

Welcome to the City of Pitt Meadows
Community Engagement

The Future of Transportation in Pitt Meadows



We want to hear from you about the future of transportation in Pitt Meadows.

Transportation has been an important issue for the City of Pitt Meadows over the past few decades.

Our community's central location and the growth in neighbouring communities have brought many benefits as well as challenges. In addition, the historic location of the Canadian Pacific bisecting our community and the increase of rail traffic that facilitates the movement of goods across our nation has further impacted our residents' ability to move freely within municipal boundaries.

Transportation has been an ongoing priority of this Council during this term, working directly with senior levels of government. It is exciting to be bringing this forward for public participation after all the hard work by my colleagues

and myself, and we are committed to involving our Katzie First Nation partners on these initiatives. We want to hear from you about transportation and the proposed infrastructure improvements in our community.

By engaging with citizens and working together, Council believes we will ensure that quality of life for our residents remains the focal point throughout all discussions and future decisions.

To guide our discussions, Council has adopted a clear set of Principles and Interests about these issues, which you will see on the next page. Thank you for participating in discussing these critical issues in our community—I look forward to hearing from you.



A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'B'.

Mayor John Becker

Statements of Principle

1. Pitt Meadows does not have the financial capacity to contribute to the capital costs, maintenance costs or future replacement costs of any additional transportation infrastructure related to the regional movement of goods, people and services.
2. The quality of life for the residents of Pitt Meadows should not be negatively affected.
3. Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum improvements must be consistent with Pitt Meadows' Official Community Plan, zoning, bylaws, etc.
4. Senior governments and agencies must be inclusive of Pitt Meadows and transparent with their planning.
5. Katzie First Nation and affected stakeholders and businesses need to be part of the planning process and their concerns identified.
6. All processes need to adhere to the City's recently adopted Civic Engagement framework, policy and practices.
7. No transportation infrastructure should proceed without the agreement of Pitt Meadows.
8. Lougheed Highway traffic congestion must be resolved as part of the transportation improvements.

Statements of Interest

1. Residents need improved connectivity. Transportation congestion within Pitt Meadows needs to be reduced.
2. Residents need rail activity mitigation throughout the rail corridor and through the city on both sides of the tracks including but not limited to noise, smell, sight and vibration.
3. Residents need to be assured that CP will participate in emergency response plans and respond to all rail emergencies.
4. All construction within the city, Lougheed Highway improvements and CP rail yard improvements must connect to city infrastructure including the Pitt Meadows Regional Airport and Golden Ears Business Park.
5. Improvements to Kennedy Road CP rail yard truck access and egress needs to happen.
6. Any land loss suffered by private property owners need to be addressed either through new lands or fair financial compensation.
7. Limiting loss of agricultural land is a priority for Pitt Meadows.
8. Gateways into the City must be designed and incorporated into any infrastructure project that interfaces with Lougheed Highway leading into the northern and southern parts of the City.
9. Heritage values must be protected.
10. Pitt Meadows businesses need improved truck routes.
11. Rail crossing must be integrated into road improvements.
12. Pedestrian and bicycle access maintained.

Have your say.

From June 18 to July 13, 2018, you have an opportunity to provide feedback about your priorities for the future of transportation in the City of Pitt Meadows. Whether you walk, cycle, drive, take transit or just live near major transportation routes or rail lines, we want to hear from you.

Learn more and provide your input by:

- › Attending the small group meeting or dropping by this open house to speak with representatives from the City of Pitt Meadows, TransLink, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, Canadian Pacific, and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- › Reading the discussion guide and these open house display boards
- › Completing a feedback form at haveyoursaypittmeadows.ca
- › Asking a question or emailing your feedback to transportationengagement@pittmeadows.bc.ca

We ask that you please provide your feedback by Friday, July 13, 2018.

Why is the City of Pitt Meadows hosting this engagement?

An efficient and safe transportation system is key to keeping our growing community livable.

There are a number of organizations that have a role in various aspects of transportation planning and investment in our community. Through this engagement process, the City of Pitt Meadows is bringing some of them together so that you can learn more about various initiatives under consideration or development, all in one place.

Each of these initiatives are at a different stage of development, and not all are planned to happen in the same time frame. We wanted to make sure you had a chance to learn about each of the initiatives.

What are the initiatives that are part of this engagement process?

TransLink

- › New B-Line in 2019
- › Development of the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Area Transport Plan

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority / Canadian Pacific

- › Proposed grade separations of railway at Harris Road and Kennedy Road

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

- › Planning for future improvements to Lougheed Highway

City of Pitt Meadows

- › Planning for potential future local connections:
 - › North Lougheed Connector
 - › Kennedy-McTavish Connector
 - › Allen Way-McTavish Connector

Public Open House

Monday, June 25
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Small Group Meeting

Monday, June 25
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

How will input be used?

The feedback we receive will be shared with the relevant organizations and will be considered, along with technical and financial information, as they advance their initiatives through planning and development.

