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## Construction of Kimta E&N Connector Starts Today

VICTORIA, BC - Construction of the Kimta E&N Cycling Connector starts today. The corridor will feature new multi-use pathways, protected bike lanes, crosswalks, accessibility upgrades, landscaping and lighting. Once complete, this route will provide a continuous All Ages and Abilities (AAA) connection from the E&N Regional Trail to the downtown core.

Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Rob Fleming announced the Province of B.C.'s funding for this project through the 2021/2022 Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program.

"The Province continues to invest in active transportation infrastructure as part of our commitment to our CleanBC climate plan, and to help more people access safe and affordable transportation options," said Fleming. "This project will improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, and add continuity to a regional transportation route, which will help more people in the Capital Region choose active travel."

The Kimta E&N Connector is part of the City's AAA cycling network and the Capital Regional District's (CRD) Regional Trail Network. CRD Board Chair Colin Plant celebrated the regional significance of the Kimta E&N Connector saying, "This route fills a significant gap in the regional cycling network, providing a high quality and safe connection between the E&N Regional Trail and the City's cycling network. Expanding regional mobility networks helps us address the transportation needs of our growing region while taking action on climate change – two of the CRD Board's strategic priorities."

"The City is thrilled to partner with the Province and CRD to expand safe, affordable and convenient transportation options for residents, commuters and visitors," said Mayor Lisa Helps. "Providing multi-modal transportation options that connect schools, employment areas and other destinations is one key strategy that can help reduce the cost of living in the City."

Medical Health Officer Dr. Michael Benusic applauded the project noting, "I am pleased to see all levels of government working together on this project. Building safe and connected active travel infrastructure is a meaningful community health intervention with significant positive health outcomes."

The City is leading the Kimta E&N Connector project in collaboration with the CRD who operate the regional trail network. Sparker Construction is the prime contractor for the project and construction is expected to be complete in six months. The project is primarily funded through the Canada Community-Building Fund and Provincial Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant.

For more information, please visit [victoria.ca/roadwork](https://victoria.ca/roadwork).

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**Attachment:** Construction Overview Map

# Kimta E&N Connector Construction Overview

