



NEWS RELEASE

Vye Road / Highway 11 Project Update

ABBOTSFORD – November 9, 2017 – Construction will soon begin on the Vye Road / Highway 11 project announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

This project will see the widening of Highway 11, by extending the Nexus lane to the U.S. border and constructing a two-lane overpass on Vye Road, between Highway 11 and Riverside Road.

The City has partnered with the Provincial and Federal governments, through the Building Canada Fund, to improve traffic congestion and safety concerns in this area. This project was first announced in 2013, with public consultation conducted in 2014. The preliminary engineering studies are now complete and the project is moving forward.

The Highway 11 widening will see the NEXUS lane to the U.S. border be extended 1.3 kilometres to improve the flow of traffic to the border for families and commercial drivers. As part of these improvements, a two-lane overpass over the Southern Rail and CP Rail lines will be constructed on Vye Road to improve safety and reduce congestion at the existing crossing.

This project will also improve access to local commercial developments between Highway 11 and Riverside Road, and provide an alternate route along the Vye Road/8th Avenue corridor, facilitating access to both the Aldergrove and Huntington border crossings.

Other key benefits of the Vye Road / Highway 11 project include:

- elimination of traffic congestion due to railway operations;
- increased safety and productivity for SRY and CPR track workers;
- elimination of the vehicle-train collision risk at the current at-grade railway crossing;
- improved access to the Canada-US border crossing and the airport;
- decreased delays for local area businesses, which rely on truck transportation for the movement of goods and services;
- reliable access and reduced travel time for emergency service providers.
- improved safety and convenience for residents accessing the Huntington area during busy border-crossing times;
- improved border access for the trucking and transportation industry;
- improved border access for BC residents and visitors.

Quotes:

“These important upgrades to Highway 11 and Vye Road will help improve driver safety and the flow of goods on a critical regional transportation network. The Government of Canada is committed to working with our provincial and municipal partners to fund projects that contribute to local economic development and pave the way for middle-class job creation.”

*Jati Sidhu, Member of Parliament, on behalf of The Honorable Amarjeet Sohi
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities*

“Highway 11 is an important trade corridor with direct access to both the Aldergrove and Huntington border crossings. A wider highway and new overpass at Vye Road will reduce congestion along Abbotsford’s arterial routes, saving time and money for the people who use that corridor.”

*Claire Trevena
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure*

“Our community has seen significant population growth over the years, which has increased the traffic volume on Highway 11 and Vye Road. These upgrades will improve the congestion in this area and will support cross-border travel and trade, while improving safety along this important road and rail corridor.”

*Henry Braun
Mayor, City of Abbotsford*

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