



**Kennedy Road overpass** 



# Engagement summary—phase two engagement, part one

Pitt Meadows Road and Rail Improvements Project Kennedy Road overpass

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## **Acknowledgement**

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback as part of the second phase of engagement for the Pitt Meadows Road and Rail Improvements Project. We appreciate your time and value your input. Your feedback will be used to finalize the design for the Kennedy Road overpass and help inform the next phase of engagement for the project (phase two engagement, part two: Harris Road).

We would also like to thank you for your patience and flexibility as we navigate the circumstances caused by COVID-19 and adapt our engagement process to keep everyone safe while still providing meaningful engagement opportunities.

# **About the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority**

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is the federal agency, which, on behalf of all Canadians, is responsible for the stewardship of the lands and waters that make up the Port of Vancouver. Our mandate is to enable Canada's trade objectives, ensuring goods are moved safely through the Port of Vancouver while protecting the environment and considering local communities. We are accountable to the federal minister of transport.



### **Our vision**

For the Port of Vancouver to be the world's most sustainable port



### Our mission

To enable Canada's trade objectives, ensuring safety, environmental protection and consideration for local communities

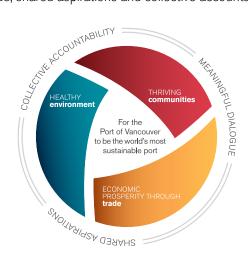


#### Our values

- Accountability
- Collaboration
- Continuous improvement
- Customer responsiveness

# Our definition of a sustainable port

We believe a sustainable port delivers economic prosperity through trade, maintains a healthy environment, and enables thriving communities through meaningful dialogue, shared aspirations and collective accountability.



# **Project partners**

## Canadian Pacific (CP)

CP is a transcontinental railway in Canada and the United States with direct links to major ports on the west and east coasts. CP provides North American customers a competitive rail service with access to key markets in every part of the world. Safety is a top priority for CP, and it supports objectives and projects that aim to improve safety for all road users near railways.

# How is CP supporting this project?

As a funding partner of the project, CP will own and maintain the Harris Road underpass structure that supports the rail corridor, and will also complete a track extension leading into and out of the Vancouver Intermodal Facility. Extension of the track will allow CP to build longer trains in the future to accommodate more trade.



## **City of Pitt Meadows**

The City of Pitt Meadows provides services to residents and businesses of the local community. The city's mission is to protect and enhance the quality of life for the municipality and the unique environment of the area through effective and responsible leadership.

# How is the City of Pitt Meadows supporting this project?

The city is working closely with the port authority and CP to ensure Kennedy Road overpass and Harris Road underpass meet the needs of the community—including through improved safety, enhanced access and connections, reduced travel times, and better emergency response.

The city has agreed to owning and maintaining Kennedy Road overpass and the public-serving portions of Harris Road underpass (not the structure supporting the rail tracks) when they are complete. It is also working closely with the Pitt Meadows Heritage and Museum Society to find a suitable location for the Hoffmann and Son Machine Shop and the Old General Store heritage buildings.

