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Harris Road underpass Summer 2022 engagement summary

Pitt Meadows Road and Rail Improvements Project

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Pitt Meadows Road and Rail Improvements Project

Pitt Meadows Road and Rail Improvements

The project

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

In partnership with the City of Pitt Meadows and CP, we are leading the following road improvements:

 Priority



A new four-lane underpass beneath the Canadian Pacific (CP) rail tracks at Harris Road

 Paused



A new two-lane overpass above the CP rail tracks at Kennedy Road

Canadian Pacific (CP)

In parallel, CP is leading the following rail improvements:



A new siding track on the north side of the existing tracks between Harris Road and Kennedy Road

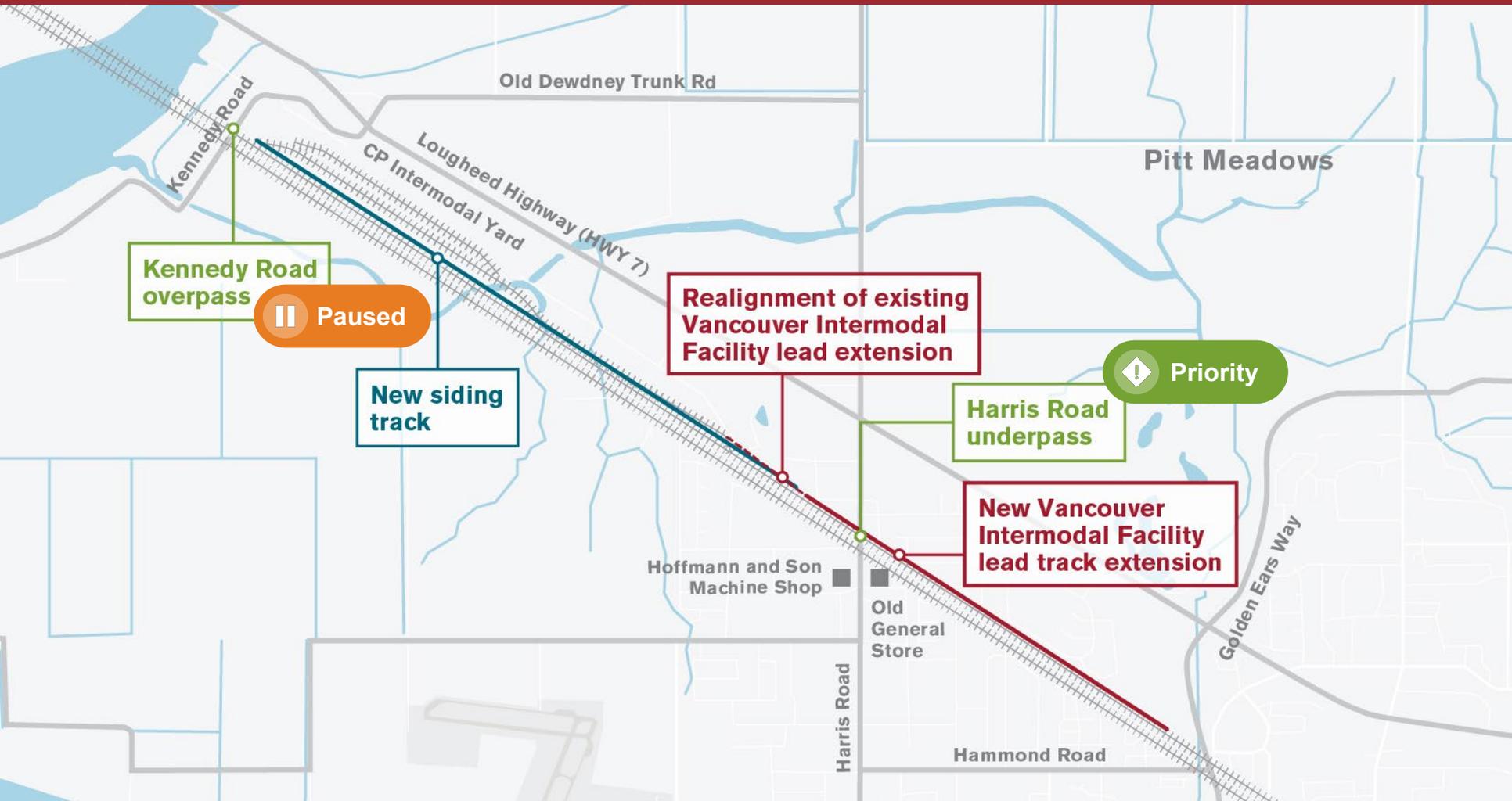


An extension of the existing lead track to the Vancouver Intermodal Facility east across Harris Road



