



**Highway 1 Kamloops to Alberta  
Four-Laning Program  
Hoffman's Bluff to Chase**

**Public Engagement Summary Report  
May 31 – June 12, 2016**

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## 1.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) is advancing design and construction of three Highway 1 Four-Laning projects in the Chase area, including Hoffman’s Bluff to Chase Creek Road, Chase Creek Road to Chase, and Chase to Jade Mountain. These three projects form part of the Highway 1 Kamloops to Alberta Border Four-Laning program.

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### 1.1 HOFFMAN’S BLUFF TO CHASE CREEK ROAD

This project involves four-laning of 5 km of Highway 1 starting at the east end of the Pritchard to Hoffman’s Phase 2. The eastern limits of the project extend through Neskonlith IR #2. The project includes intersection improvements at Chief Neskonlith Drive. The project has been announced at \$47.5 million and will include a federal contribution of \$18.3 million. Preliminary design is underway.

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### 1.2 CHASE CREEK ROAD TO CHASE

This project involves four-laning approximately 2.5 km of Highway 1 starting at the Chase Creek Road, near the eastern limit of Neskonlith IR #2, continuing to the west boundary of Chase. This project has been announced at a budget of \$47 million and will include frontage roads and a single grade separated interchange. Design is underway with tender in 2017 and construction completion in 2019.

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### 1.3 CHASE TO JADE MOUNTAIN

This project involves four laning 3.2 km of Highway 1 starting near Shuswap Ave West, continuing through Chase. The project will include access improvements and a new bridge at Chase Creek. Planning is complete and preliminary design is underway with tender in 2021 and construction completion in 2023/2024.



## **2.0 EARLY ENGAGEMENT**

Early engagement regarding the three Chase area projects began in 2015, particularly around the need for and benefits of highway capacity and access improvements and frontage road and pedestrian connectivity. It also involved communicating about upcoming engagement opportunities and required field work.

During early engagement, meetings were held with representatives of the Neskonlith Indian Band and the Village of Chase, as well as affected land owners.



### 3.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: MAY 31 – JUNE 12, 2016

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#### 3.1 PURPOSE OF ENGAGEMENT TOPICS

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure conducted public engagement between May 31 and June 12, 2016 to provide information about the project and collect feedback from First Nations, stakeholders and the public regarding the three Chase projects as follows.

- Importance of considerations for all three Chase-area projects:
  - Improving safety and traffic flow
  - Improving access and connectivity with the local road network
  - Supporting the efficient movement of goods
  - Improving business access to the highway
  - Providing access for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the highway
  - Supporting adjacent land uses
  - Minimizing effects to residents and businesses
  - Providing opportunities for development
  - Soliciting level of agreement with the Hoffman's Bluff to Chase Creek conceptual layout
  - Soliciting level of agreement with three proposed options for the Chase Creek Road to Chase preliminary design drawings, as follows:
    - Option 1 – Shuswap Chase Creek Road Interchange
    - Option 2 – Interchange near Planters Road
    - Option 3 – At-Grade Protected -T Intersections



- Soliciting level of support for the Chase to Jade Mountain conceptual layout, including:
  - Coburn Street Intersection Option
  - Coburn Street Grade Separated Option
  - Matthey's Road Intersection

Engagement materials, including an online feedback form and open house display boards were posted online on May 31, 2016.

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## 3.2 ENGAGEMENT PARTICIPATION

There were a total of 263 participant interactions during the Chase Area projects spring 2016 public engagement period:

- 218 people attended the public open house
- 45 completed feedback forms were received

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## 3.3 NOTIFICATION

Notification of opportunities to participate in engagement included:

- Newspaper Advertising: An advertisement appeared in the May 24 and May 27 editions of the Kamloops This Week and the May 27 editions of the Shuswap Market News and Chase Sunflower.
- News Release: A news release inviting the public to attend the May 31 open house was sent out to the media on May 24, 2016.
- Social Media: Four tweets were sent from TranBC to promote the May 31 open house. The Village of Chase helped promote the open house by mentioning it on Facebook.
- Signage: The open house was advertised on the sign at the Chase Community Hall.
- Engagement Website: All engagement materials were available on the project website on May 31, 2016.





