



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: 206A Street Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Grant
Application

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a grant application be submitted under the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) for the 206A Street Pedestrian Bridge Project, and
2. THAT Council support the project and agrees to finance the project at a cost of \$400,000 until the costs can be recovered through the grant program.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to request Council to support a grant application for funding to replace the 206A Street Pedestrian Bridge.

POLICY:

N/A

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

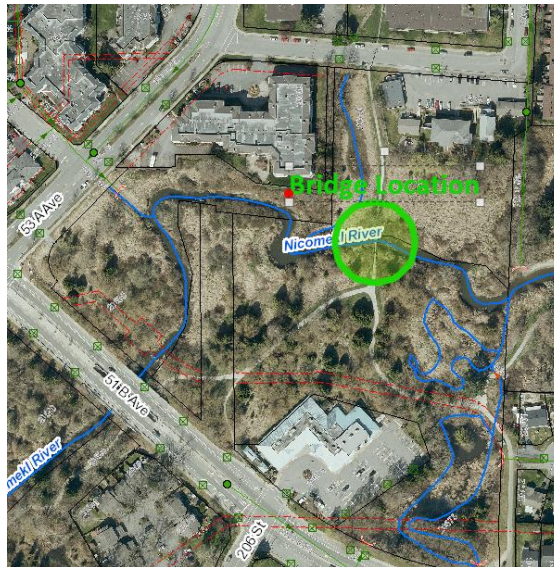
As a result of COVID-19 Infrastructure Canada (INFC) has amended its Investing in Canada agreement to include the creation of a new COVID-19 resilience infrastructure stream (CVRIS) to support pandemic response and economic recovery efforts. The CVRIS stream supports several project categories including Active Transportation Infrastructure. A Council resolution to support and authorize the proposed project is required as part of the application. The resolution also commits the City to contributing its share of the eligible costs, ineligible costs and potential overruns related to the project. In this case the grant program will fund 100% of the

project cost so no additional funds are required. A sufficient contingency is included in the estimate to ensure there is minimal risk of cost overruns.

The grant application deadline is January 27, 2021 and construction must be completed by December 31, 2021.

Proposed:

The project recommended for the grant application is the 206A Street Pedestrian Bridge Replacement, which includes regrading and paving of the approach ramps as well. The new 3.0m wide steel bridge, similar to the last three replacement projects the City has completed, will have a lifespan of approximately 75 years. The location of the bridge and a sample photo of what the bridge will look like is shown below:



201A St Pedestrian Bridge (installed in 2018)

Existing:

The current wood suspension bridge was installed in 1975 and was assessed by the City's engineering consultant in 2019 as part of the bridge inspection program. The engineer recommended that the bridge be replaced within the next five years. In addition to its poor condition the existing bridge is only 1.2m wide which makes it difficult for cyclists, scooters and pedestrian with baby buggies to pass each other. This bridge is next on the list for full replacement. The existing bridge is shown below:



206A St Pedestrian Bridge

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The project costs are 100% eligible for grant funding and are estimated to cost \$400,000. The Draft Capital Improvement Plan has a budget of \$400,000 for construction in 2021. If the grant is not approved the project will be designed as intended and construction can be planned for 2022. Breakdown of the proposed budget is as follows:

Funding Source	Budget
Grant	\$400,000
City Share	\$0
Total	\$400,000

ALTERNATIVES:

Don't apply for funding and utilize borrowing to complete the project.

Respectfully Submitted,



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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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