Neither the port authority nor the City of Pitt Meadows has jurisdiction over rail operations or infrastructure decisions within the rail corridor.

Pitt Meadows Road and Rail Improvements Project



Making Harris Road better for the community



Harris Road – existing crossing

Benefits of improvements



Improved public safety



Better emergency response



More reliable commutes



Reduced congestion



Increased job opportunities



Public space improvements



Reduced emissions from idling vehicles



Improved connections

Harris Road underpass engagement

Our engagement process

<p>Engagement</p> <p>Listen and learn</p>	<p>Engagement</p> <p>Kennedy Road overpass</p> <p>Paused</p>	<p>Rail scope update</p> <p>Noise and vibration study update</p>	<p>Harris Road underpass and heritage buildings update</p> <p>Harris Road underpass, heritage buildings and next steps</p>	<p>Engagement</p> <p>Harris Road underpass</p> <p>Priority</p>
<p>During this engagement, we wanted to understand your priorities, concerns, and vision for the project.</p>	<p>During this engagement, we shared a draft design for the Kennedy Road overpass and an update on the project's guiding principles.</p>	<p>In this update, we shared the rail track configuration, noise and vibration study results, mitigation considerations, and next steps.</p>	<p>In this update, we shared the new alignment for the Harris Road underpass and provided updates on the heritage buildings.</p>	<p>During this engagement, we shared an updated design for the Harris Road underpass, an update on the future heritage site, and an update on the noise and vibration study and mitigation options.</p>
<p>Completed Fall 2019</p>	<p>Completed Summer 2020</p>	<p>Completed Spring 2021</p>	<p>Completed Fall 2021</p>	<p>Completed Summer 2022</p>

We will continue to use feedback from engagement to inform the planning, design and construction of the project, along with technical analysis, feasibility and budget.

