



FAQs

Q: Can I walk or cycle through the underpass?

A: Yes, the underpass will be open to pedestrians, cyclists as well as vehicular traffic, with sidewalks on the east and west side.

Q: Can trucks, busses and emergency vehicles pass through the underpass?

A: Yes, the height of the underpass will allow unimpeded passage for larger vehicles. It will be designed with maximum clearance as to accommodate a WB-20 design vehicle as well as all emergency vehicles (at a 30 km/h design speed).

Q: What is the projected frequency of trains? Will it increase or decrease?

A: Train frequency may increase independently of this project. In 2015, there were 26 trains per day. In 2017 there were 32 trains per day.

Q: Will my taxes go up?

A: No. The debt servicing cost on the \$5.185 M debenture is \$316,385.00 but due to the retirement of Shaw Centre debenture debt there will be no increase in taxes.

Q: How will the decision be made about who will construct the underpass and for how much?

A: The traditional Design, Tender, Build procurement methodology will be utilized. It is not known if any local contractors will bid or be successful.

Q: When will construction commence and how long will it take?

A: The tender and award process and the start of the construction is scheduled to take place October 2018 to July 2019 with construction forecast to be completed in the summer of 2020.

Q: Will there be disruption to the public?

A: Yes, though every attempt to minimize disruption to the public will be made during construction.

Q: What alternatives have been reviewed?

A: Many alternatives have been reviewed over the years, including: 5 Street SW, 6 Street NE overpass (1987), 10 Avenue NE, 10 Street SW, Shuswap Street, 4 Street NE, 4 Street overpass (2009).

Q: Will the Marine Park crossing change?

A: Yes, this crossing will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians during and after project completion and possibly for periods during construction to facilitate the rail works

Upon completion of the works a new three way stop will be implemented at the intersection of Lakeshore Drive and 4 Street NE. Signalization at this intersection is a possibility in the future.

Q: Will the Narcisse Street crossing change?

A: Yes, traffic modifications to possibly include pre-emption signalization and restriction of commercial traffic and boat trailers.

Q: Will there be any new traffic lights?

A: No, there will be a four way stop at the intersections of Lakeshore Rd and Ross Street.

Q: Where will the staging area (temporary working area where vehicles, equipment and materials will be located during construction) be?

A: Primary staging will access Lots 8 & 9, located west of the underpass and currently under lease by the City of Salmon Arm.

Q: Will CP Rail be contributing to the project and, if so, how much?

A: Yes, CP will be contributing a \$1million grant to the project.

Q: Will the CP Rail Station stay where it is?

A: Yes.

Q: What does the 20% contingency represent?

A: This allows for unforeseen events or circumstances. The contingency may be reduced with the completion of the 100% construction drawings.

Q: Will there be changes to the on-street parking located on Ross Street and Harbourfront Drive?

A: Yes, there will be no parking on Ross Street north of the underpass (on the east and west sides) and no parking on the north side of Harbourfront Drive. This is to allow for the best movement of boat trailers, commercial vehicles, etc.

Q: What will the train alignment be during the construction?

A: Alignment will be a 2 track Shoefly Diversion (off set alignment), north of the existing tracks.

Q: Will this area be susceptible to flooding?

A: There will be major improvements to the storm water system, including a storm water electrical pump. Nevertheless, there may at times be some water present. Dewatering will be a challenge during construction.

Q: How will I get my boat and trailer to the Marina?

A: Trailer traffic will proceed through the underpass and turn right on Harbourfront Drive and proceed to the boat launch and parking area.

Q: What clearance will there be in the underpass?

Vertical clearance will be 5.1 m. It will be designed with maximum clearance as to accommodate a WB-20 design vehicle as well as all emergency vehicles (at a 30 km/h design speed).

Q: Will Lakeshore Road or Ross Street NE be closed to vehicular or pedestrian traffic during construction?

A: Lakeshore Road will be closed and a portion of Ross Street (up to the Ross Street parking lot entrance and north of the underpass) will be closed during construction.

Q: Can I still park in the Ross Street Parking Lot during construction?

A: Yes.

Q: What grants has / will the City applied for?

A: Gas Tax - \$3,400,000

2017 Strategic Priorities Fund – \$6,000,000

Transportation Trade Network Funding

Transport Canada Rail Safety Improvement Program - \$425,000

National Trade Corridors Fund – TBD