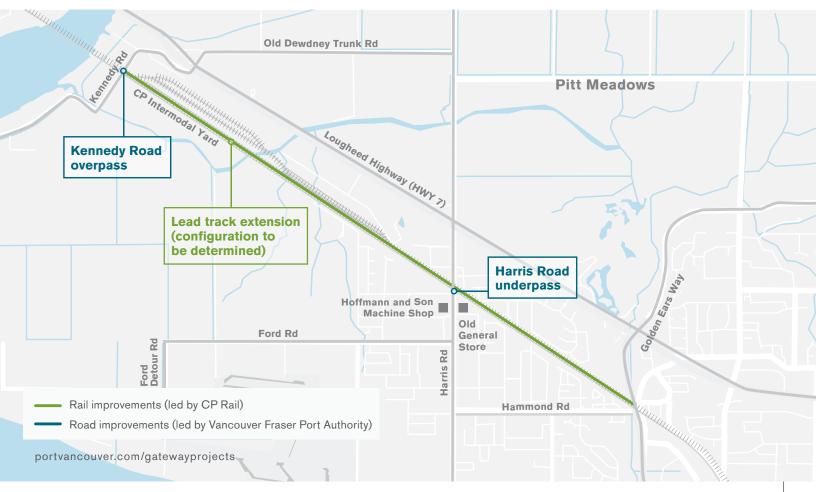
# **About the project**

## Pitt Meadows Road and Rail Improvements Project

Pitt Meadows is home to two of the busiest rail crossings in the Lower Mainland. The Pitt Meadows Road and Rail Improvements Project aims to eliminate two rail crossings at Kennedy Road and Harris Road.

#### The project includes:

- A new, four-lane underpass beneath CP's main rail line crossing at Harris Road
- A new, two-lane overpass above the main rail line entrance to CP's Vancouver Intermodal Facility on Kennedy Road
- An extension of one of CP's existing rail tracks, which serves the Vancouver Intermodal Facility



# A two-part process: phase two engagement

Due to COVID-19, we were unable to host in-person public information sessions as originally planned. To continue to provide meaningful engagement opportunities, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, in partnership with CP and the City of Pitt Meadows, split the second phase of public engagement into two parts.

## Phase two engagement, part one: Kennedy Road



- Update on the guiding principles
- Update on the technical work and designs for the Kennedy Road overpass
- How to best engage remotely if we still can't meet in person this winter

## Phase two engagement, part two: Harris Road



- Update on the technical work and designs for Harris Road underpass
- Update on the relocation of the heritage buildings
- Update on the noise and vibration study and mitigation measures
- Update on the rail track configuration

We hosted the first part of the second phase of engagement this summer. In this phase, we shared updates on the Kennedy Road overpass as we continued to progress draft designs for the Harris Road underpass, noise mitigation options and the track configuration in preparation for phase two, part two engagement. We also sought feedback on how to best engage remotely and safely for a more in-depth engagement session this winter, which we will incorporate into the phase two engagement, part two: Harris Road.



# **Engagement summary**

Between July 7 and July 28, 2020, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, in partnership with the City of Pitt Meadows and CP, held the first part of the second phase of engagement. This engagement process focused on the Kennedy Road overpass and remote engagement options for future engagements.

During this engagement process, we invited the community of Pitt Meadows to attend two virtual council presentation sessions to learn more about the project and participate in the Pitt Meadows Engagement and Priorities Committee meeting, where the community could ask questions and discuss the project with the port authority and Pitt Meadows City Council. Community members could also read the discussion guide and share their feedback with us by completing a questionnaire, emailing us, or calling the project team.

In this report, we have summarized what we heard and we will use this feedback to inform the project as it progresses.



# Design considerations for Kennedy Road overpass

- The majority of feedback indicates that participants are generally supportive of the proposed design for the Kennedy Road overpass
- Consider stronger protection of green space and trees in the area around the Kennedy Road overpass, and mitigate impacts to the Agricultural Land Reserve
- Consider safe separation between all modes of transportation (pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles), including walking and cycling paths on both sides of the overpass
- Consider designing the width of the east side bike lane to be 1.8 metres wide with at minimum a 0.3 metre buffer on the Kennedy Road overpass to improve the safety of cyclists
- Consider the impact from increased noise as more cars and trucks use this route
- Consider ways to design the overpass and connecting roads to reduce speeds and improve sightlines
- Consider maintaining access along Kennedy Road during construction
- Consider planting native plants and including lots of signage
- Consider safety barriers to prevent things from falling over the overpass
- Consider designing the multi-use path on the Kennedy Road overpass to accommodate a future connection across Katzie Slough
- Applicable design standards, such as the BC Active Transportation Design guidelines, should be met where possible

