



Harris Road Grade Separation Update

July 23, 2024



Background

- **Harris Road Underpass Project:**
 - Funding partners: Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (port), Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway (CPKC) and Transport Canada (TC); underpass led by port
- **Previous underpass documents:**
 - Key project principles
 - Traffic, noise mitigation, resident/business access, community character, engagement, base scope TC/port/CPKC funding partners
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
 - Project Partnering Agreement (PPA)



Background – 2023 Update

- Last community update: March 28, 2023 by port :
 - Cost estimates greatly exceed available funding (underpass: ~\$195M)
 - Port requested City commit to becoming a funding partner, providing up to \$49.6M (25%) of funding towards the Harris Road Underpass to help close the funding gap
 - City declined funding; re-affirmed commitment to Harris Road Underpass



Progress Over Past Year

- Advocacy:
 - 12 letters of support from q̓ičəy̓ (Katzie) First Nation, provincial, regional, and local governments and partners
 - 15+ meetings with federal, regional, and local governments and partners
 - 8 City letters, as well as, joint Katzie / City letter sent to senior levels of government and key parties
 - Ongoing discussions with all key parties
- 2 roundtable meetings with key parties:
 - February and May 2024
 - BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) facilitated
 - Katzie, TC, MoTI, port, CPKC, and the City attended
 - Intent was to discuss the project, the funding gap, and potential viable paths forward



May Roundtable Discussion Points

- Underpass and Overpass discussed as potential options for grade separation
- City's understanding is that some key parties currently favour an overpass
 - Considering ground disturbance, cost and potential risks
- Port 2023 Estimates
 - Underpass: \$195M
 - Overpass: Assumed cost savings compared to underpass
- Costs have gone up in past year due to inflation



May Roundtable Discussion Points

- 2018 Original Funding: \$141M (Harris - \$63M, Kennedy - \$50M, Rail - \$28M)
- 2023 Updated Funding:
 - Additional \$11.4M from TC, potential to move Kennedy funding to Harris underpass
 - Port requested the City to provide up to \$49.6M to help close the funding gap
- 2024 Update:
 - A significant funding gap still exists
 - More of a funding gap expected with the underpass
 - Closing the funding gap does not guarantee any project
- All parties plan to engage in further technical discussions
- City wants to provide community update, even though details aren't known yet



Underpass Renderings

Harris Road | 124 Avenue intersection



Harris Road | 122 Avenue intersection



Conceptual view of Harris Road looking north

Underpass cross-section



As displayed by port on June 28, 2022

Overpass Renderings

Looking north along new Park Rd



Looking west from Park Rd



Looking north from relocated General Store



Looking southeast at MUP switchback



Overpass Renderings

Looking north from 122AAve



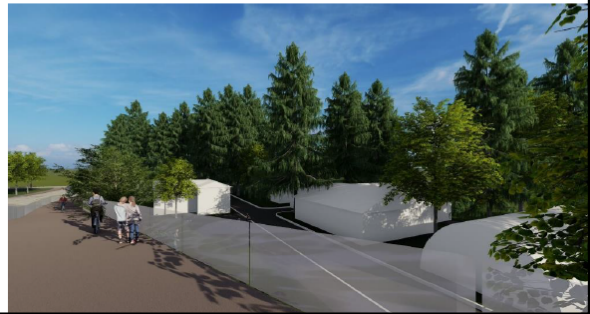
Looking south from 124 Ave



Looking north from CP ROW under overpass



Looking southwest from MUP toward Heritage Building



Overpass – Considerations

- City anticipated ownership, operation, maintenance, and insurance costs
- Future structure replacement costs
- Amending key party principles and agreements
- Public engagement
- Active transportation & roadway use
- Surrounding property owners, residents, businesses, and overall community
 - Urban design, access, social, and economic considerations
- Archaeological
- Other considerations

Next Steps

- Technical discussions between key parties will continue
- City has asked key parties for additional information:
 - Overpass concept and considerations
 - Cost & Funding
- City researching other projects that may have similarities / relevance
- The City plans for public engagement to continue with future opportunities for feedback
- Feedback can be directed to HarrisRailCrossing@pittmeadows.ca
 - Email will be monitored, reviewed, and a summary presented back to the community in the future
 - The City expects residents will have questions. The City doesn't have any more information or answers at this time