

Welcome

Commonwealth Road – Jim Bailey Road Connection Open House

The City of Kelowna recognizes the proposed project is on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the syilx/Okanagan people. We would like to express our gratitude for the collaboration and sharing of knowledge.



Commonwealth Road Preliminary Design

Project overview

With the planned connection of Commonwealth Road to Jim Bailey Road, the City is completing a preliminary design to better understand what improvements are needed.

Study area

Commonwealth Road from the west edge of Middle Vernon Creek to east of Jim Bailey Road, including the proposed intersection.

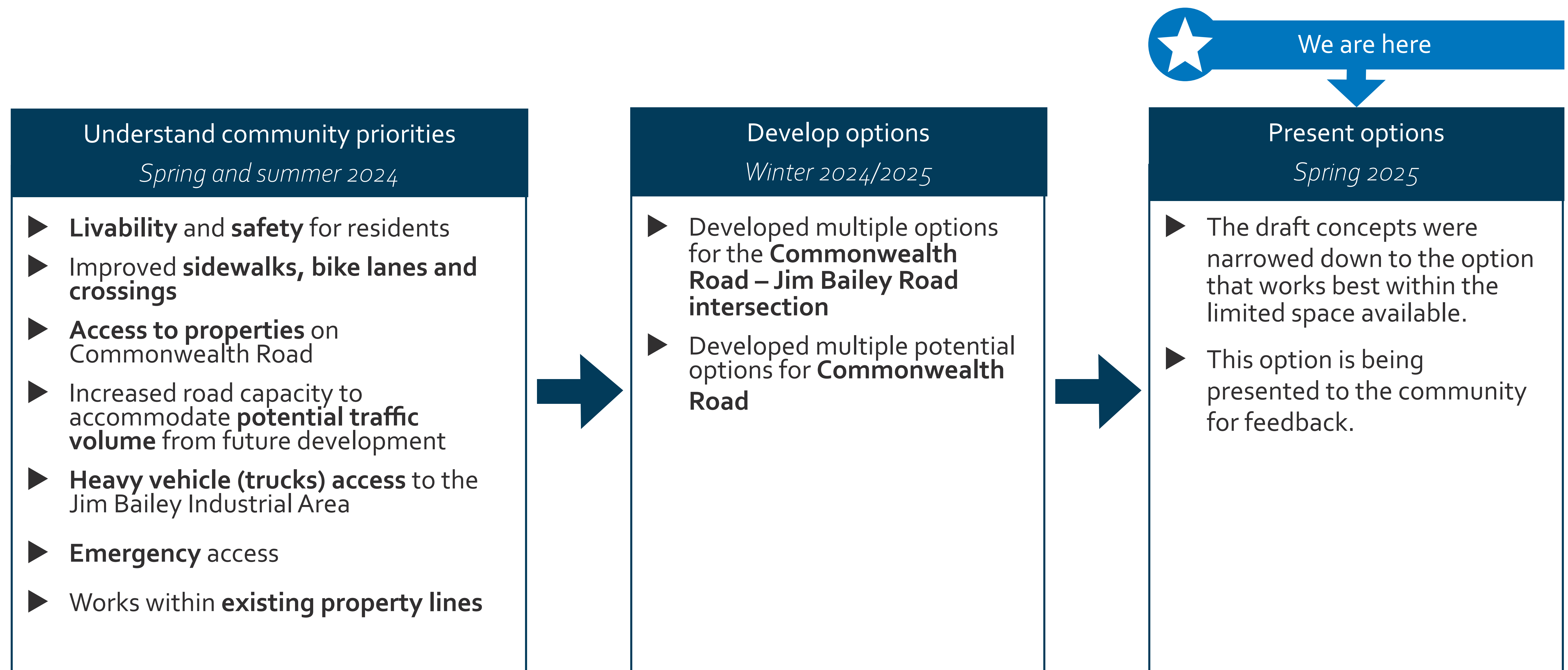


Project benefits

- ▶ Having a second road to access the area will improve emergency access and reduce congestion on Beaver Lake Rd
- ▶ New sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian crossings and street trees on Commonwealth Road
- ▶ Water and sewer services to existing and future properties along Commonwealth
- ▶ Enable development opportunities in the area