## **3.4 ENGAGEMENT METHODS**

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### **3.4.1 ENGAGEMENT MATERIALS AND FEEDBACK FORM**

Engagement materials provided information about the need for and benefits of the three Chase area projects. These materials included:

- Overview of the Highway 1 Kamloops to Alberta Four-Laning Program
- Plan view maps for design options

This material was provided to participants at the open house and online. A feedback form was also provided at the public open house and online.

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### **3.4.2 ONLINE ENGAGEMENT**

All public engagement materials were available on the project website (<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/projects/highway1-kamloops-alberta/highway1-kamloops-alberta-public-consultation#Pritchard>), including electronic copies of the open house display boards, detailed information related to the three Chase projects, and an online feedback form that could be submitted electronically. Of the 45 feedback forms received, 16 were submitted online.

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### **3.4.3 OPEN HOUSE**

218 people attended the public open house held on May 31, 2016. Engagement materials and feedback forms were provided to attendees at the open house and display boards summarizing the engagement materials were set up around the room. Participants were encouraged to either complete their feedback forms at the open house in hardcopy or to submit their feedback online later in the engagement period. Project team members circulated and engaged attendees in one-on-one and small group discussions.



## 4.0 ENGAGEMENT RESULTS

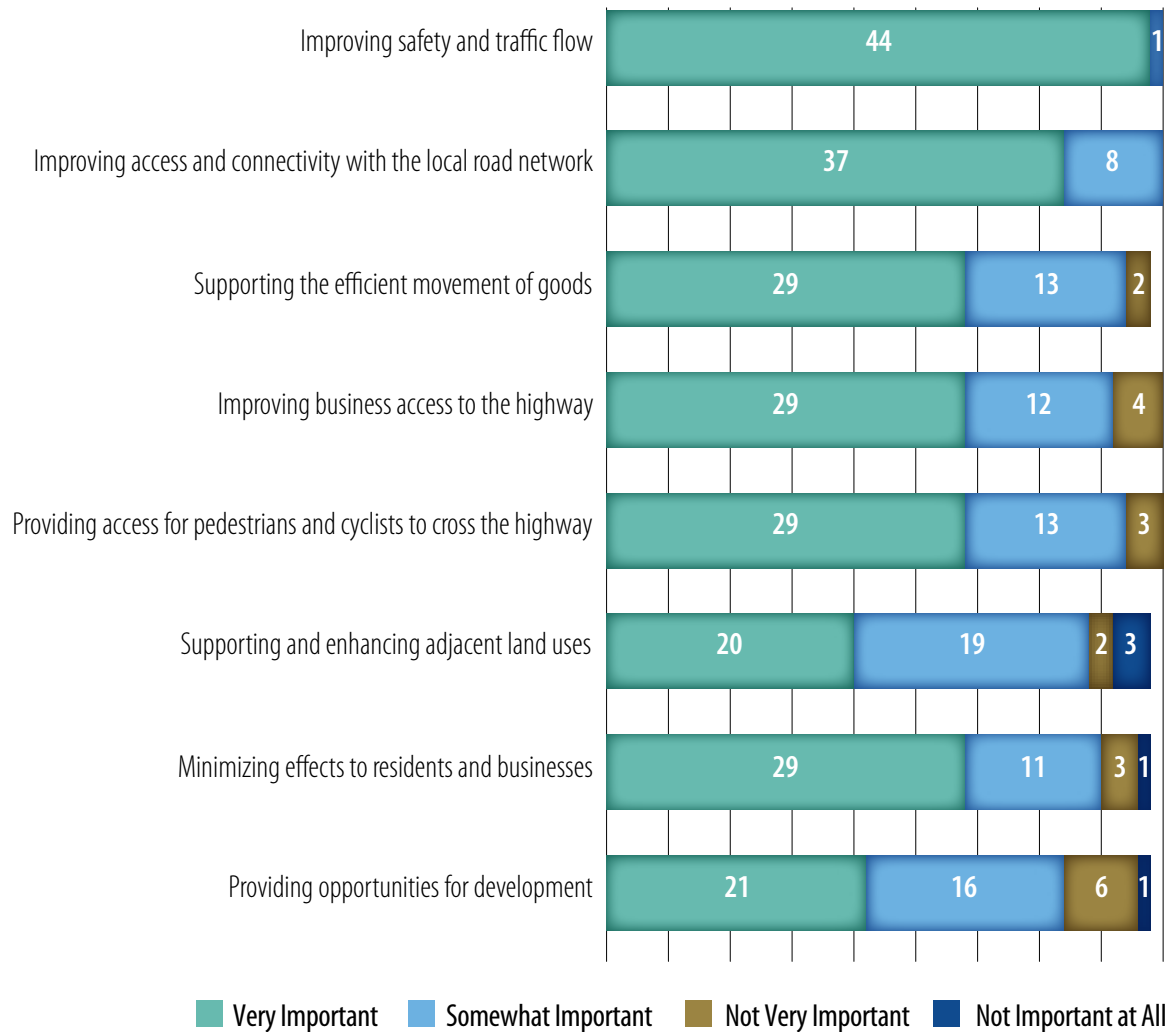
### Chase Area: Highway 1 Kamloops to Alberta Four-Laning Program – Feedback Form