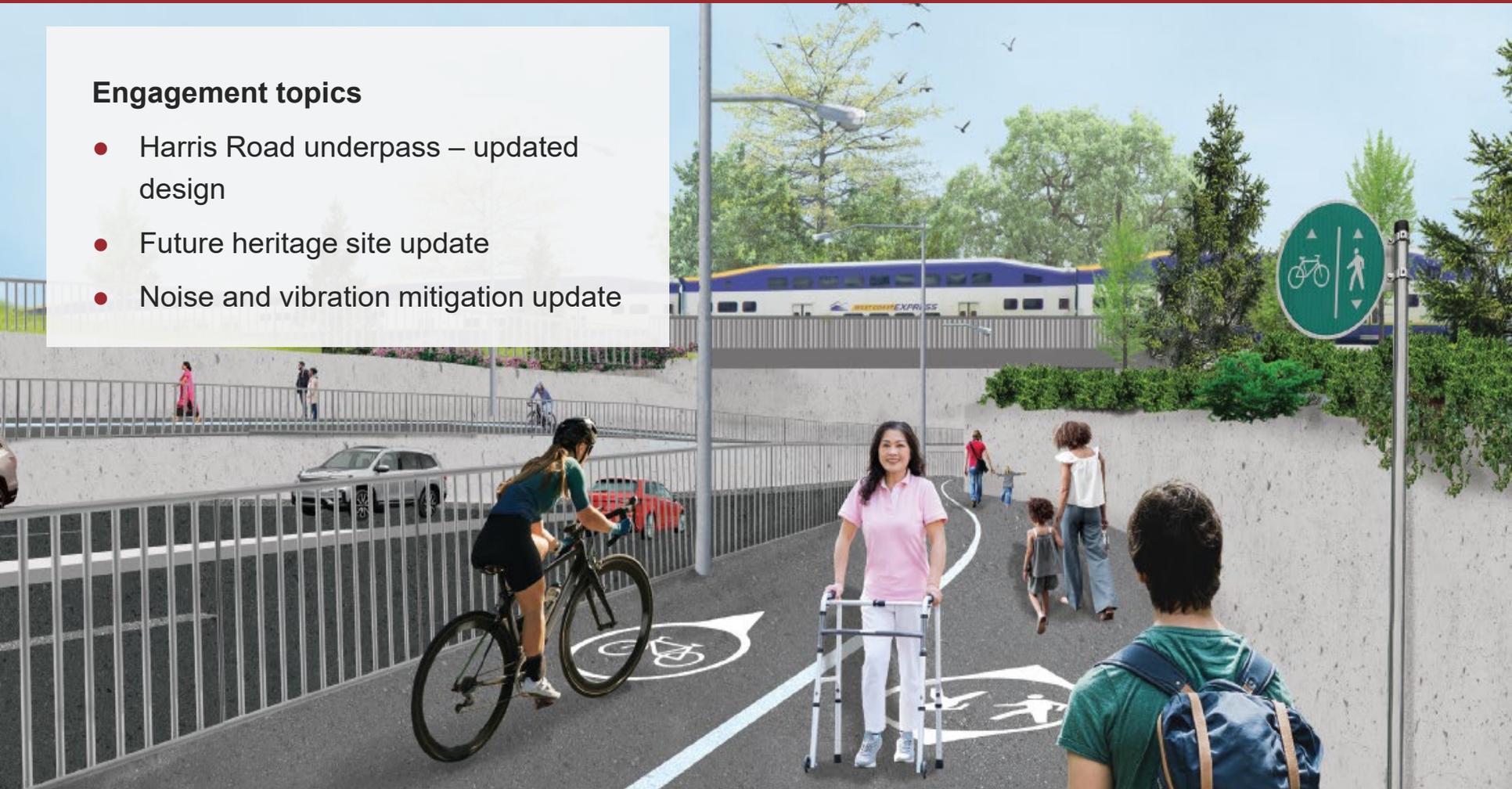
Harris Road underpass engagement



Harris Road underpass engagement – overview

Engagement topics

- Harris Road underpass – updated design
- Future heritage site update
- Noise and vibration mitigation update



Engagement outreach

Four ways for people to engage with us and learn more:

**Engagement and Priorities
Committee session**



June 28, 2022

**Open house
#1**



June 29, 2022

**Open house
#2**



July 13, 2022

Discussion guide and questionnaire



June 28 – July 19, 2022

Notification and promotion



Help shape the future of Harris Road

 June 28th to July 19th

Public engagement

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 June 28 to
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 June 28 to July 19, 2022

Attend the Pitt Meadows Engagement and Priorities Committee meeting

 June 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Attend an in-person open house

 June 29 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

 July 13 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

 Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre

 South Benson Community Centre

Read the discussion guide

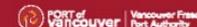
 Submit the questionnaire by July 19

 portvancouver.com/pittmeadowsengagement

Ask us questions

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Municipal partner



Ending partner

Notification and promotion



Media information bulletin

Issued to the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows news



Social media ads

From June 21 to July 13, 2022 targeting people aged 18+ with a reach of about 66,000 people



Project newsletter

Two newsletters issued between June 21 and June 29, 2022



Digital signage

Starting June 21, 2022, digital signage on two local billboards - Lougheed Highway and outside City Hall



Postcards

9,000+ mailed to all residential and business properties in the project area



Print advertisements

Print ad in the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows News print edition which launched June 17, 2022



City website

Engagement opportunities featured on the city's community calendar, spotlighted on the main page, and the project webpage



Digital ads

From June 20 to July 19, 2022 with the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows website

Stakeholder engagement

Stakeholders in the community

In addition to public engagement opportunities, we have been engaging with the following stakeholders in the Pitt Meadows community to understand their priorities throughout planning and design:



Keystone Building Strata Council

To understand the various users of the building and any unique needs as part of the proposed underpass



Active Transportation Advisory Committee

To understand the committee's key interests as part of designing the active transportation improvements