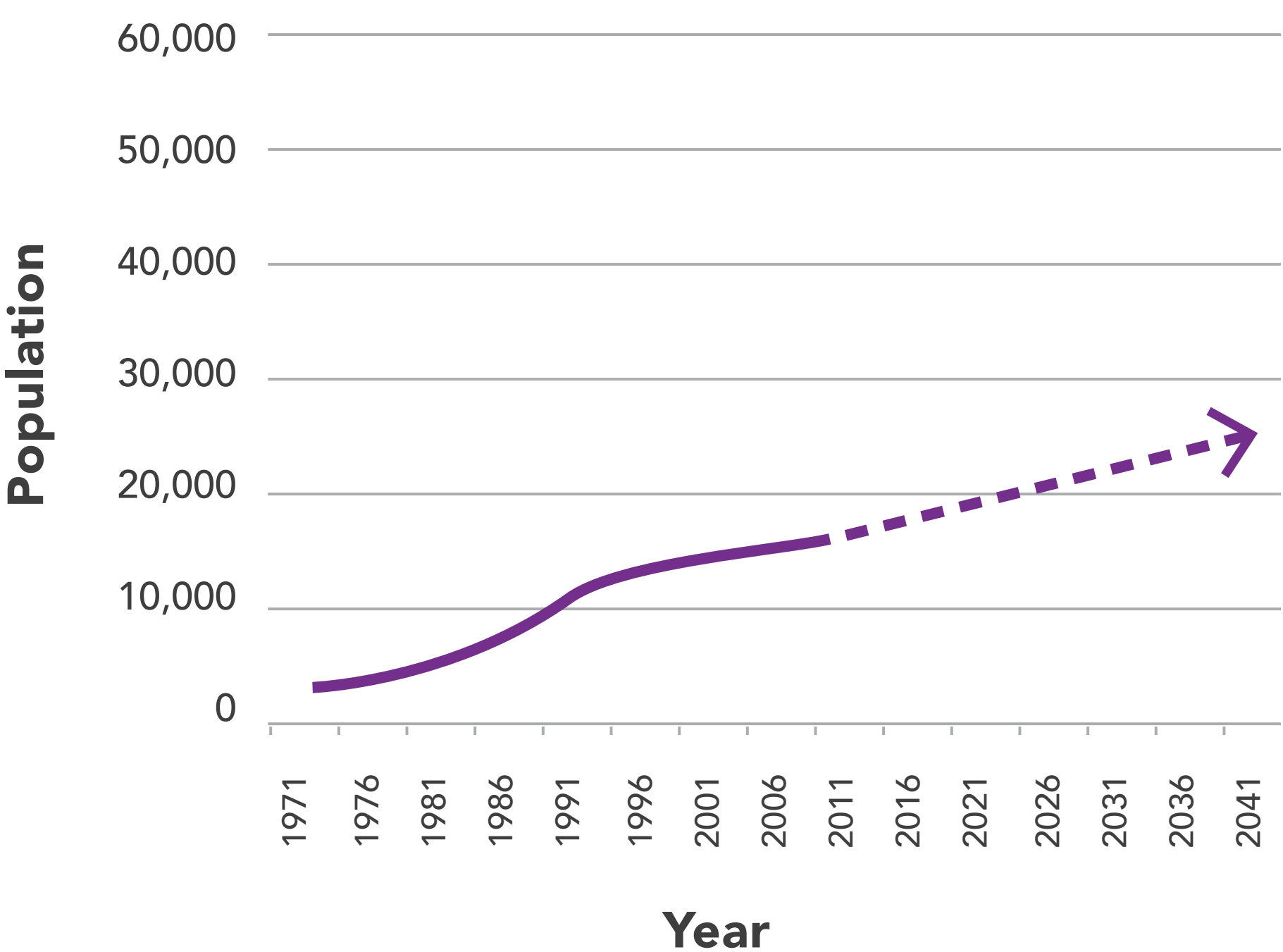
A summary report, summarizing key themes from this engagement process, will be produced, provided to all engagement participants, and posted on the engagement website.