# Ideas to improve remote engagement

- Consider hosting public meetings via Zoom or Webex that would allow community members to phone or log in on their computers to learn about the project and ask questions
- Consider inviting a Transport Canada representative to participate in the next phase of engagement, who can speak to the safety measures that rail operators need to follow when transporting dangerous goods and answer questions from the community
- Consider small, in-person group meetings with physical distancing measures with members of the project team
- Consider more advance notice to let the community know about upcoming engagements
- Consider posting a question and answer section on the project website, so the community can see what questions have been asked and the answers

# How feedback will be used

The feedback received from this phase of engagement has been shared with the City of Pitt Meadows and it will be used—along with technical analysis, feasibility and budget—to inform the planning, design and construction of the project.

# By the numbers

**54** 

completed questionnaires

**3** phone calls

15 emails

social media posts

requests for hard copies of the discussion guide

#### Promotion and notification

It is important to us to hear from as many members of the community as possible. With this in mind, we promoted and advertised the first part of our second phase of engagement through the following activities:



#### Media release

The City of Pitt Meadows issued a media release on June 23, 2020, inviting the community to learn more about the project and share their feedback.



#### Stakeholder letters

The port authority distributed letters to property owners and businesses located near the Kennedy Road overpass.



#### **Print advertisements**

The port authority ran four print ads in the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows newspaper starting June 25, 2020.



#### Social media posts

The port authority and the City of Pitt Meadows promoted the engagement period through their social media channels, beginning June 22, 2020.



#### **Postcards**

The port authority mailed approximately 18,000 postcards through Canada Post to all residential and business properties in the project area.



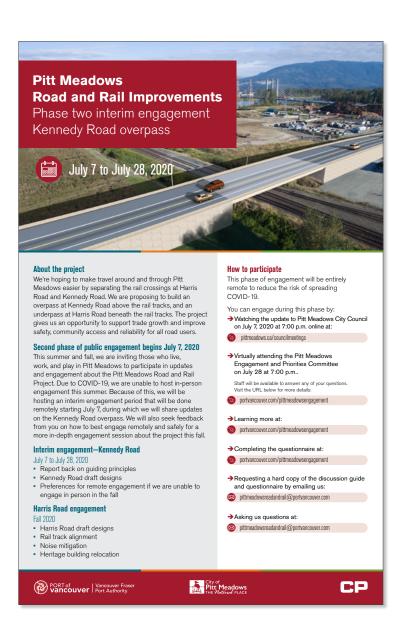
#### Digital ads

The City of Pitt Meadows and port authority ran a digital ad on the Lougheed Highway digital billboard as well as the City Hall digital sign starting on June 22, 2020.



# Pitt Meadows Road and Rail newsletter

The port authority issued four newsletters to 420 recipients, starting on June 22, 2020.





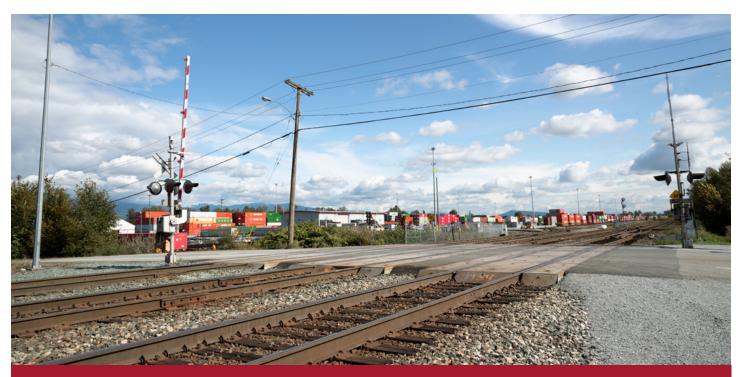
# **Engagement activities**

We conducted the following activities as part of the engagement process for phase two, part one: Kennedy Road overpass.