Other business and property owners

To engage with additional businesses and property owners in the project area to understand their interests and needs



Pitt Meadows Heritage and Museum Society

To preserve heritage and support the building relocations as part of the future heritage site



TransLink and West Coast Express

To understand agencies' key interests and priorities as part of project planning, align as much as possible with any related initiatives, and limit disruptions to transit operations as much as possible during anticipated construction

What we heard

What we heard



Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre, June 29, 2022



South Bonson Community Centre, July 13, 2022

What we heard: June 28 to July 19, 2022



→ Questionnaire was available online at:

 portvancouver.com/pittmeadowsengagement

→ The port authority offered to mail a printed copy of the discussion guide and questionnaire to anyone who requested one

→ We sought community feedback through a questionnaire and interactive display boards about:



Active
transportation
considerations



Public space
considerations



Traffic management
during construction

What we heard – by the numbers

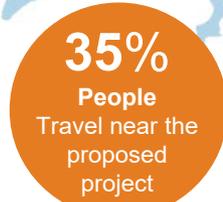


What we heard – demographics

Where do you live?



What is your relationship with the project?

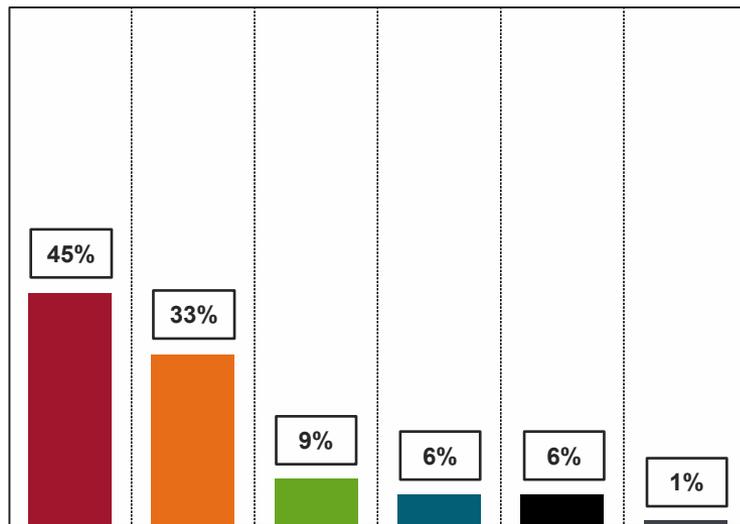


What is your year of birth?



What we heard – active transportation

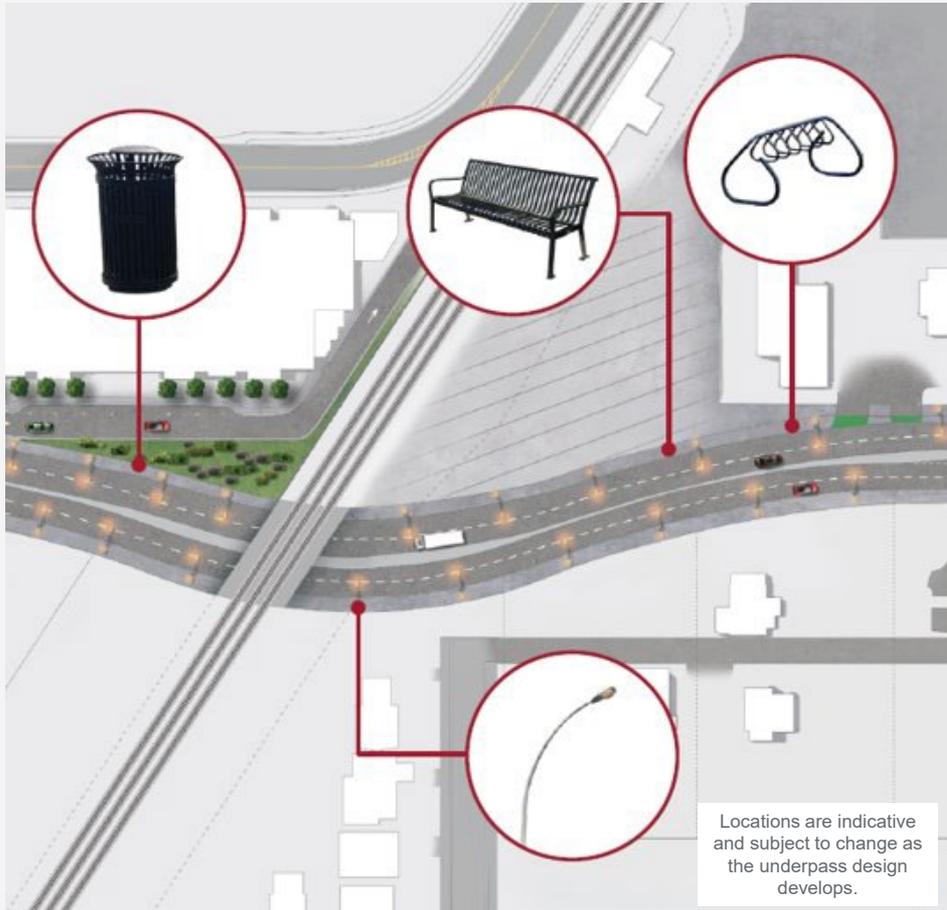
What is your level of support for the active transportation considerations that are proposed as part of this project?