Background

Pitt Meadows and Surrounding Communities are Growing

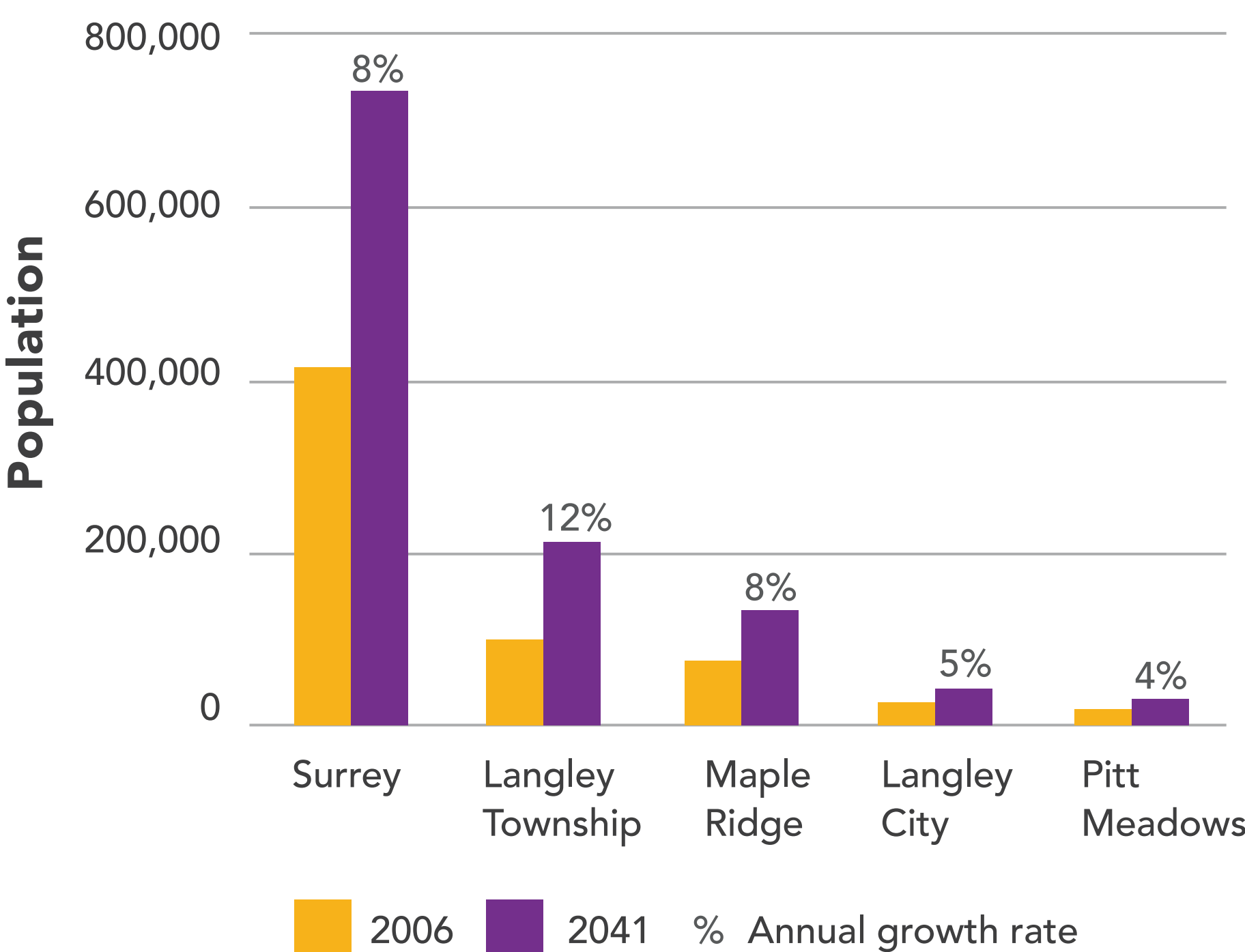
The City of Pitt Meadows is a vibrant and growing municipality of approximately 19,000 residents. Although we have one of the smallest populations of municipalities in Metro Vancouver, significant commercial and industrial development means our community is growing. As a highly attractive place for families, visitors, and businesses, the population of Pitt Meadows is expected to grow to 24,000 residents by 2041. Pitt Meadows is also surrounded by some of the highest growth communities in the Metro Vancouver region, including the City of Surrey, the Township of Langley and the City of Maple Ridge.

Historical and forecast growth
(Pitt Meadows)



Source: BC Stats & Regional Transportation Model

Population growth in surrounding communities



Source: Metro Vancouver Growth Strategy

City of Pitt Meadows Transportation Master Plan

In 2014, the City of Pitt Meadows developed a new Transportation Master Plan.

The Transportation Master Plan provides the City of Pitt Meadows with a clear roadmap to manage local transportation movements and connections, as well as the impacts of regional traffic. It also provides guidance on managing current and future transportation demands in Pitt Meadows into the long-term, and the necessary planning and investments that will make transit, walking, and cycling accessible and attractive forms of transportation while facilitating efficient people and goods movement on the road network.

The Transportation Master Plan builds on the City's 2012 Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan, and will be integrated with other related current studies, including a Parking Strategy and the Official Community Plan Update. The Transportation Master Plan is scheduled for review in 2019/2020 following the update to the Official Community Plan.

Most of the initiatives included on these display boards and in the discussion guide are contemplated in the Transportation Master Plan.

To read the 2014 City of Pitt Meadows' Transportation Master Plan, please visit pittmeadows.bc.ca



Transportation in the City of Pitt Meadows

There is a need to promote a balanced and sustainable transportation system to accommodate increased growth both locally and regionally.

Pitt Meadows' transportation system provides residents with attractive and convenient mobility choices with an emphasis on walking, cycling and transit in order to reduce automobile dependency, encourage economic development and tourism opportunities, promote healthy lifestyles, and protect the natural environment. The benefits of long-term transportation planning go far beyond simply the provision of roads, public transit, bicycle routes and pedestrian facilities. Transportation is an important part of achieving community goals and objectives related to the environment, economy and health.

Here's a breakdown of the key modes of transportation in our city:



Transit

Transit service in Pitt Meadows includes buses and West Coast Express service, with over 50 bus stops and one West Coast Express station. The City's public transit services are largely centred around the Pitt Meadows West Coast Express Station in the City's urban core, with rural areas north and west of the core not served by public transit.



Active transportation (walking and cycling)

Pitt Meadows boasts an extensive network for pedestrians and cyclists, including sidewalks, trails, and bicycle lanes. The majority of roads in the Pitt Meadows' core have a sidewalk on at least one side of the street. The City promotes a pedestrian-friendly Town Centre with safe and convenient pedestrian connections that complement the higher densities and mixed-use development of the area. The bicycle network in Pitt Meadows consists of on- and off-street facilities, including 36 km of bike lanes, and connects to adjacent municipalities and Metro Vancouver's regional greenways.



Road network

The road network in Pitt Meadows is designed to support mobility for all modes of travel, including general purpose traffic, goods movement, transit, walking and cycling. There are over 125 km of roadways linking the urban and rural areas of Pitt Meadows, including 6 km of provincial highway (Lougheed Highway). This network provides key connections to adjacent communities and regional networks. The City has a designated truck route network that is designed to keep trucks out of the urban core, except for local deliveries.