#### 4.1 FEEDBACK FORMS

The following are results from the **45** feedback forms received at the open house, online and by mail.

Some totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

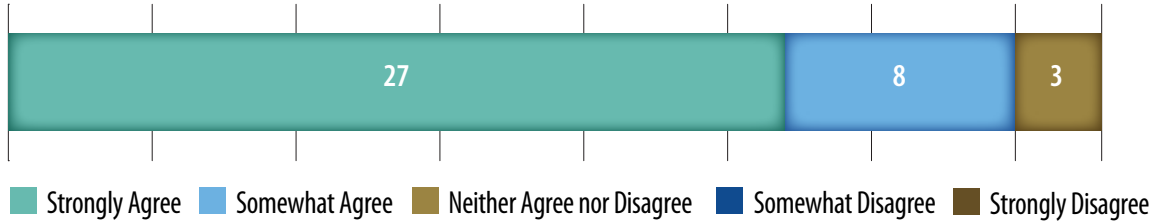
#### Q1. How important are each of the following considerations to you as the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure designs the Trans-Canada Highway improvements in the Chase area?





## Q2. Hoffman’s Conceptual Layout

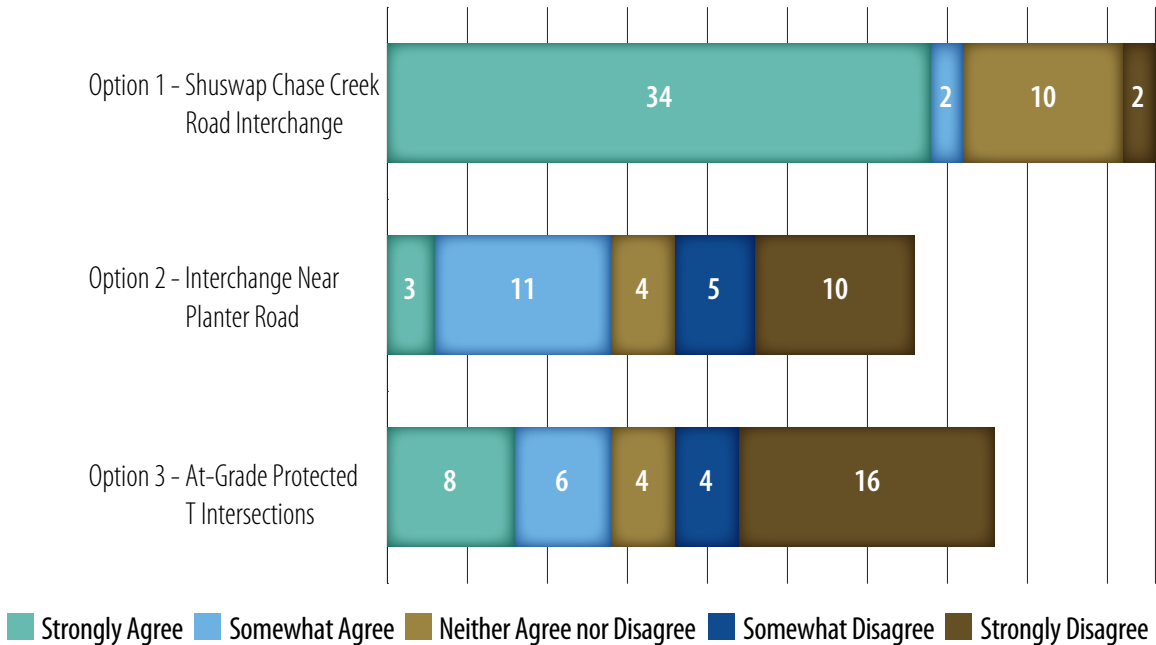
Please indicate your level of agreement with the Hoffman’s Bluff to Chase Creek Road Project conceptual layout.



