



Fort Street Roll-Out Celebration - May 27

Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2018

For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — The Fort Street two-way protected bike lanes will open on Sunday May 27, 2018. To celebrate the milestone, the City has collaborated with Fabulous Fort, the DVBA, PARC Retirement Residences and community partners to host the Fort Street Roll-Out Celebration from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The celebration will feature live music, family activities, interactive stations, safety ambassadors, photo station and free bicycle rentals. There will be activities on each block between Wharf Street and Cook Street with a “passport” designed to encourage walking and cycling on the corridor. Those who attend can fill out a passport to enter to win one of four new bicycles and other draw prizes.

What: Official opening and remarks from Mayor Lisa Helps & DVBA Board Chair Kathy Hogan
When: Sunday, May 27 at 11 a.m.
Where: Mid-block crosswalk in the 700 block of Fort Street

The Fort Street project increases safety for cyclists and pedestrians while providing “complete street” improvements for all road users. New seating and landscaping, improved pedestrian crossings, and accessibility enhancements along with critical underground infrastructure replacement are a part of the project. The project was completed in two phases and accommodated a break for the holiday shopping season.

The City appreciates the public’s understanding and patience during construction and while crews complete the final touches in the coming weeks. The City will be offering free cycling skills courses and road user education over the summer in partnership with VicPD and the Capital Regional District.

Fort Street is the second All Ages and Abilities (AAA) bicycle route in the downtown core and part of a 32km network that will connect the downtown core with every neighbourhood and regional trails. Protected bike lanes help to improve road safety, encourage new riders, and are a part of the City’s strategy to manage growth and take action on climate change.

For more information about the Fort Street improvement project and other active transportation initiatives visit:
www.victoria.ca/cycling.

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