

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Notice of Meeting on **Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 1:00 pm**
Boardroom, 6th Floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

Meeting to be conducted electronically and in-person.

P. Danforth (Chair)	T. Bolt (Vice Chair)	J. Briante	M. Essery
L. Hube	Z. Lundrie	B. Manning-Jones	J. Parr
G. Robinson	E. Syring	R. Welland	M. Little (GC Liaison)

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: That the agenda for the March 18, 2025 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Recommendation: That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of January 21, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

4. Chairs Remarks

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

5.1.1. Regional Trestles Renewal, Trails Widening and Lighting Project

5.1.2. Beach Access at Island View Beach Regional Park

5.2 Delegations

6. Committee Business

6.1. Accessible Devices – Boardroom Enhancements (Oracle) Update

6.2. Accessibility Plan Actions Update

7. Notices of Motion
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

To ensure quorum, please advise Jessica Dorman (jdorman@crd.bc.ca) if you cannot attend.



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Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, held January 21, 2025 at 1:00 pm, 6th Floor Boardroom, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria BC

PRESENT:

Committee Members: P. Danforth (Chair), T. Bolt (Vice Chair), J. Briante (EP), M. Essery (1:43 pm)(EP), L. Hube, Z. Lundrie (EP), B. Manning-Jones, J. Parr (EP), G. Robinson, E. Syring (1:30 pm)(EP), M. Little (GC Liaison)

Staff: C. Neilson, Senior Manager, People, Safety and Culture; A. Ali, Manager, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility; S. Cole, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility Specialist; Z. Gray, Manager Website and Public Engagement; N. Bandringa, Planner, Regional Planning; E. Middleton, Web Coordinator, Corporate Communications and Engagement; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; J. Dorman, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Regrets: R. Welland

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

C. Neilson provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Election of Chair

C. Neilson called for nominations of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2025.

T. Bolt nominated P. Danforth. P. Danforth accepted the nomination.

C. Neilson called for nominations a second time.

C. Neilson called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, C. Neilson declared P. Danforth Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee by acclamation.

3. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Danforth called for nominations of Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2025.

M. Little nominated T. Bolt . T. Bolt accepted the nomination.

Chair Danforth called for nominations a second time.

Chair Danforth called for nominations a third and final time.

Hearing no further nominations, Chair Danforth declared T. Bolt Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee by acclamation.

4. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by T. Bolt, SECONDED by M. Little,
That the agenda for the January 21, 2025 Accessibility Advisory
Committee be approved as circulated.
CARRIED**

5. Adoption of Minutes

**MOVED by T. Bolt, SECONDED by G. Robinson,
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee
meeting of November 19, 2024 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

6. Chairs Remarks

Chair Danforth spoke about the national organization Disability without Poverty and welcomed the new members to the committee.

7. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

8. Committee Business

8.1. Introductions

A. Ali presented Item 8.1. for information.

E. Syring joined the meeting at 1:30 pm.

M. Essery joined the meeting at 1:43 pm.

8.2. Orientation and Terms of Reference

M.Lagoa presented Item 8.2. for information and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

8.3. Accessibility Plan

8.3.1. Plan Overview

A. Ali presented Item 8.3.1. for information and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

8.3.2. CRD Website Project Update

Z. Gray presented Item 8.3.2. for information and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- accessing and testing information
- engagement from CNIB Foundation and other organizations that specialize in accessibility
- sourcing information and sitemap testing
- design sessions and accessible designs
- search engine optimization and strategies

9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

10. New Business

10.1. Regional Trails and Lighting Project

C. Neilson presented Item 10.1. for information.

10.2. Regional Planning – Let's Get Visible

N. Bandringa presented Item 10.2. for information.

Discussion ensued on the collaboration with community centres and the Victoria Disability Resource Centre.

11. Adjournment

**MOVED by M. Essery, SECONDED by M. Little,
That the January 21, 2025 Accessibility Advisory Committee
meeting be adjourned at 2:29 pm.
CARRIED**