## Meetings with stakeholders and Indigenous groups

Throughout this phase of engagement, the port authority met with several businesses and property owners located immediately adjacent to the Kennedy Road overpass location whose access may be impacted or modified during the construction of the project. We also engaged with a number of interested Indigenous groups to provide a project update. These meetings will continue as the project progresses.





If you are a property owner or business operator located within the project area and would like to meet with the project team, please email us at <a href="mailto:pittmeadowsroadandrail@portvancouver.com">pittmeadowsroadandrail@portvancouver.com</a>.

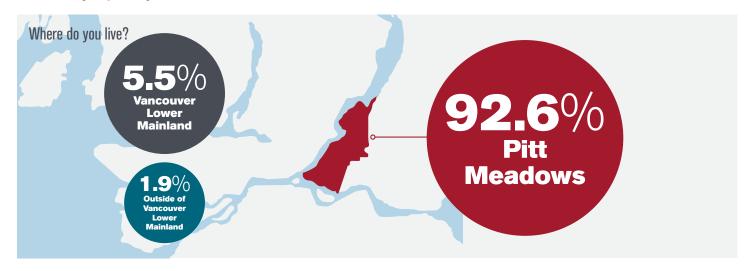
We will continue to reach out to and meet with concerned and/or affected businesses and property owners.

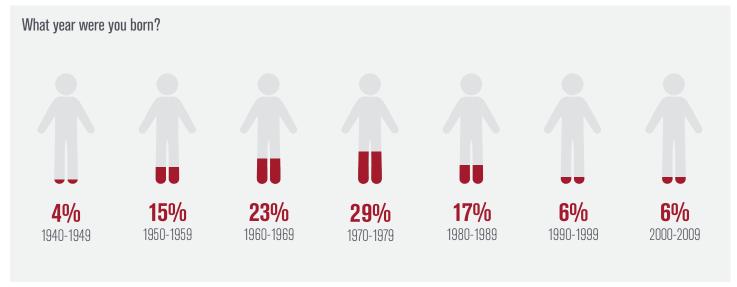


# Questionnaire

The questionnaire was available online from July 7 to July 28, 2020 at <u>portvancouver.com/ pittmeadowsengagement</u>. In lieu of offering in-person engagement opportunities, the port authority offered to mail hard copies of the discussion guide and questionnaire to anyone who requested one. The following pages summarize the feedback received from the questionnaire, which was completed by 54 people.

