



# GORDON DRIVE BRIDGE & FOUR-LANING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

## **Gordon Drive Bridge & Four-Laning**

Gordon Drive is one of the main arterial routes to the City's rapidly growing Mission area and south slopes. The upgrade of Gordon Drive from Mission Creek Bridge to Lanfranco Road will see an additional 2 km lane in the northbound direction, a new four-lane bridge, an off road multi-use pathway and a signalized intersection at Cook Road. The construction will be done in two phases over two years.

The four-laning for this arterial road is based on current and expected increases in traffic volumes as outlined in the City of Kelowna's 2020 Official Community Plan (OCP).

## **Off-road multi-use pathway**

Construction of transportation infrastructure for all users is a City priority. Safe and well designed walking and cycling corridors have been planned throughout the city. A major link in this network is the Gordon Drive pathway. For more than one kilometre, the four-metre wide multi-use pathway will run along the east side of Gordon Drive, between the bridge and Casorso Road, and then join with bike lanes on both sides of Gordon Drive. The pathway will provide a safe connection for pedestrians and cyclists to the City's recreation corridor.

## **Funding**

Funding was received in part from the federal and provincial governments. The total cost of the project is \$15.5 million and will be cost shared among the three levels of government.

## **New bridge**

The bridge over Mission Creek will be widened to four lanes and grade separated (built above the Mission Creek Greenway) to allow pathway users of continuous access without the conflict of crossing Gordon Drive. The widening will extend south to Lexington Drive.

## **Construction schedule**

Construction of the first phase will take place early July which will include the widening of Gordon Drive between Cook and Lanfranco Roads and a portion of the multi-use pathway.

The second phase will include the replacement of Gordon Drive Bridge and the remaining portion of the multi-use pathway in the summer of 2010.

## **Traffic impacts**

During construction on Gordon Drive (between Cook and Lanfranco Roads) single lane traffic will be maintained in each direction. Motorists may experience traffic disruptions and are encouraged to take extra time to get to their destination. Property owners directly adjacent to the project will be made aware of the the project schedule and the City/Contractor's strategy for managing construction impacts.

The replacement of the Gordon Drive Bridge in the summer of 2010 will require a complete closure at the bridge on Gordon Drive. A traffic management plan will be in place to detour traffic over the four month closure.

## **Project administration**

Administrator: City of Kelowna, Design & Construction Department

Consultant: Stantec

Contractor: To be determined

Cost: \$15.5 million

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