Chair

Committee Clerk



Capital Regional District Regional Trails Safety Enhancements

Accessibility Advisory Committee
March 18, 2025

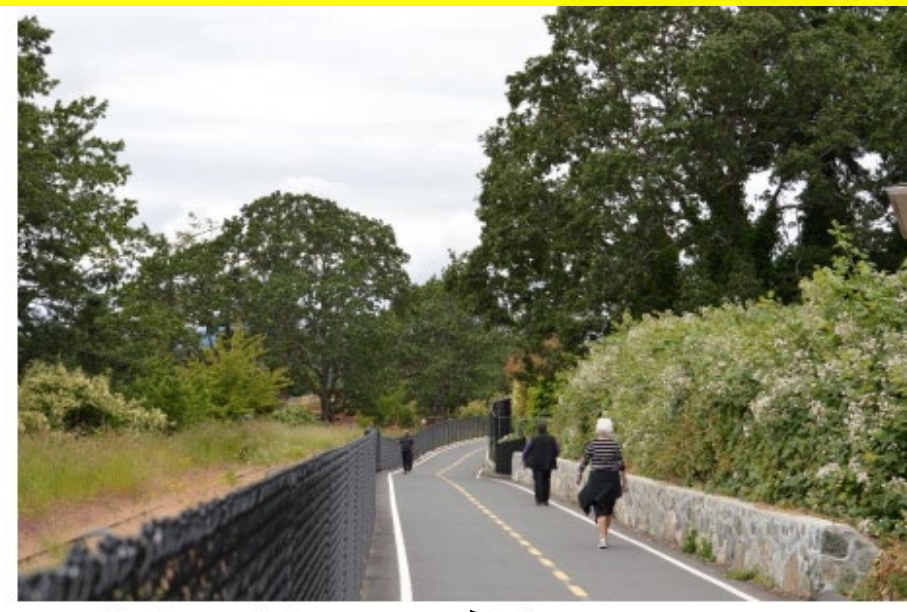
Agenda

1. Multi-use Trails Safety Enhancement Study
2. Existing Safety Initiatives
 - Trestles, Trails Widening & Lighting Project
3. Discussion – Safety Study



