will help improve safety and accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians alike in our community, and I’m pleased to see it progress.”

*Simon Gibson
MLA, Abbotsford-Mission*

“Abbotsford is a growing community with evolving needs. This project that incorporates multi-modal transportation systems will encourage more residents to get out biking and walking and enjoying a healthy lifestyle in our beautiful community. I’m so pleased to see this happening.”

*Darryl Plecas
MLA, Abbotsford South*

“City Council is very pleased to move forward with the Salton Road pedestrian and cycling bridge. This project not only connects our residents and neighbourhoods, but it ensures that we continue to realize the vision in the OCP of making walking and cycling delightful. On behalf of Council, I’d like to thank our Federal and Provincial governments for the grants provided towards this exciting project which ensures a safe and active transportation route to the UDistrict.”

*Henry Braun
Mayor, City of Abbotsford*

“UFV is thrilled to see this project moving forward as part of the larger UDistrict plan. The bridge is literally a path to the future: providing a vital two-way connection between the Abbotsford community and the UFV campus. Students will be able to move quickly and safely to housing, shops, and services, and the community will have direct access to our campus on foot and by bike. This is a wonderful project that will provide access to a vibrant and inter-connected community.”

*Jackie Hogan
UFV President*

Associated Links:

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