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## Q3. Chase Road to Chase Project

Please indicate your level of agreement with the Chase Creek Road to Chase Project options presented.

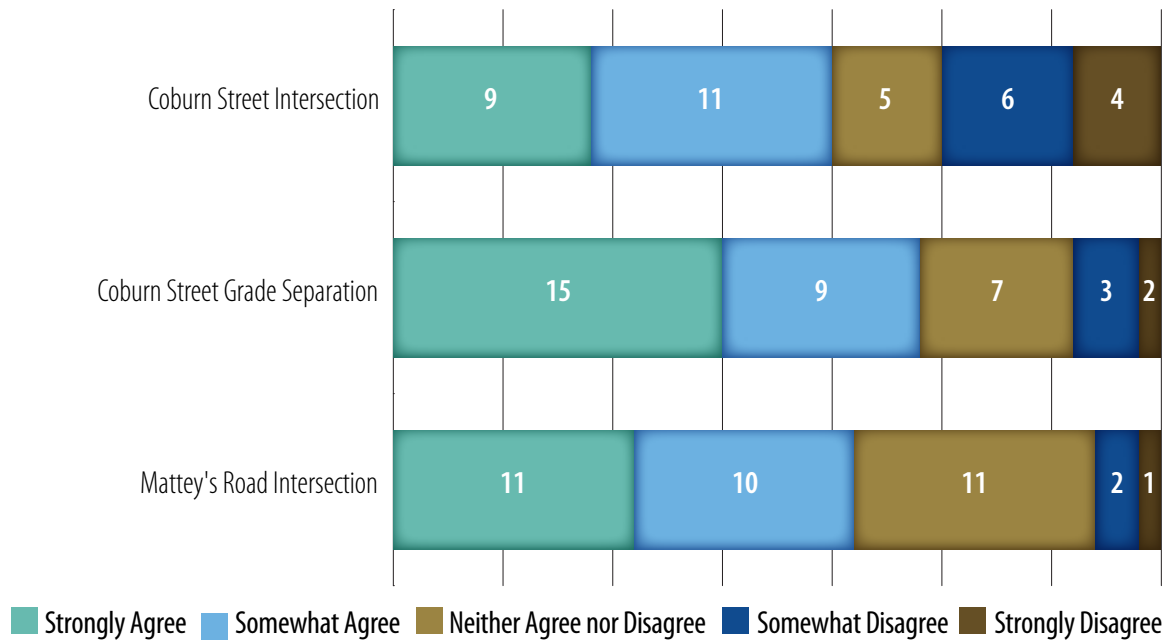




## Q4. Chase to Jade Mountain

Please indicate your level of support for the options presented for:

- Coburn Street intersection
- Coburn Street grade separation
- Matthey's Road intersection





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**Q5. Additional Comments**

<b>Key Themes</b>	<b># of mentions</b>
Participants generally supported the improvements to the intersections.	6
Participants commented that there are too many consultations/studies and that progress is too slow and the highway should just be built asap.	5
Participants commented that the consultations were good and the open house presentation was clear.	3
Participants commented that the businesses of Chase need to be considered when designing the entrance and exits to the village; easy access to businesses needed.	1
Participants commented that the Chase to Jade Mountain layout at Coburn needs more public input.	1
Participants commented that the improvements need to ensure there is no decrease in safety for pedestrians and cyclists.	1
Participants commented that a pedestrian underpass is needed near where the existing culvert goes under the highway near Safety Mart.	1
Participants commented that they would like jobs procured locally.	1
Participants commented that they don't want the highway.	1
Participants said they want a wildlife undercrossing and/or fencing.	1



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