CRD Multi-Use Trails Safety Enhancement Study

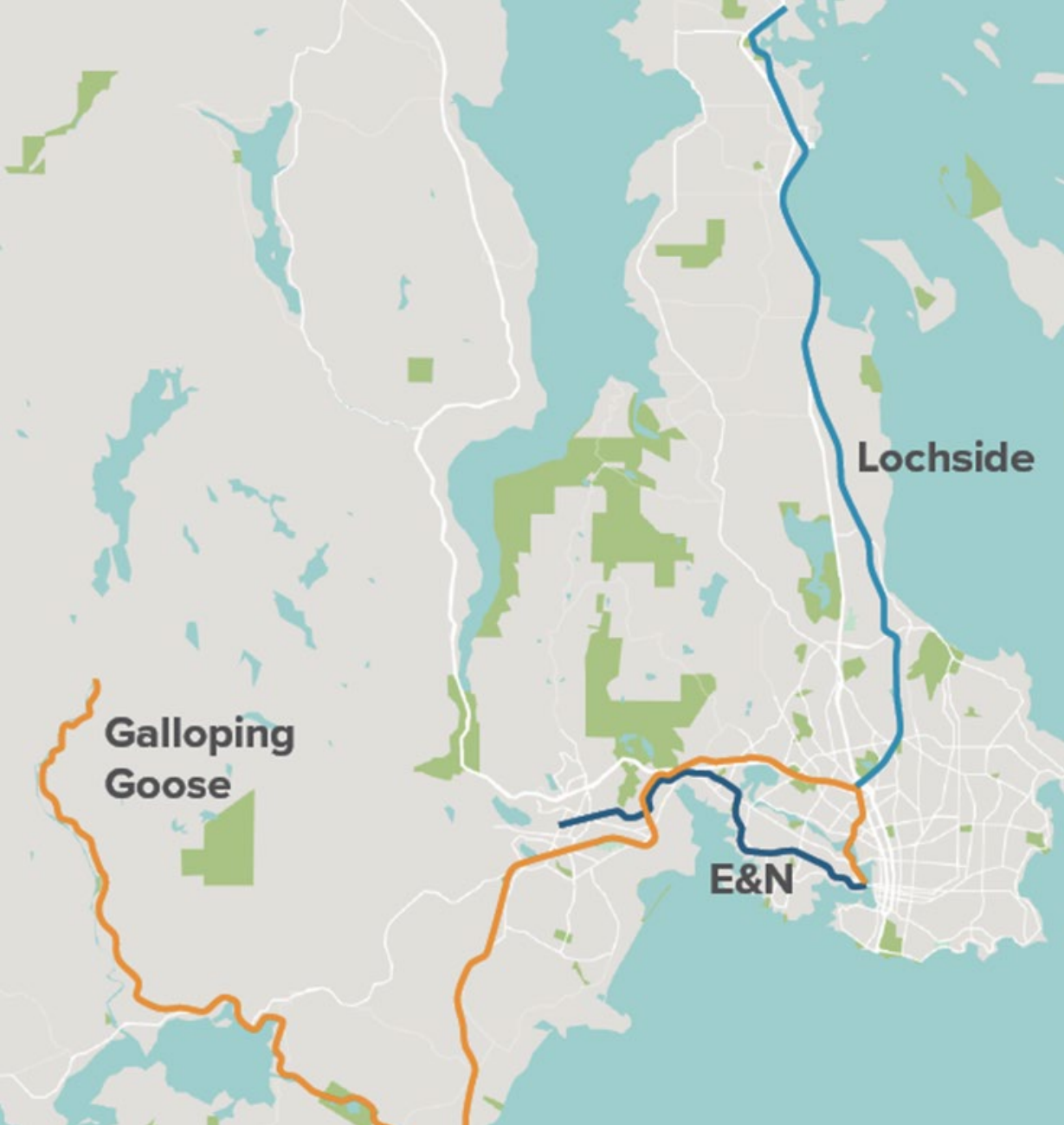
Project Update



Regional Trails or “Multi-Use” trails

Regional Parks trails





Project Geographic Scope

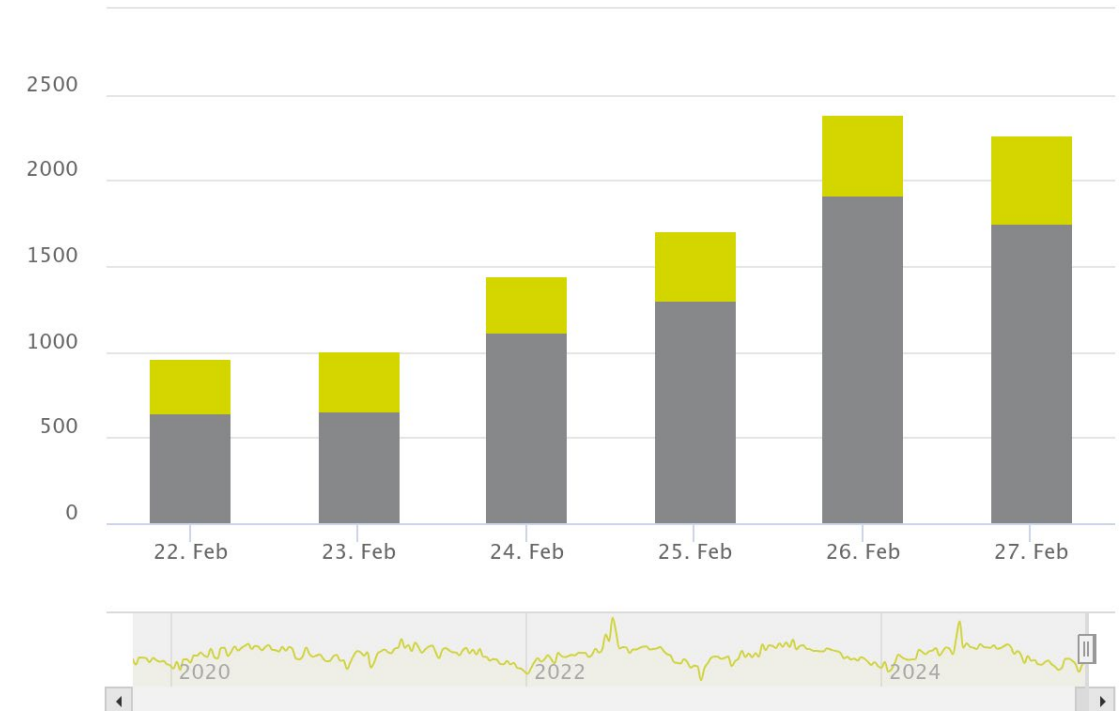
- Lochside Regional Trail
- E&N Regional Trail
- Galloping Goose Regional Trail

