

TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER **DATE:** March 9, 2023
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING **FILE:** 94000 01
Reference: Transportation
Planning - General
**SUBJECT: 2023 INFRASTRUCTURE CANADA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
FUND – VANCOUVER–SFU ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
CONNECTION PROJECT**

PURPOSE: To seek Council's endorsement for the Vancouver-SFU Active Transportation Connection Project and enter into a funding contribution agreement with Infrastructure Canada's Active Transportation Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council endorse the Vancouver-SFU Active Transportation Connection Project as outlined in this report and enter into a funding contribution agreement with Infrastructure Canada's Active Transportation Fund for the projects.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Infrastructure Canada's Active Transportation Fund invests in projects that build new and expanded networks of pathways, bike lanes, trails and pedestrian bridges, in addition to supporting active transportation planning and stakeholder engagement activities. A funding application was submitted earlier last year for the Vancouver-SFU Active Transportation Connection Project. Funding for \$5,730,000 has been approved by Infrastructure Canada subject to Council endorsement and entering into a funding contribution agreement with Infrastructure Canada.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

The proposed Project supports the vision, goals, and targets as described in *Connecting Burnaby*, Burnaby's Transportation Plan, including facilitating sustainable mode-shifts and reductions in overall greenhouse gas emissions.

3.0 DISCUSSION

The Vancouver-SFU Active Transportation Connection Project aims to connect the Union-Adanac Bikeway in Vancouver with Simon Fraser University (SFU) via the Union-Frances

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Bikeway and the Burnaby Mountain Parkway. It is a major local east-west cycling connection and serves as a link between Metro Vancouver's urban centres and regionally significant destinations. This route is part of the City's Priority Cycle Network, which consists primarily of local neighbourhood bikeways with some off-street multi-use pathway segments, and has also been identified in TransLink's Transport 2050 Major Bikeway Network and Metro Vancouver's 2050 Regional Greenways Network.

This 8.9 kilometre Project will identify existing gaps and opportunities along the Union-Frances Bikeway and the Burnaby Mountain Bikeway with the objective of upgrading the cycling route to an All Ages and Abilities (AAA) facility. The improvements to this bike route will provide a healthy and safe active transportation connection while also facilitating multi-modal trips with enhanced connections to transit. This project is currently included in the City's 5-year Transportation Capital Program (2023-2027) with an estimated cost of less than \$10 million.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

Funding from Infrastructure Canada's Active Transportation Fund program has been recently secured for the Vancouver-SFU Active Transportation Connection Project in Burnaby subject to Council endorsement. It is recommended that Council endorse this Project and enter into a funding contribution agreement with Infrastructure Canada.



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