### **General project questions**

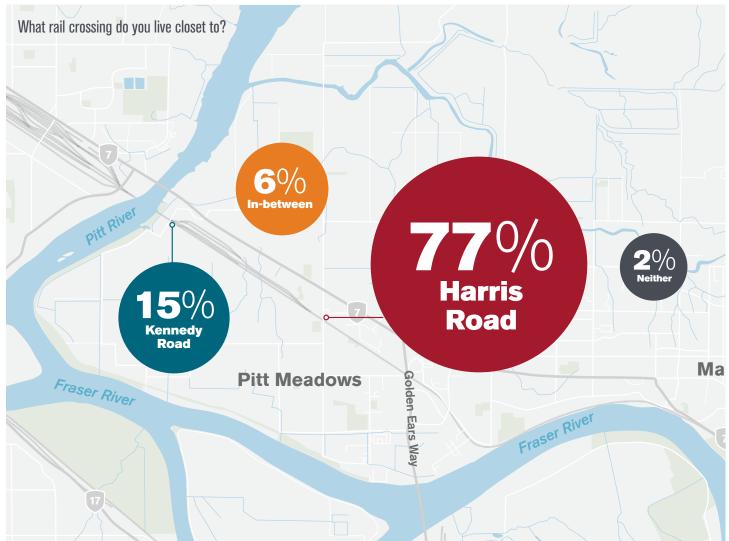




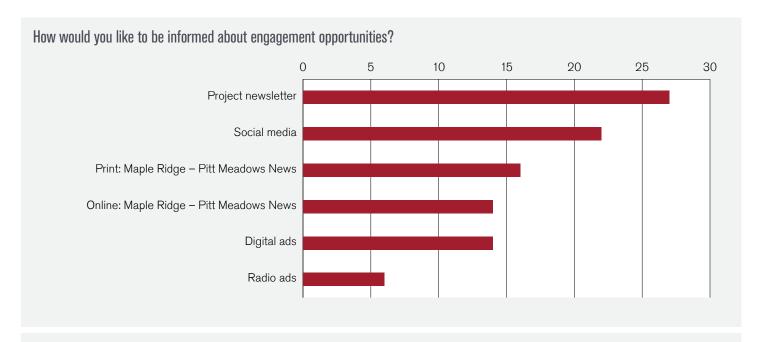








## Remote engagement ideas and feedback

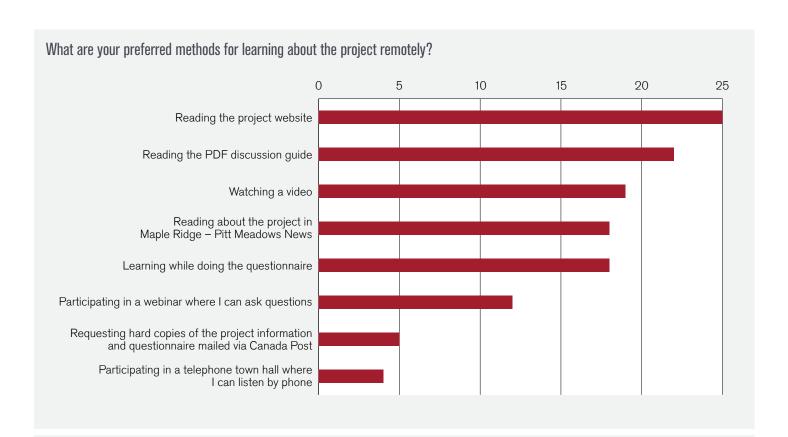


# Comments

- Consider posting the information on the City of Pitt Meadows website
- Consider mailing postcards to all residents who live in Pitt Meadows

Consider additional tactics that aren't online

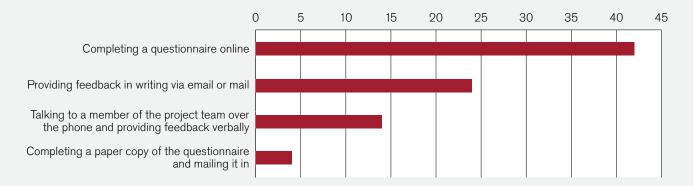




# Comments

 Consider posting the information on the City of Pitt Meadows website  Consider including a question and answer section on the project webpage

## What ways are you comfortable providing feedback?





# Comments

- Consider hosting a virtual town hall type of engagement where people can actively participate
- Consider posting the questions and answers to the project website

## What is the best way to connect with the project team and ask them questions?











- Comments
  - Consider allowing small, in-person meetings with staff
- Find a way to allow people to hear what others have said and asked about the project

# How your feedback will be used

Your feedback has been shared with the City of Pitt Meadows. Your feedback, along with technical analysis, feasibility and budget, will be used to inform the planning, design and construction of the project.

# **Next steps**

Throughout the summer and fall we will be finalizing the design for Kennedy Road overpass and progressing the design for Harris Road underpass, heritage building relocation, the track configuration and noise mitigation options. We will share a draft design for Harris Road underpass, heritage building relocation, track configuration and noise mitigation options this winter as part of the process for the phase two engagement, part two: Harris Road.





In the meantime, we encourage you to sign up for the project newsletter at portvancouver.com/pittmeadowsroadandrail for project updates.





For questions regarding the project, please contact the project team at pittmeadowsroadandrail@portvancouver.com

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