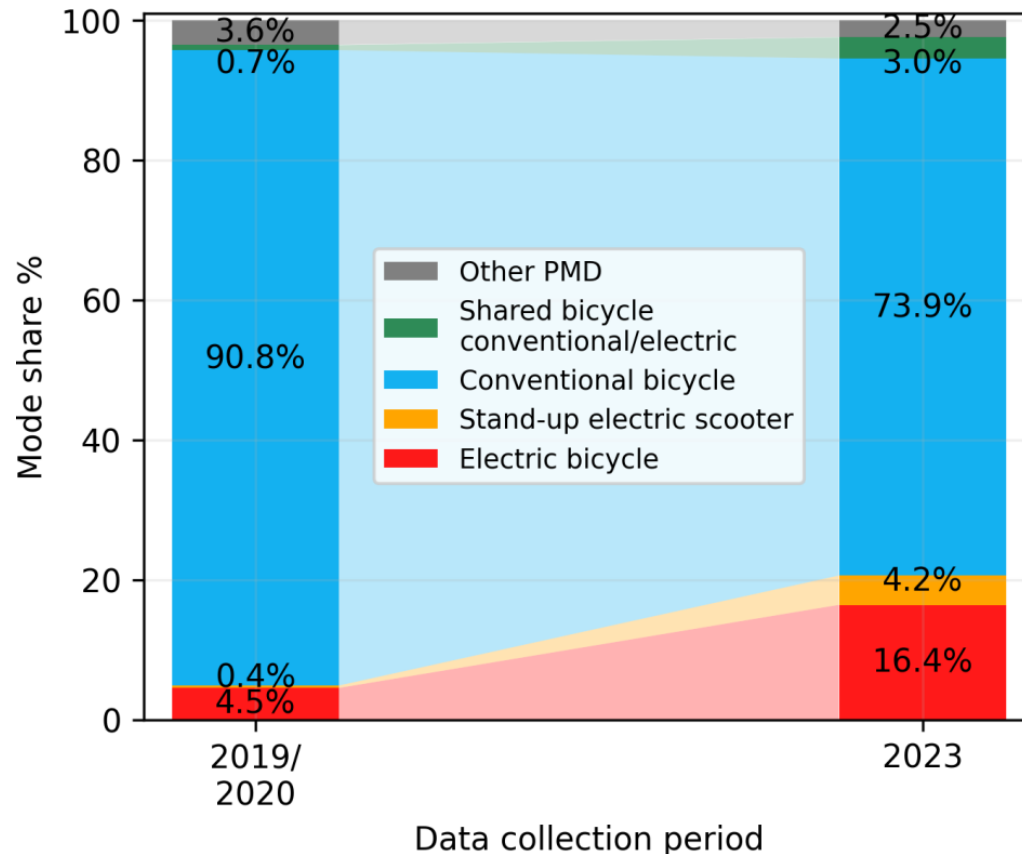
Technical Scope

- Data collection and analysis
- Options for enhancements to bridges and trestles, as well as alternatives to bollards, and policy or regulatory based solutions.
- Concept sketches
- Implementation Priorities
- Interested party input

Examples of Data: Trail volume Example

- **South of Switch Bridge**
- Peak in July ~100,000 trips per month
- Consistent year-round use ~40,000 trips per month in Jan/Dec
- More people biking than walking (Last Tuesday: 1700 people total, 1300 people biking, 400 people walking)
- Guidance suggest separation when 20%+ (24% above) of users are pedestrian and volumes greater than 33 people in peak hour ($1700/24 = 71$ people on average per hour)
- The data and guidance suggest separation of users should be considered
- Rationale for the Regional Trail Widening Study

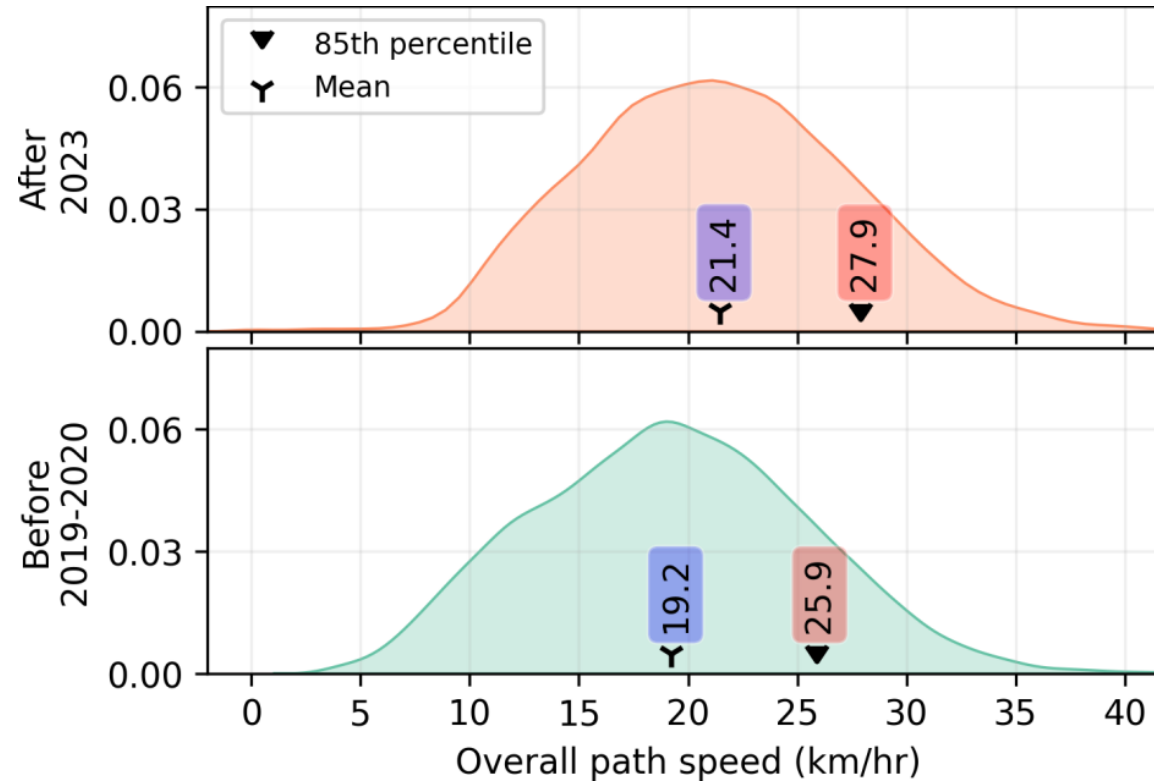




Changing Use of Shared Pathways In Metro Vancouver

- More people riding stand-up electric scooters
- More people riding electric bicycles
- More people using bike share

Source: Four-Year Trends of Personal Mobility Devices in Metropolitan Vancouver: The Evolution of Mode Shares, Speeds, and Comfort in Off-Street Paths by UBC REACT Lab