Rail

The CP corridor, with rail crossings at Harris Road and Kennedy Road, and operations at the Vancouver Intermodal Facility (Rail Yard), sees a significant numbers of trains, particularly as trade through the Port of Vancouver continues to grow. These rail movements lead to delays at the Harris Road and Kennedy Road at-grade rail crossings.

City of Pitt Meadows

Planning for potential future local connections

The City of Pitt Meadows has identified potential future local road connections that would provide access to key areas of the city.

Recognizing that these improvements are longer-term, we’re seeking your input about whether you think they are worth continuing to pursue, and, if so, what considerations are most important to you as we undertake planning for their development.



We need your input
Please complete the feedback form at haveyoursaypittmeadows.ca



1. North Lougheed Connector

The City’s Official Community Plan identifies a potential future roadway connection from Pitt Meadows to Golden Ears Way in Maple Ridge, via the North Lougheed Connector.

With future commercial development anticipated on the north side of Lougheed Highway, between Harris Road and Meadows Garden Way, the North Lougheed Connector would be required to service this area, since access from the new development to Lougheed Highway would be limited.

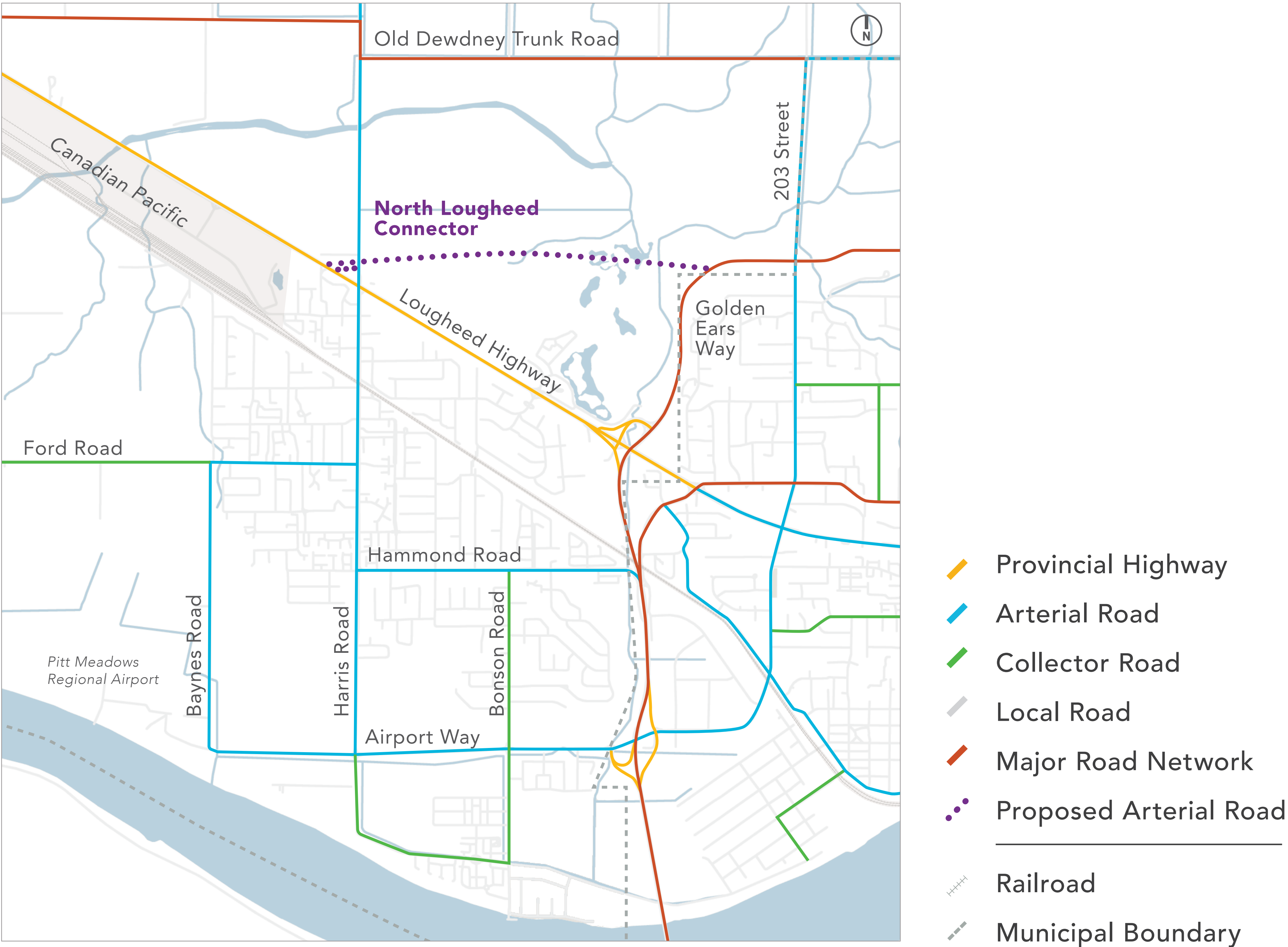
The additional traffic on the North Lougheed Connector would also require intersection improvements where the Connector meets Harris Road (north of Lougheed Highway), particularly in the form of an interchange at Harris Road and Lougheed Highway, to facilitate the movement of traffic between Lougheed Highway and the North Lougheed Connector.

If built, the North Lougheed Connector would serve the future anticipated commercial development on the north side of Lougheed Highway. It would also connect the Golden Ears Way and Abernethy Connector in Maple Ridge directly to Lougheed Highway west of Harris Road, reducing traffic volumes on Old Dewdney Trunk Road.

