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## Salton Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge Opens to the Public

**ABBOTSFORD – January 23, 2018** – The new Salton Road Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge is officially open to the public, announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

This pedestrian/cycle bridge will help to improve mobility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists traveling to and from the UDistrict and will also align with the City's strategic goal to enhance multi-modal transportation systems to support walking, cycling and transit across Abbotsford.

The project is funded from a \$1M grant from the Province of British Columbia's BikeBC Program as well as \$3.3M in funding from the Federal Gas Tax Fund. The 77 metre clear-span bridge was constructed and assembled on the Highway 1 median, minimizing impacts to Trans-Canada Highway 1 users. The bridge was successfully lifted into place on October 21, 2018.

The new pedestrian/cycle bridge project also includes the widening of Salton Road to allow for on-street parking and a dedicated cycle path. A new pedestrian signal was also installed at the Salton Road/King Road intersection and the traffic signal at Salton Road and Marshall Road was upgraded to accommodate the new cycle path.

Public art enhancements from artist Brent Bukowski have been incorporated as part of the bridge design. Brent Bukowski is a Canadian artist who works with reclaimed materials, primarily metal and glass. Brent's art was inspired by the imagery of a bicycle jump sequence using reclaimed aluminum bicycle rims assembled in a playful arrangement that hops, skips and jumps across the busy highway below.

### Quotes:

"The Government of Canada knows that having accessible active transportation options is key to developing green, inclusive communities, and we are proud to have helped make this new bridge possible. This will now provide a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists across Highway 1, and encourage people to stay active while moving around the City."

*Jati Sidhu*

*MP, Mission–Matsqui–Fraser Canyon, on behalf of the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities*

"People are looking for safe and easy ways to get around – without having to jump into cars. I am proud of our investment in this project that safely connects pedestrians and cyclists from their homes to their destinations. Our government is committed to building new infrastructure that supports active lifestyles in communities across the province."

*Ravi Kahlon*

*MLA, Delta North and Parliamentary Secretary for Sport and Multiculturalism on behalf of Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure*

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“On behalf of the City of Abbotsford, I’m extremely pleased to see the Salton pedestrian/cycling bridge officially open to the public. The bridge will provide improved accessibility for residents, students and cyclists commuting to and from the UDistrict Neighbourhood. As the hub of the Fraser Valley, we continue to expand on our commitment to providing walking and cycling options for our residents. We greatly appreciate the investment from the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada into our community.”

*Henry Braun  
Mayor, City of Abbotsford*

“UFV is thrilled to see the Salton Bridge come to fruition. Essential to a vibrant, connected community, this important link will connect the University community to services and amenities on the north side of the freeway, while encouraging healthy, active living across the UDistrict area.”

*Dr. Joanne MacLean  
President, University of the Fraser Valley*

### **Background:**

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 cycle/pedestrian overpass across Highway 1 to support safe walking and cycling in the U District and surrounding neighbourhoods.

### **Additional features of the project include:**

- 2.6m wide separated cycle 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 cycle 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

### **Links:**

Salton Bridge Installation Video: <https://vimeo.com/298050961>

Project Information: [City of Abbotsford](#)

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