

Vedder Bridge Replacement Project

July 10, 2015 - The City of Chilliwack is pleased to announce the Vedder Bridge Replacement Project. Thanks to Federal and Provincial funding through the New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Program, the City will now advance this \$12.5 million dollar project. The bridge is located near the southern limits of the city and provides an important transportation link between Chilliwack and adjacent communities as well as recreational areas.



The current bridge was constructed in 1947, is deficient in clearance above flood waters, and does not meet current day lane width standards. Through this project, the City of Chilliwack will replace the Vedder Bridge with a new bridge that includes wider travel lanes and shoulders along with two multi-use pathways to accommodate two-way pedestrian and cyclist traffic. In addition, the approaching roads and the adjacent intersection will be upgraded with a single-lane roundabout to provide greater travel capacity and improved safety.



Preliminary designs were completed in 2009 and updated in 2013 to consider road and bridge options which were then evaluated to determine the most suitable design. In order to justify the significant increased costs of a 4-lane bridge option it would have to be combined with a long-range plan to complete road widening to 4-lanes along Vedder Mountain Road, Cultus Lake Road and Columbia Valley Highway. Widening the bridge alone to 4 lanes would not provide additional capacity. Recently the FVRD and the Provincial Ministry of Transportation reviewed the future of the Columbia Valley Highway and concluded that potential land development would not justify the widening from two lanes to four lanes.