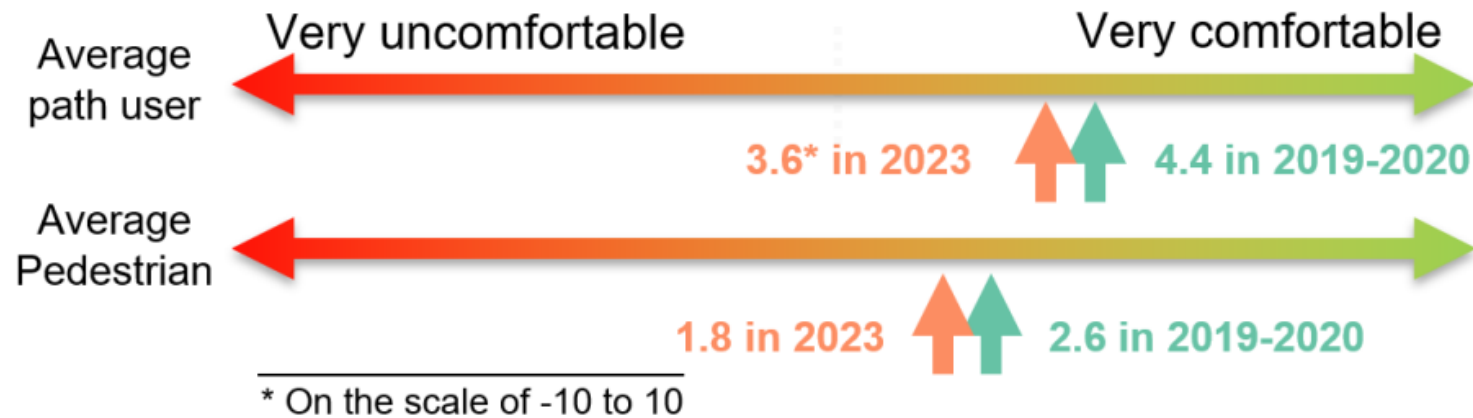
Speeds are Increasing on Shared Pathways in Metro Vancouver

- With that increase in electrically assisted mobility options, average speeds are increasing.
- Limited data available in CRD

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Comfort is reducing on on Shared Pathways In Metro Vancouver

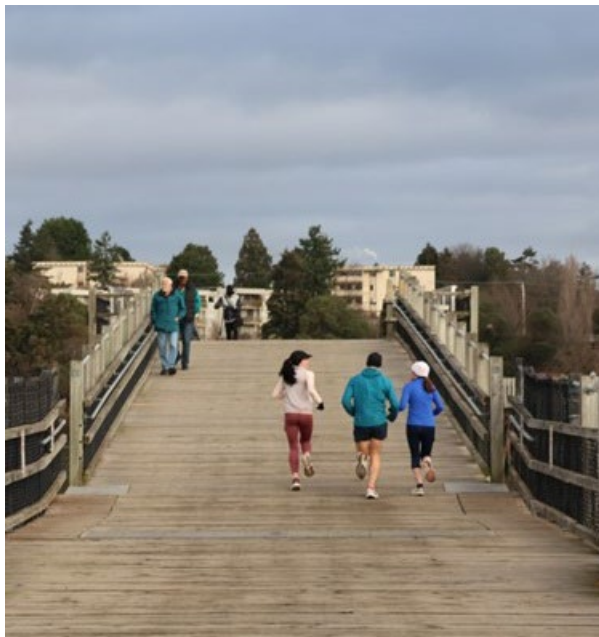
- With increasing average speeds, level of comfort for pedestrians is reducing slightly.



Source: Four-Year Trends of Personal Mobility Devices in Metropolitan Vancouver: The Evolution of Mode Shares, Speeds, and Comfort in Off-Street Paths by UBC REACT Lab

Potential areas for enhancements

Surfaces



Crossings



Signage



Accessibility





Interested Party Input

- We'll be seeking input through meetings like this one with:
 - Accessibility Advisory Committee
 - Traffic Safety Commission
 - Trail User Groups
 - Municipal Staff

Existing Safety Initiatives

Existing Accessibility Initiatives

1. Capture Google Street View imagery of trails
2. Advocacy
3. Include regional trail accessibility information on the AccessNow website and application.
4. Completed an Audit of regional trail access locations and parking lots and initiate upgrades and improvements.
5. Complete annual Accessibility Maintenance Audits to identify areas of seasonal impacts within CRD parking lots and trail access locations



Existing Safety Initiatives

1. Trail Use data collection program
2. Cruise With Courtesy Campaign
3. Regional Trail Compliance Action Plan
4. Regional Trestles Renewal, Trails Widening & Lighting Project



