



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Public Works and Transportation Committee
From: Lloyd Bie, P.Eng.
Director, Transportation
Date: October 31, 2022
File: 10-6500-01/2022-Vol
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Re: Application to 2022/23 BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program

Staff Recommendation

1. That the submission for cost-sharing to the 2022/23 BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program as described in the staff report titled "Application to 2022/23 BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program" dated October 31, 2022, from the Director, Transportation be endorsed;
2. That, should the above application be successful, the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager, Planning and Development, be authorized on behalf of the City to execute the funding agreement; and
3. That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2023-2027) be amended accordingly.

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Staff Report

Origin

The Province of BC's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program (the Program) is a cost-share program between the Province and local governments to support the construction of new facilities to make it easier and safer for people to walk, ride or roll using active transportation modes. This report presents the proposed submission from the City for consideration of cost-share funding under the Program for the 2022/23 funding cycle. Council endorsement is a requirement of the submission.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #4 An Active and Thriving Richmond:

An active and thriving community characterized by diverse social and wellness programs, services and spaces that foster health and well-being for all.

4.2 Ensure infrastructure meets changing community needs, current trends and best practices.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #5 Sound Financial Management:

Accountable, transparent, and responsible financial management that supports the needs of the community into the future.

5.4 Work cooperatively and respectfully with all levels of government and stakeholders while advocating for the best interests of Richmond.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #6 Strategic and Well-Planned Growth:

Leadership in effective and sustainable growth that supports Richmond's physical and social needs.

6.3 Build on transportation and active mobility networks.

Analysis

BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program

The call for applications related to the above-noted program commenced on September 6, 2022 with a deadline of October 21, 2022. Staff prepared the application and submitted to the Province by the deadline.

The City is eligible for 50% cost-share funding up to a maximum of \$500,000 per project and is permitted to submit two applications. The application that staff are proposing for the Province's annual 2022/23 funding cycle meets the Province's eligibility requirements of:

- City portion of funding secured
- Design completed or in progress
- Can be constructed within the required timeline of March 2025

The proposed project for cost-sharing consideration is described below.

Steveston Highway Multi-Use Pathway Phase 2: Mortfield Gate-No. 2 Road

This project comprises the construction of a two-way, off-street, paved 3.0 m wide shared pathway for pedestrians and cyclists on the south side of Steveston Highway between Mortfield Gate and No. 2 Road (Attachment 1). Phase 1 to the east (Shell Road-Mortfield Gate) has been previously approved by Council and is slated to begin construction during Q1 of 2023. Phase 3 to the west (No. 2 Road to Railway Avenue) is currently under consideration as part of the 2023 capital budget process. The City has secured \$3.6 million in grant funding from TransLink for this project, with the City funding the balance of \$2.4 million. This application will seek a further \$500,000 in grant funding for the project.

Proposed Funding

Table 1 below summarizes the estimated project cost, the internal funding sources and the requested external funding sources.

Table 1: Funding for Application to
2022/2023 BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program

Project & Scope	City Portion & Funding Sources ⁽¹⁾	Secured TransLink Funding	Proposed Province of BC 2022/23 Funding ⁽²⁾	Est. Total Project Cost
Steveston Hwy (Mortfield Gate-No. 2 Road): multi-use path	2020 Roads DCC: \$2,400,000	\$3,600,000	\$500,000	\$6,000,000

(1) The City's actual portion (i.e., balance of remaining estimated cost after external grants) will be determined upon confirmation of the approved amounts to be received from external agencies.

(2) The amount shown represents the maximum funding contribution available in the grant process. The actual approved amount may be lower than requested. The actual invoiced amount follows project completion and is based on incurred costs.

Should the Program application be successful, the City's funding will be reduced from \$2.4 million to \$1.9 million for Phase 2 of the Steveston Highway MUP project. Any surplus funding would be returned to the Roads Development Cost Charge account and be available for use in future capital projects. The City would also enter into a funding agreement with the Province that includes indemnity and release in favour of the Province. Staff recommend that the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Planning and Development be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

Financial Impact

Should the Program application be successful, the City's cost for this project will be reduced from \$2.4 million to \$1.9 million.

Conclusion

The pedestrian and bicycle facility improvement project proposed for submission to the 2022/23 BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program supports numerous goals of the City to improve community mobility, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase physical activity by encouraging more walking, cycling and rolling trips rather than driving. The potential receipt of external funding will enable the City to enhance and expedite the provision of sustainable transportation infrastructure and improve healthy and active travel options for the community.

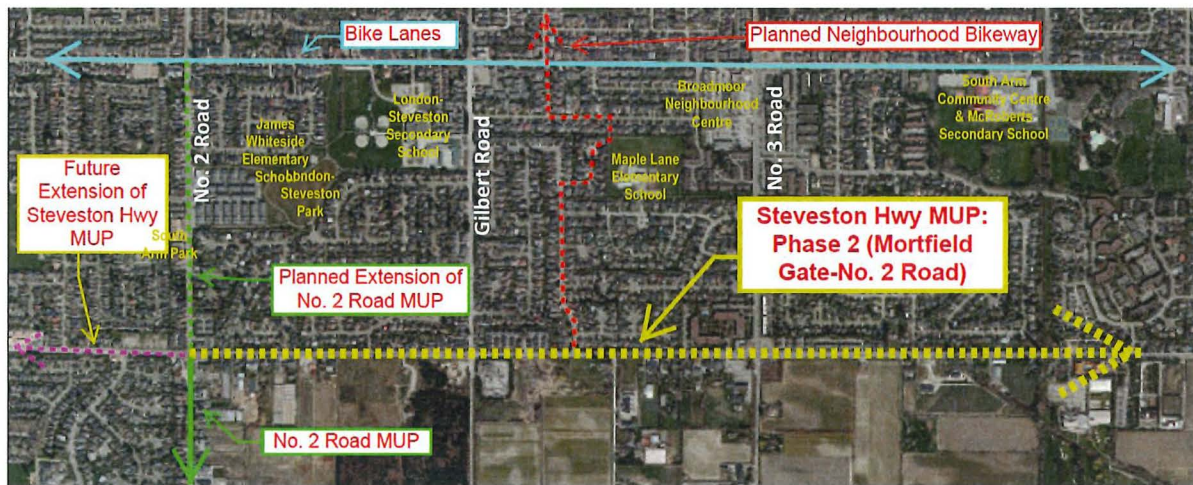


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Att. 1: Steveston Highway Multi-Use Pathway Phase 2 (Mortfield Gate-No. 2 Road)

Steveston Highway Multi-Use Pathway Phase 2: Mortfield Gate-No. 2 Road



Steveston Highway Multi-Use Pathway Phase 2 (No. 2 Road-Mortfield Gate)