Summary of comments:

- Enabling improved access to the West Coast Express station
- Ensuring the multi-use path is sufficiently wide
- Ensuring sufficient lighting in the underpass to provide comfort and safety
- Providing wayfinding with routes named and/or coloured
- Ensuring the underpass is inviting and aesthetically pleasing
- Enabling seamless connections for people walking, cycling, and rolling
- Providing separation between different transportation users, for example with delineation or barriers
- Designing the underpass to allow for sufficient drainage
- Maintaining traffic access during construction
- Planning with the future in mind for population and active transportation growth

What we heard – public space

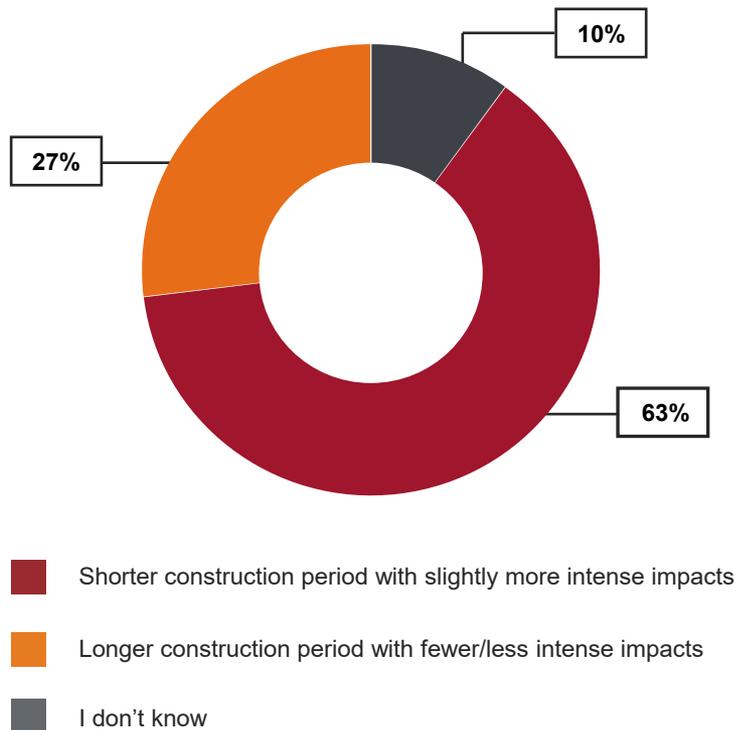


Summary of comments:

- Incorporating Indigenous artwork and cultural recognition for q̓ic̓əy̓ (Katzie) First Nation
- Providing accessible public washroom
- Incorporating textures in concrete to emulate materials such as wood and/or rock
- Incorporating railings with a heritage aesthetic
- Providing banners on lamp posts for community promotions/events
- Ensuring sufficient lighting in the underpass to provide comfort and safety
- Maximizing greenery/landscaping wherever possible
- Incorporating trash and recycling bins that are animal-secure
- Providing an emergency call box in underpass
- Leveraging the design to deter crime