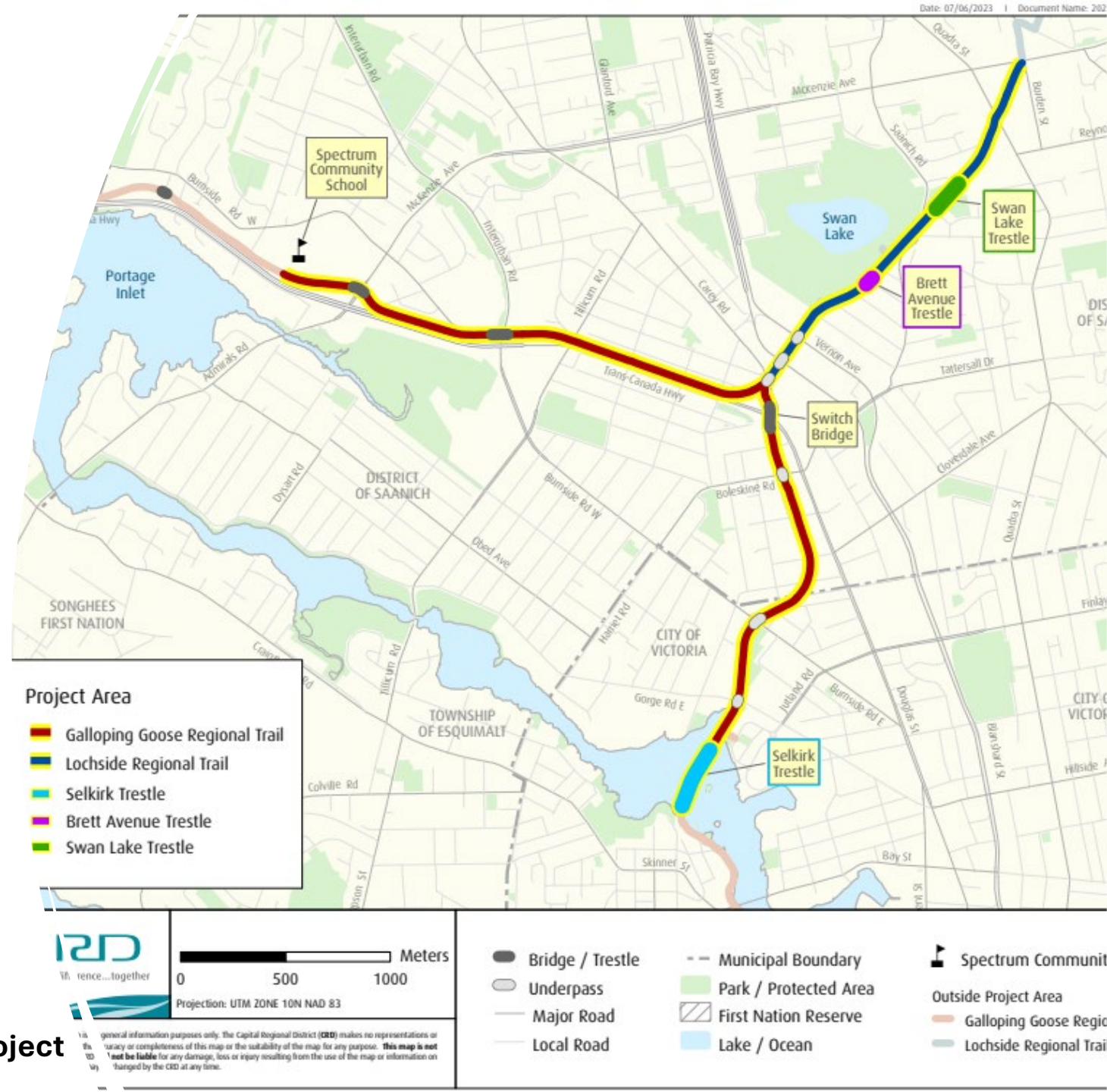
Regional Trestles Renewal, Trails Widening and Lighting Project



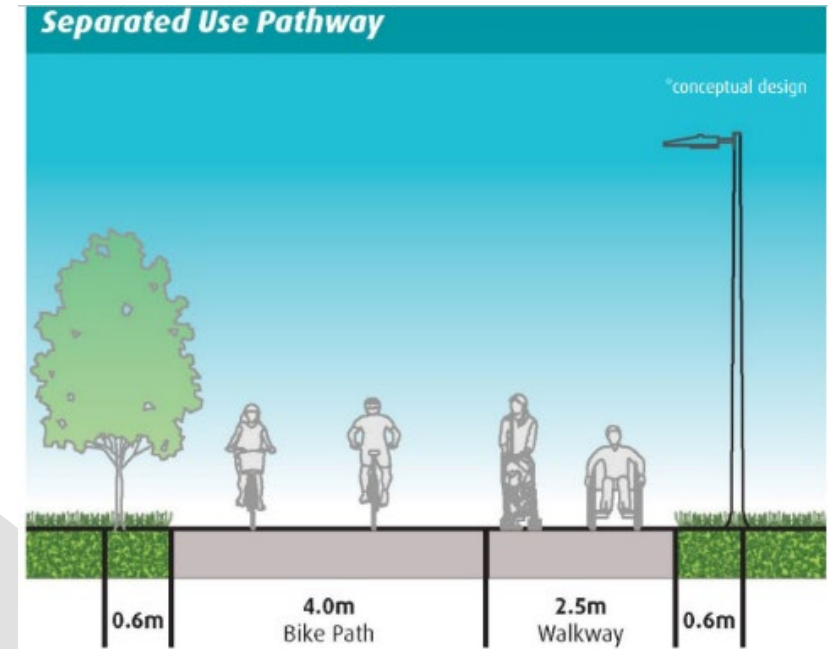
6 km of busiest sections of the
region trails

