



## News Release

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### City of Langley to Receive Funding for Upgrades to the 203<sup>rd</sup> Street Corridor Project approved under Canada's Small Communities Fund

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Langley, British Columbia

Residents of the City of Langley will benefit from upgrades to the 203<sup>rd</sup> Street Corridor thanks to joint funding from the governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Small Communities Fund.

The City of Langley will use the funding to upgrade the 203<sup>rd</sup> Street Nicomekl Bridge and to construct a roundabout at the intersection of 203<sup>rd</sup> Street and 53 Avenue. The bridge will be widened by approximately 1.65 meters on both sides and new bridge supports will be installed within the Nicomekl River floodplain. Directional bike lanes and a multi-use path will also be added on both sides of 203<sup>rd</sup> Street. These upgrades will improve traffic flow and make it safer for commuters, pedestrians, cyclists and those using other forms of active transportation.

The project announced today is among 55 recently approved in British Columbia that will collectively receive more than \$128 million in joint federal-provincial funding under the Small Communities Fund. These projects represent important investments in municipal infrastructure that maintain safe, healthy communities. Once complete, the work will significantly improve key municipal services for residents and help boost regional development.

Through the Small Communities Fund, the governments of Canada and British Columbia are working in partnership to provide funding for priority public infrastructure projects that deliver on local needs in communities across the province that have fewer than 100,000 residents. These investments support job creation and economic growth, thus sustaining a high quality of life in small communities across British Columbia for years to come.

### Quick Facts

- The Government of Canada will provide up to \$1,445,333 through the Small Communities Fund for the project.
- The Province of British Columbia will contribute up to \$1,445,333 to this project.
- The City of Langley will be responsible for all remaining costs of the project.
- The total estimated cost of the project is \$4,336,000.
- The 55 projects approved for funding in British Columbia under the Small Communities Fund so far include 24 drinking water projects, 22 wastewater projects, four major roads projects, two disaster mitigation projects, two brownfield remediation projects and one solid waste management project.

### Quotes

"We are proud to invest in projects like the upgrade to the 203<sup>rd</sup> Street corridor that will benefit the City of Langley by improving much needed local infrastructure. Our Government's commitment to municipalities, big and small, has never been stronger. Through the New Building Canada Plan Small Communities Fund we are investing in priority infrastructure projects that have a strong impact on the quality of life of British Columbia's residents while helping job creation and economic growth."

*Mark Warawa*

*Member of Parliament for Langley*

*On behalf of the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec*

“This project is a great example of a partnership between the federal, provincial and local governments and how improving infrastructure in communities across British Columbia continues to be a priority for this government. We are pleased to support much-needed road upgrades to this busy traffic corridor in Langley which will see structural improvements to a bridge and the installation of a roundabout to relieve traffic congestion. Once complete, this project will make the area safer and more user-friendly to motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.”

*Mary Polak*  
*British Columbia MLA for Langley*

“Today’s announcement will improve accessibility to the downtown core, enhance community livability, increase public safety, and ensure that the City of Langley remains one of the best places to live. The City of Langley is pleased to announce a \$4.3 million project to upgrade 203rd Street from the Nicomekl River Bridge to 53rd Avenue, in partnership with the Government of Canada and the Province of BC. The project represents continued strength and collaboration between local, provincial and federal governments.”

*Ted Schaffer*  
*Mayor, City of Langley*

## **Associated Links**

To learn more about the Small Communities Fund, please visit <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/sc-cp-eng.html>.

For additional information on the New Building Canada Plan, visit <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/nbcp-npcc-eng.html>.

To learn more about the Government of Canada's focus on jobs and the economy consult Canada's Economic Action Plan at <http://www.budget.gc.ca/2015/home-accueil-eng.html>.

Learn more about the Small Communities Fund at work in British Columbia:  
[www.gov.bc.ca/smallcommunitiesfund](http://www.gov.bc.ca/smallcommunitiesfund).

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