What we heard – traffic management during construction

In balancing the duration of construction versus the duration of impacts, would you prefer:

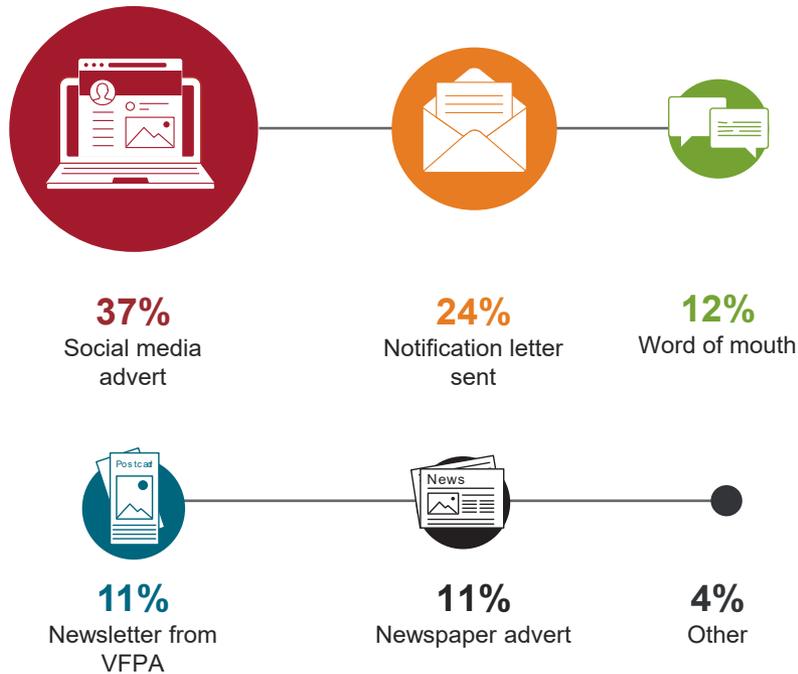


Summary of comments:

- Maintain traffic access during construction
- Maintain access to nearby properties and businesses during construction, and maintain access during regular business hours
- Timely and transparent communication during construction for any road closures, traffic impacts, detours, or delays such as through project signage and social media
- Adequate access for people walking, cycling, and rolling during construction, including people with mobility challenges such as wheelchair users
- Construction management plan for CP rail work
- Ensure coordination with the municipality to minimize compounded traffic impacts
- Mitigate construction impacts as much as possible, including for noise, vibration and debris
- Ensure appropriate construction staging for workers and equipment

What we heard – how people heard about engagement and thought about information

How did you hear about this phase of engagement for the Harris Road underpass?



Summary of comments:

- Information presented was easy to understand and readily available
- Clear information and timelines provided
- Rationale for project and options presented could be improved
- Questions about more detailed design and information for noise and vibration mitigation
- Questions about jurisdictional responsibilities

What we heard – overview of key themes

Feedback

Progress and timing for Harris Road underpass

We heard from many participants that the underpass is long overdue with questions about when construction will start and how it will be built

Future access to West Coast Express station

While future access to the West Coast Express station will be maintained, we heard from participants that there are concerns with the proposed routing and access.

Design of the multi-use path

- Ensuring the multi-use path is sufficiently wide
- Ensuring sufficient lighting in the underpass to provide comfort and safety
- Providing wayfinding with cycling routes named and/or coloured
- Ensuring the underpass path is inviting and aesthetically pleasing
- Enabling seamless connections for people walking, cycling, and rolling
- Providing delineation or separation between different transportation users, for example with line markings or barriers
- Planning with the future in mind for population and active transportation growth

Noise and vibration mitigation

- Concerns with existing and future rail activity
- That additional mitigation should be provided
- Comments and questions about final locations and design for the walls

Traffic management during construction:

The engagement reaffirmed that maintaining access to Harris Road is very important during construction for the underpass, along with clear and timely communications.

Next steps

Next steps

We will continue to advance project planning with our progressive design-build consultant with considerations for addressing:



What we heard



Budget constraints



Technical feasibility



Construction staging



Noise and vibration mitigation related to the project



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