Project scope

- Renewal of 3 aging trestles (Selkirk, Swan Lake, Brett)
- Improvements done in phases – started Fall 2024
- AAA detours
- Schedule coordinated with other projects
- Construction complete by end of 2028



1. Regional Trestles Renewal, Trails Widening & Lighting Project




Accessibility and Universal Design

- 2% cross slope
- minimize total slope
- lighting

Regional Trail Safety Enhancement Study


Initial Feedback Discussion



What level of involvement or input
would you like to provide on the trails
safety enhancement project?



What are your main concerns
with trail safety today?



How can the accessibility of
regional trails be improved?

Questions?

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Island View Beach Regional Park

Island View Beach Mobi-mat Installation

Rachael Ince
CRD Regional Parks Outdoor Recreation Specialist

CRD Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

- Goal 5: Regional parks and regional trails are inclusive and accessible.



Thetis Lake Regional Park

Currently, Mobi-mats are installed at:

- Thetis Lake Regional Park – Main Beach
- Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park – Hamsterly Beach



Elk/Beaver Lake Regional Park

Proposed Mobi-mat Location

CRD



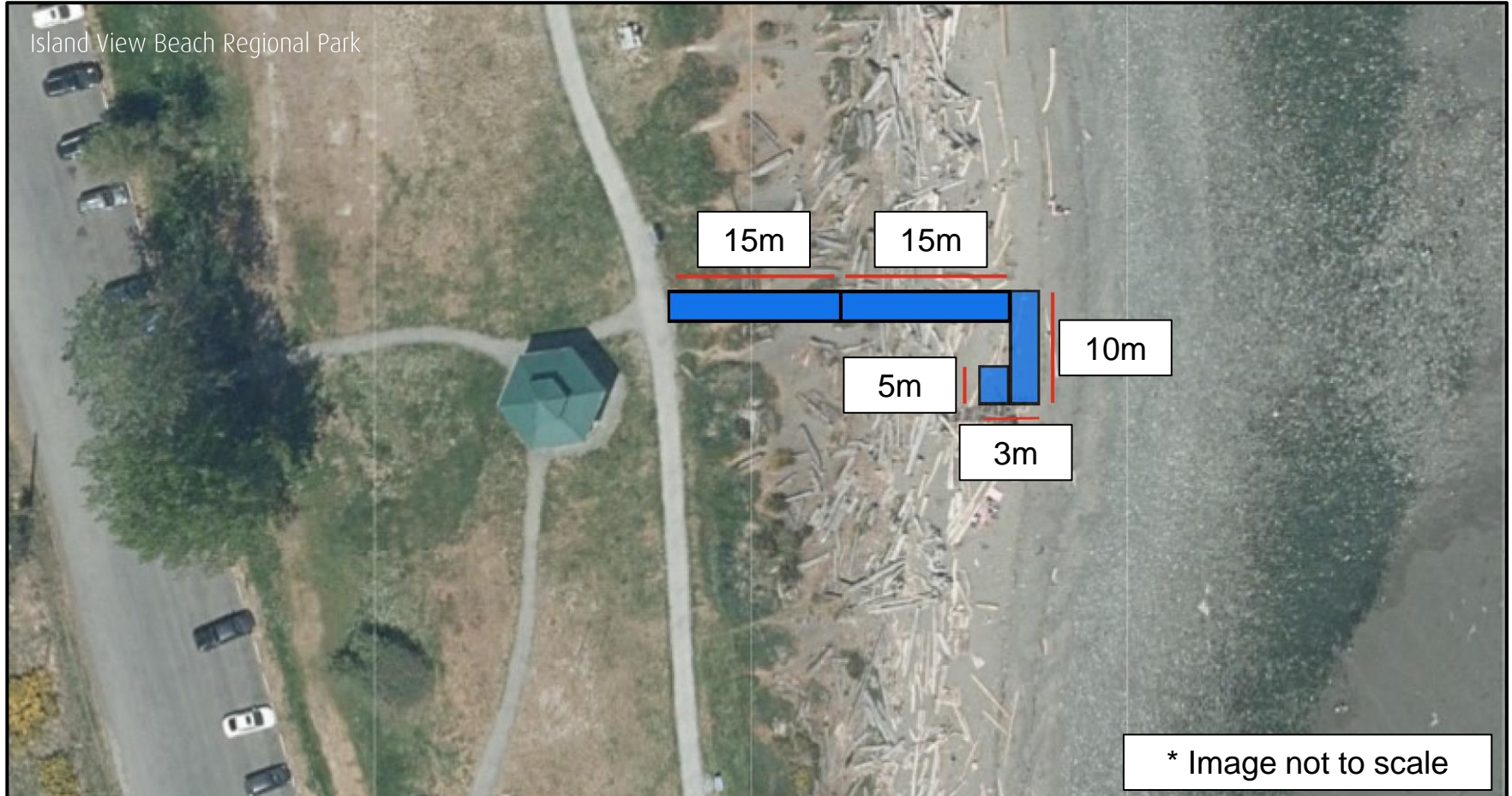
Island View Beach Regional Park



Island View Beach Regional Park

The proposed Mobi-mat at Island View Beach Regional Park is anticipated to be installed seasonally from May – September.

