

Council supports design of Sections 3 & 4 of Lake to Lake Bike route

(Penticton, BC – April 1, 2021) – Key details influencing the lane placement of two sections of a Lake to Lake Bike Route stretching from Skaha Lake to Okanagan Lake have received approval from Penticton City Council.

Section three, located along Fairview Road, and section four, located along Martin Street, will now proceed to final detailed design, following which the City will tender the construction and schedule work to begin, this spring. The final design can be described as follows:

- Fairview Road: Cycle track on east side of street, with parking retained on west side. North and South bound vehicle lanes retained. No centre left turning lane.
- Martin Street – 700 Block/Library area: Cycle track on east side of street and meanders through the Library park space.
- Martin Street – 600 Block: Cycle track on east side of street / parallel parking retained on west side.
- Martin Street – 500 Block: Cycle track on east side of street / parallel parking retained on west side.
- Martin Street – 400 Block: Cycle track on east side of street / parallel parking retained on west side.
- Martin Street – 300 Block: Cycle track on east of street / parallel parking retained / outdoor patios retained.
- Martin Street – 200 Block: East vehicle lane removed and replaced with cycle track / revitalization work not impacted / outdoor patios retained.
- Martin Street – 100 Block: Cycle track on east side of street / parallel parking retained on west side / two-way traffic retained.

During the design process, attention was also given to how section three will temporarily terminate prior to sections one and two being constructed. The solution will see the bike lane in section three extended to Duncan Avenue giving cyclists the ability to safely transition off the lane at a signalized intersection.

When the Lake to Lake bike route was endorsed by Council in November, 2020, the preliminary cost estimate for sections three and four totalled \$2.26 million. The current cost projected for these two sections remains consistent with this amount. Funding for both sections will be drawn from \$600,000 in 2021 general capital funding, \$1 million from a Provincial Community Economic Resilience Stream grant and \$600,000 from Gas Tax funds.

“Today marks another step forward in fulfilling the vision of a Lake to Lake bike route and moving our City towards viable transportation alternatives, while supporting further opportunities to pursue active lifestyles”, said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. “The route design that Council supported was the outcome of on-going discussions, beginning late last November and concluding in March. With many of the finer details of the route requiring further study, City staff came together with residents and businesses along section three and four to discuss options. That work was no easy task, and while there’s no perfect solution to all challenges faced, today we find ourselves with a better design outcome compared to what was first presented to Council in November 2020.”

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