The proposed North Lougheed Connector would facilitate east-west movement between Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge, influencing both commuter and goods movement traffic.


 **We need your input**
Please complete the feedback form at haveyoursaypittmeadows.ca

Proposed North Lougheed Connector Alignment



City of Pitt Meadows Transportation Master Plan, 2014

2a. Kennedy-McTavish Connector

 **We need your input**
Please complete the feedback form at haveyoursaypittmeadows.ca

The City’s Official Community Plan identifies a proposed road connecting Kennedy Road to Ford Road, with a connection via McTavish Road.

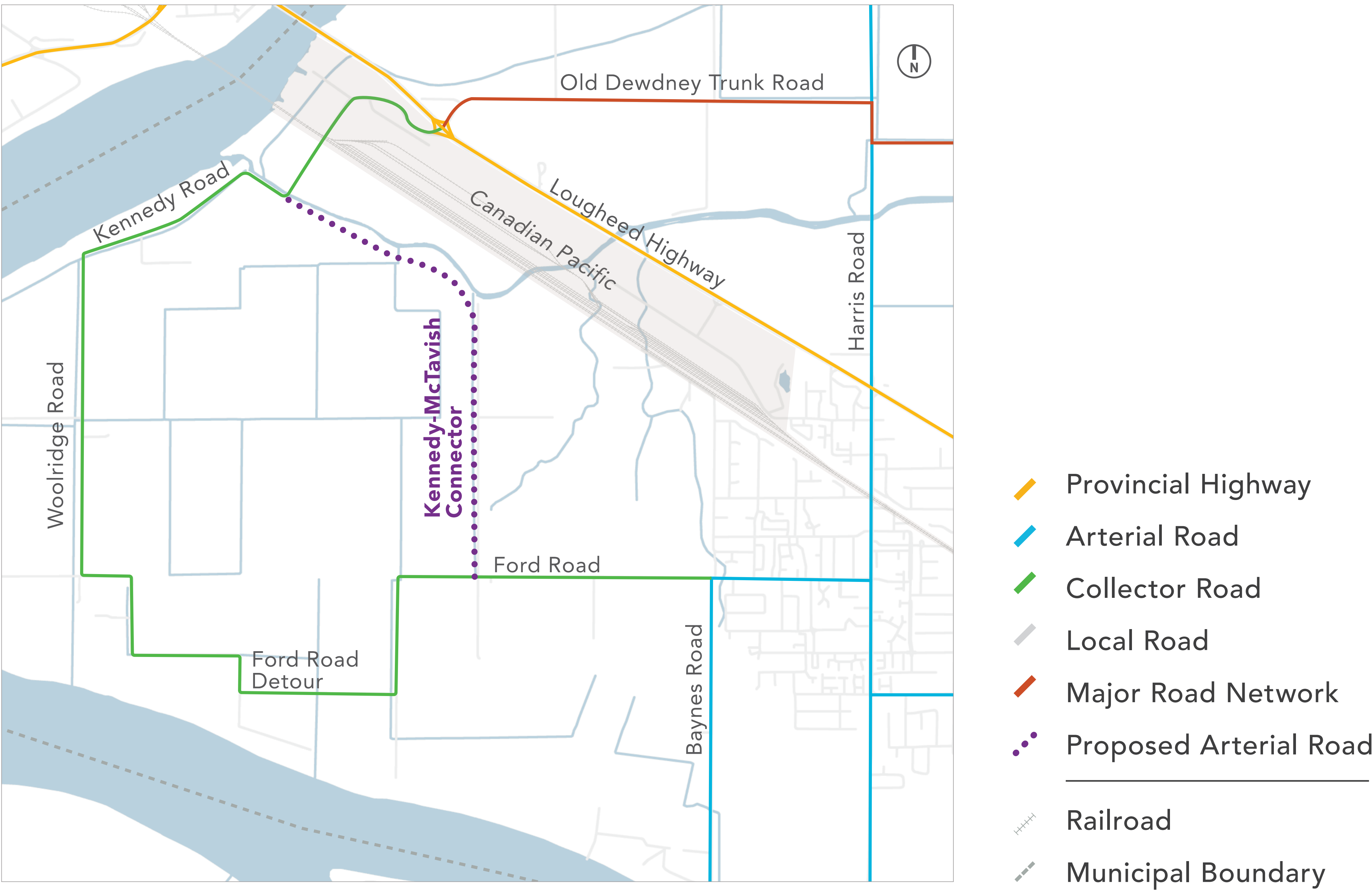
The Kennedy-McTavish Connector would create an alternative route through the southwest quadrant of Pitt Meadows, and would have significant benefits to traffic flow, including through its role as a truck route. The Kennedy-McTavish Connector is envisioned as a two-lane road (one lane in each direction). Currently, truck traffic associated with the industrial uses along Lougheed Highway and other areas use Kennedy Road, Woolridge Road and Ford Road Detour.

The Kennedy-McTavish Connector would provide a much more direct connection between the Pitt River Bridge, Vancouver Intermodal Facility, Pitt Meadows Regional Airport, and industrial areas, and therefore has significant benefits for the truck network.

With this Connector in place, the current route used on Kennedy Road, Woolridge Road and Ford Road Detour would no longer need to be designated as a truck route. Traffic modelling demonstrates that the Kennedy-McTavish Connector would divert vehicle trips off of the Kennedy-Woolridge-Ford Detour Route.