Proposed Mobi-mat Orientation

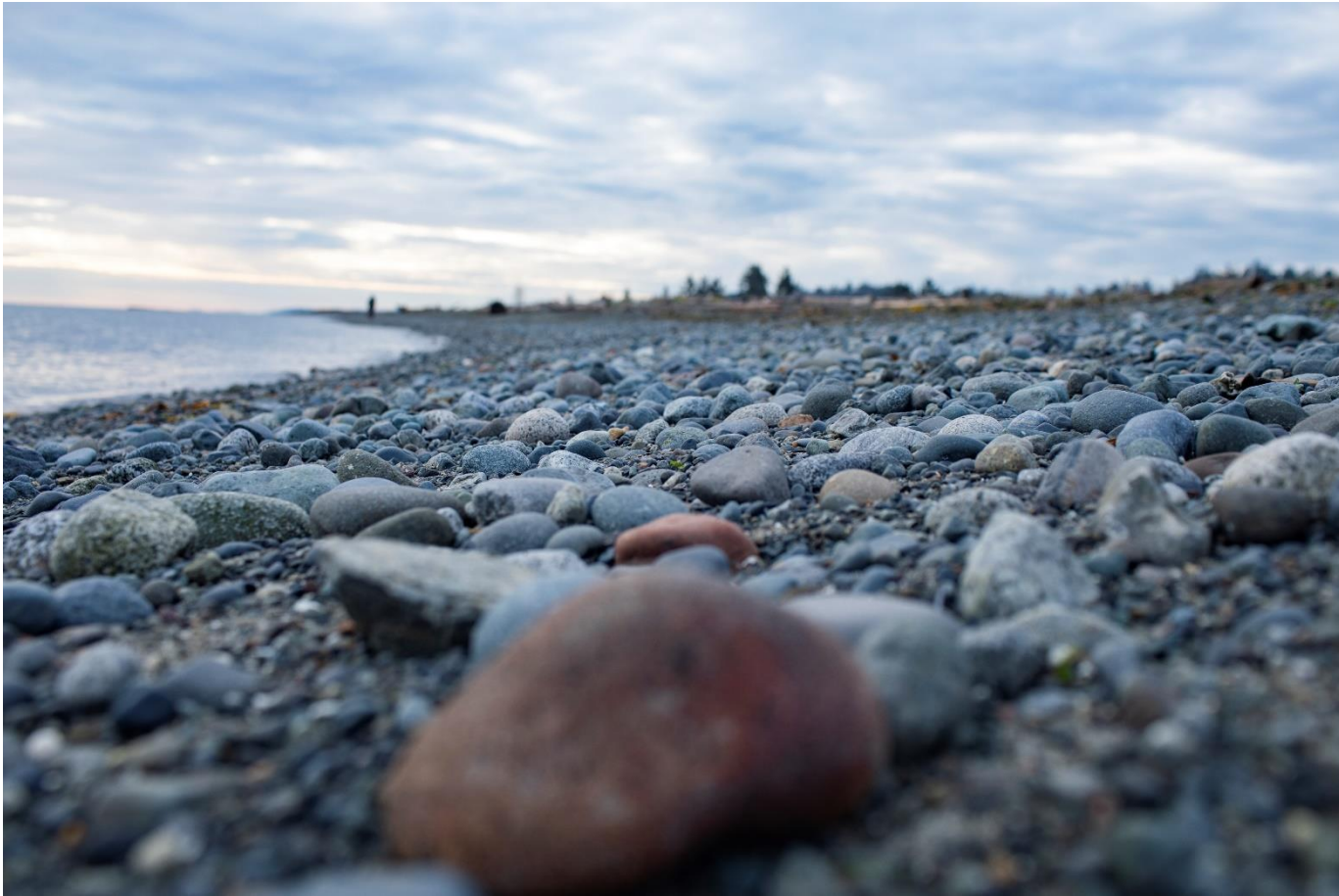


Regional Parks staff would appreciate any comments or feedback related to:

1. The proposed location of the Mobi-mat within Island View Beach Regional Park.
2. The proposed orientation of the Mobi-mat.
3. Any other comments related to the proposed installation of the Mobi-mat at Island View Beach Regional Park.

**Please provide any comments or
feedback to by April 1st, 2025:**

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Thank you!