

## Construction of Fairview leg of bike lane set to conclude by month's end

(Penticton, BC – August 5, 2021) – Remaining work on the current Lake-to-Lake bike project from the Library at Rory McIvor Way and along Fairview Road towards Duncan Ave is set to wrap up by the end of August. During this final phase of construction, cyclists are reminded to stay off any uncompleted portions of the lane until all works are finished and the barriers and signals are installed and operating. For motorists passing along-side the lane, please continue to watch for crews and obey all traffic signs.

The estimated cost of the entire project, including the two final sections not yet constructed, remains at \$8.07 million, which includes a 25 per cent contingency. The \$2.3 million cost for the first two sections of the route completed in 2021, extending from Lakeshore Drive to Duncan Ave, was paid for via a \$1 million grant from the Province and the remaining \$1.3 million was paid for using federal gas tax funding.

"On behalf of City Council and all our residents, I'd like to extend a big thank you to both the provincial and federal governments who supplied the money to pay for the first two sections of our new Lake-to-Lake Bike Route," said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. "When you consider BC's current wildfire situation and the heavy smoke-filled air that was present on the day we opened the route, the case for building sustainable transportation solutions couldn't have been clearer. As challenging as bike lane projects are, they're a tangible and immediate change that local governments can make in our collective action to reverse climate change."

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