We are currently working with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and CP to determine whether there are any opportunities to integrate the Kennedy-McTavish Connector in the design of grade separation at Kennedy Road.

Proposed Kennedy-McTavish Connector Alignment



City of Pitt Meadows Transportation Master Plan, 2014

2b. Allen Way-McTavish Connector

 **We need your input**
Please complete the feedback form at haveyoursaypittmeadows.ca

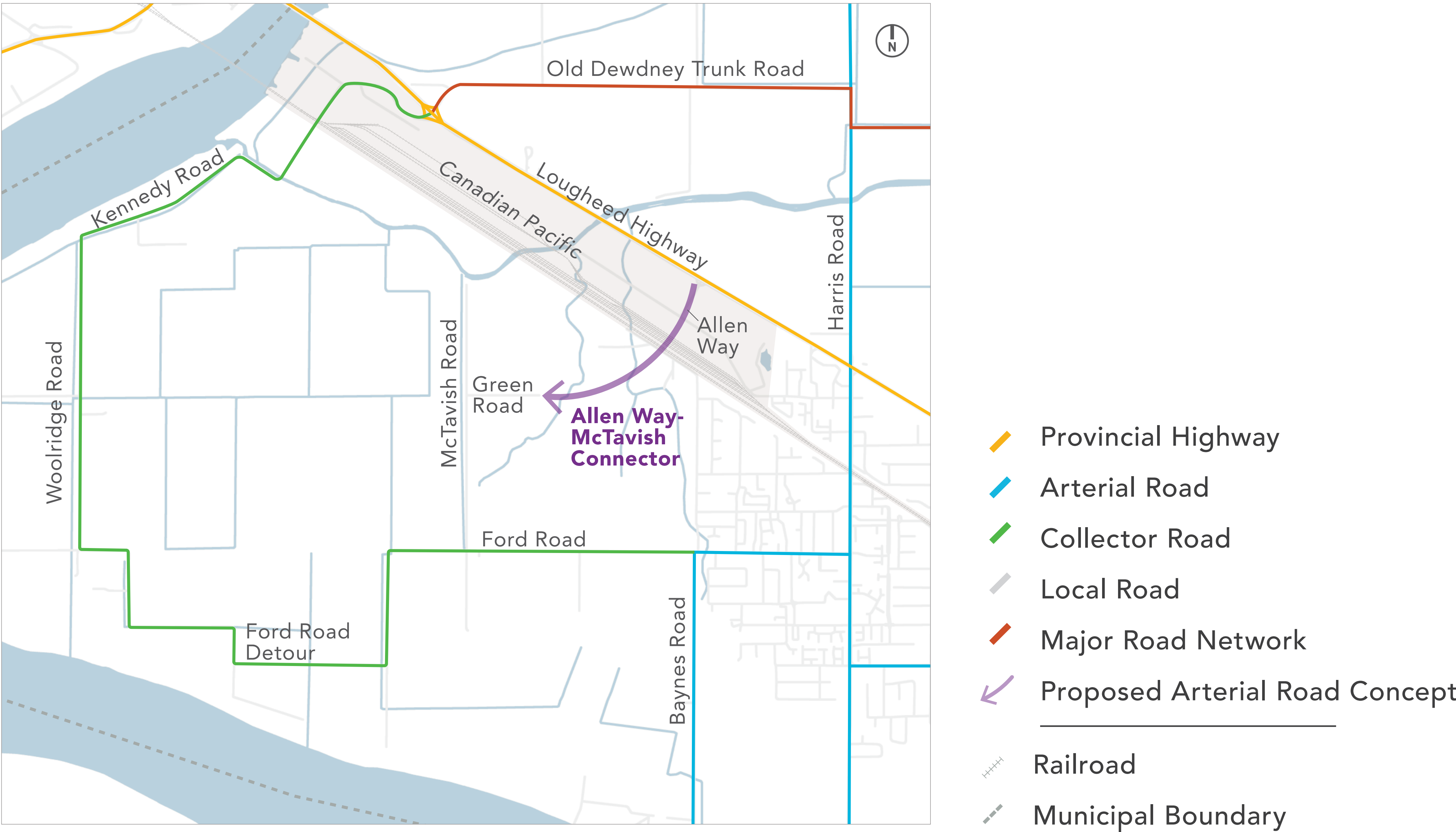
A potential alternative to the Kennedy-McTavish Connector could be a connection from Allen Way to McTavish Road via Green Road.

The Allen Way-McTavish Connector would also provide a more direct connection between the Pitt Meadows Regional Airport, Golden Ears Business Park and the Golden Ears Bridge. It would provide benefits to the truck network, and would remove the need for Kennedy Road, Woolridge Road and Ford Road Detour to be designated as a truck route.

