

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Major Capital Project Plan: Highway 97 – HOV Six Laning from Highway 33 to Edwards Road

Budget Transparency and Accountability Act Disclosure

Project Scope

The Highway 97 – HOV Six Laning from Highway 33 to Edwards Road is located within the City of Kelowna. Highway 97 is part of the National Highway System and is an important corridor that provides the movement of people and goods on a local, regional, provincial and international level.

The project scope involves adding HOV lanes by widening Highway 97 to six lanes between Highway 33 and Edwards Road (4.5 km), enhancing rapid transit performance and consolidating accesses. The project includes upgrades to major intersections at Leathead Road, McCurdy Road, Findlay/Hollywood Road and Sexsmith Road. In addition, the project includes completing Jenkins Road and realigning and constructing a roundabout on Rutland Road.

Project Objectives and Benefits

The Highway 97 – HOV Six Laning from Highway 33 to Edwards Road Project's objectives and benefits are:

- Improved safety and mobility along Highway 97 through Kelowna, which is part of the National Highway System;
- Improved local and regional network connectivity that will support the economic growth of the community and region through a greater movement of goods and vehicles than any other roadway in the region;
- Improved rapid transit service and ride sharing opportunities by the continuation of the HOV lanes through the project;
- Improved pedestrian and cycling safety and connectivity along Highway 97 with the continuation of sidewalks and integration with cycling networks;
- Mitigation of impacts of project improvements on First Nations interests, including archaeological and cultural interests.

Project Schedule

The Highway 97 – HOV Six Laning from Highway 33 to Edwards Road started construction in March 2016 and is expected to be completed in July 2018.

Project Cost

The estimated project cost is \$66.97 million. The project is cost-shared with a federal contribution of \$18 million and a City of Kelowna contribution of \$0.2 million.

The estimated total project cost includes engineering, construction, land acquisition, archaeology and project management.

Risks

The project is in the construction stage with some risks either retired or mitigated. The key outstanding risks on the project are:

- Property acquisition
- Archaeological
- Utilities coordination

The project scope, schedule and budget have been developed with consideration for the above risks and their probability of occurrence.

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