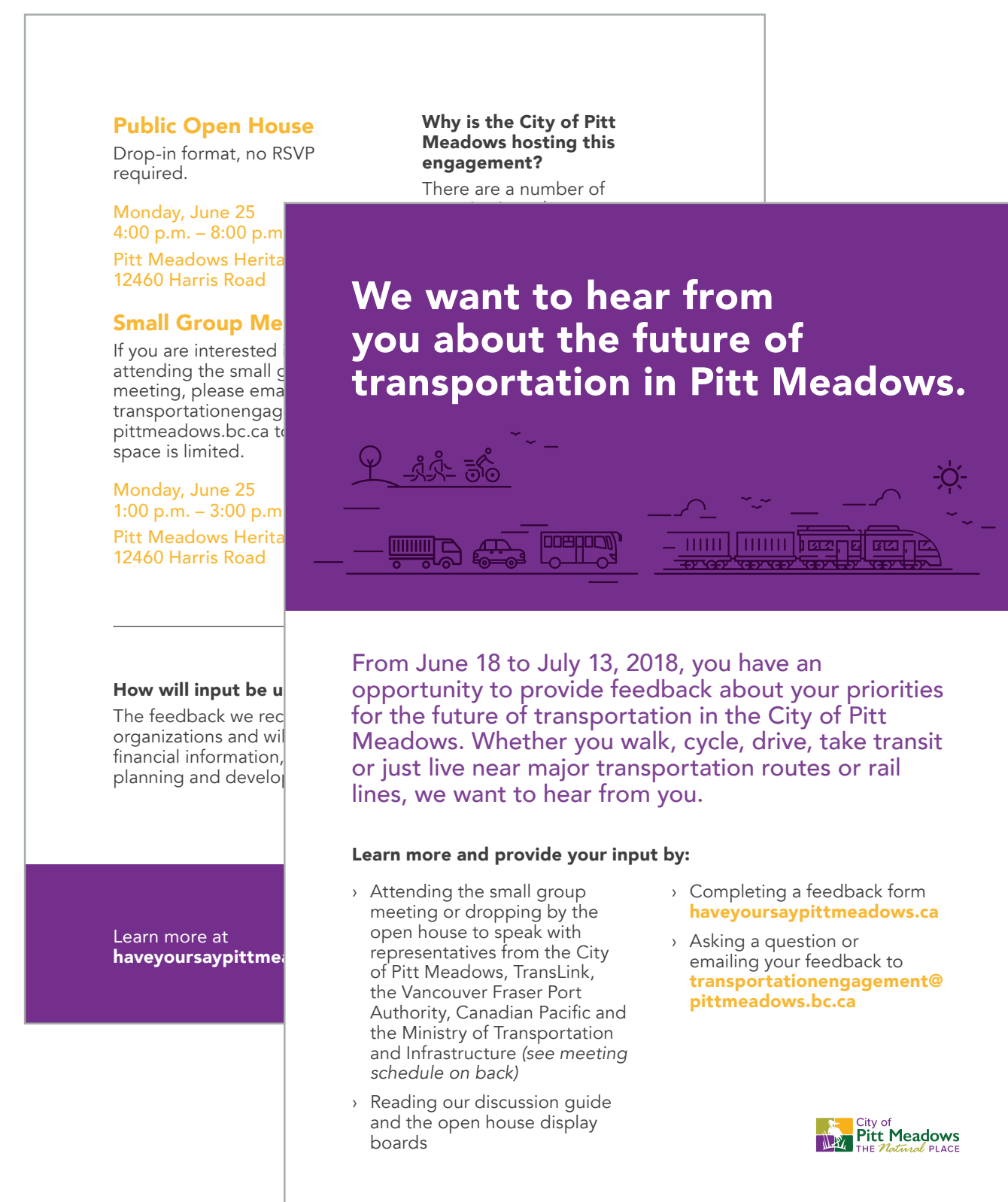
Development of the Allen Way-McTavish Connector would require an overpass to clear the CP rail yard at Allen Way.

Unlike the Kennedy-McTavish Connector, there would likely not be an opportunity to integrate the Allen Way-McTavish Connector in the design and construction of grade separation at Kennedy Road.

Allen Way-McTavish Connector Concept

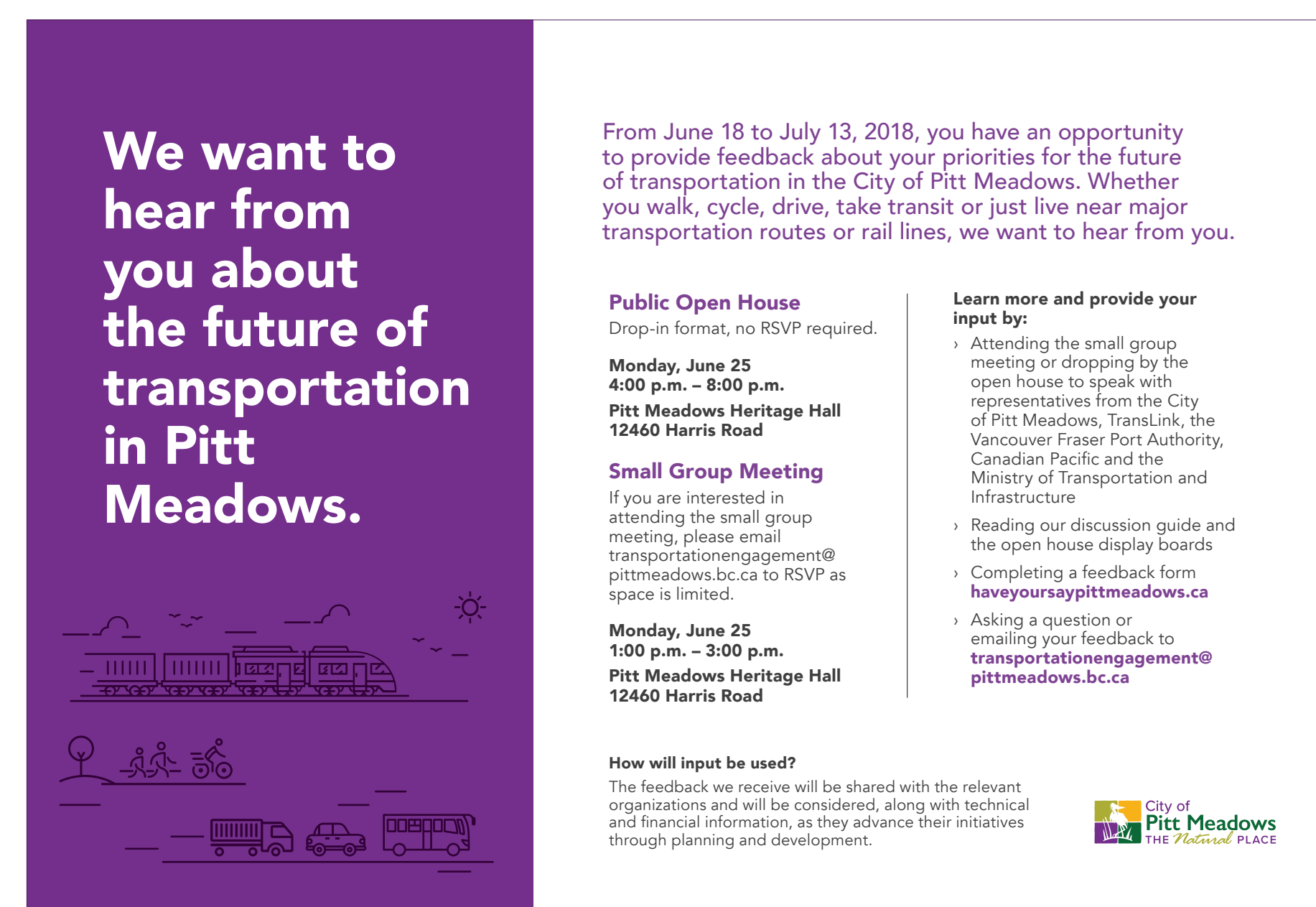


Notification



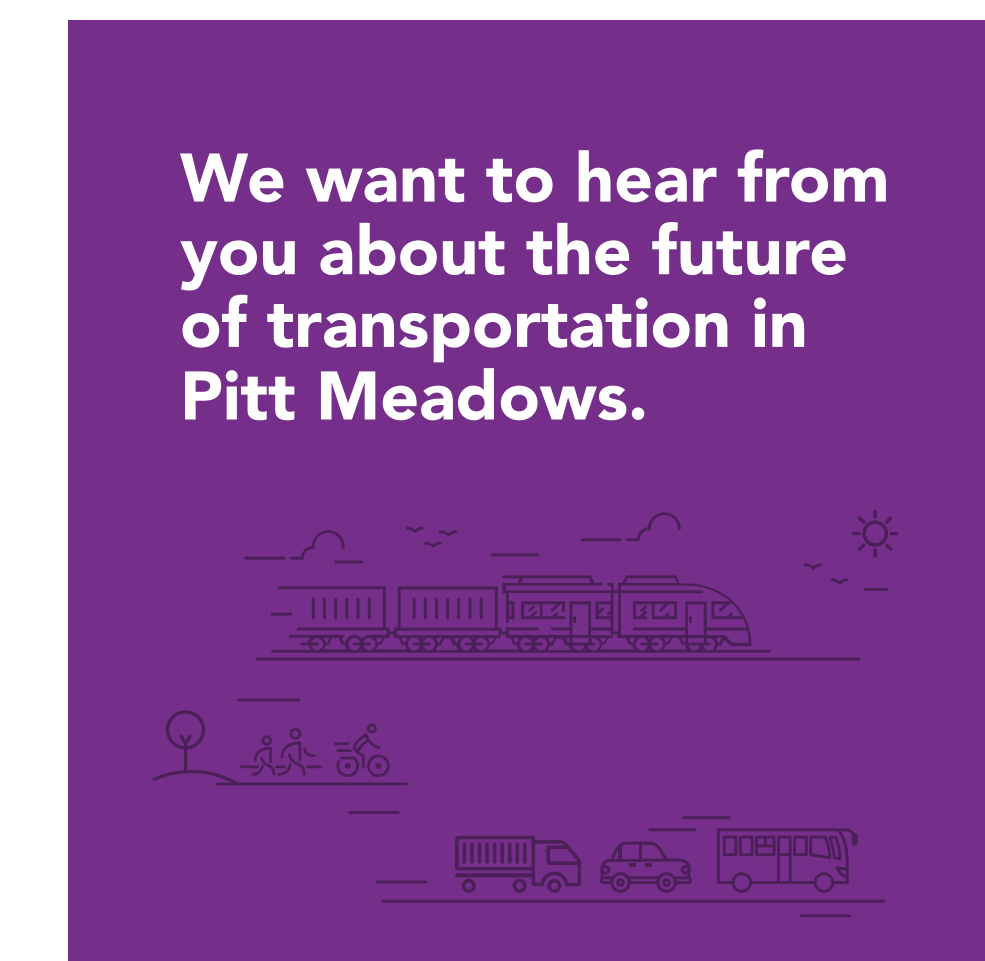
Postcard

Canada Post mail-out to all residents and businesses in Pitt Meadows.



Print Ad

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows News on June 13, 20 and 22.



Social Media

Posted to the City of Pitt Meadows' Twitter, Facebook and Instagram pages leading up to and during the engagement period.



Lougheed Highway Billboard

Displayed leading up to and during engagement period.