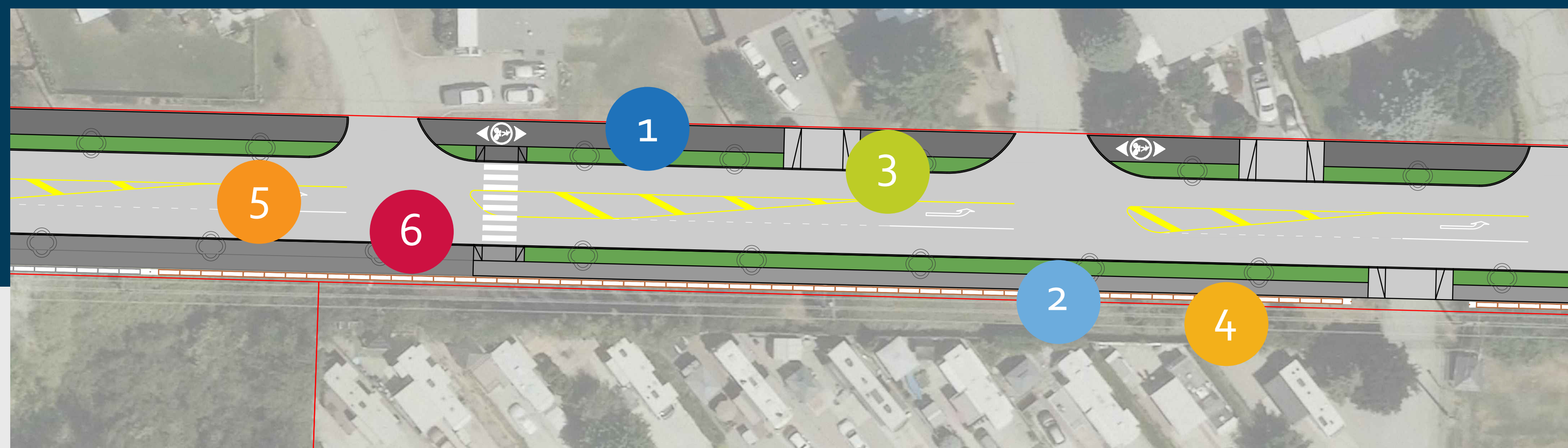
Concept development process

The preliminary design for Commonwealth Road has been developed based on input from community members in 2024, traffic volumes, future development projections, and to fit within the existing property lines.



Commonwealth Road

Preliminary design



Features

- 1 Multi-use path on the north side of the road for walking and biking
- 2 Sidewalk on the south side of the road
- 3 A treed boulevard with streetlights separates the multi-use path and sidewalk from traffic
- 4 Noise wall on the south side where it will reduce traffic noise for residents
- 5 Left-turn lanes at property access roads where possible
- 6 Pedestrian and cyclist crossing

Why this concept?

- ▶ Fits within the City's property lines
- ▶ The multi-use path on the north side is easy for Meadowbrook Estate residents to access, and connects to the Rail Trail and a future pedestrian and cyclist crossing over Middle Vernon Creek
- ▶ Separating the multi-use path from the road increases safety for cyclists and pedestrians
- ▶ The narrow roadway accommodates trucks while encouraging slower traffic speeds
- ▶ Inclusion of trees and noise protection

Commonwealth Road – Jim Bailey Road Intersection

What do you like about this design?	What do you think should be improved?
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Preliminary design



Features

- 1 Traffic signal
- 2 Safe pedestrian and cyclist crossings are aligned with the Rail Trail
- 3 Noise wall
- 4 Sidewalk
- 5 Multi-use path
- 6 Ability to add a road to the south of the intersection in the future

Why this concept?

- ▶ Accommodates projected traffic volumes in the future
- ▶ Boulevards and crossings make it safer and more comfortable to walk or bike
- ▶ Supports development within OKIB and Jim Bailey industrial lands

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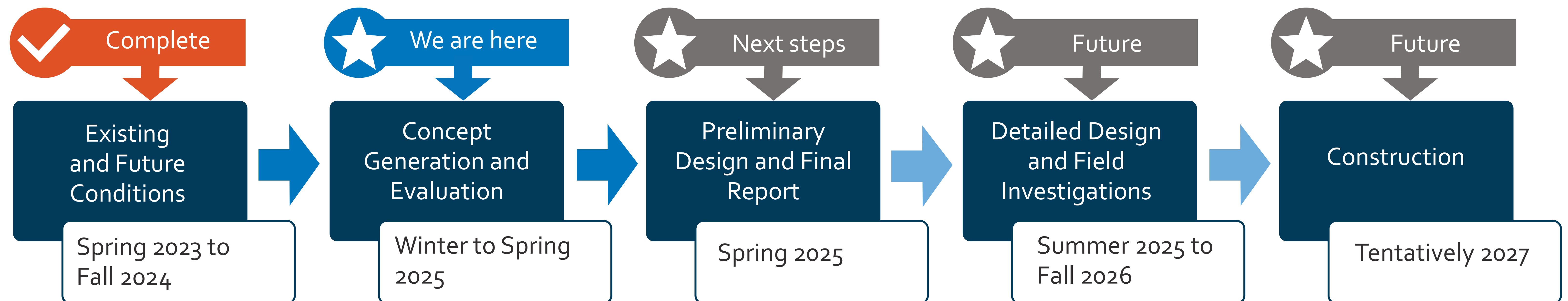
Next Steps

Stay tuned for project updates and take the survey:
getinvolved.kelowna.ca/commonwealth-road



Feedback gathered through this open house, the online survey, community meetings and conversations with Locatees will be used to refine and finalize the preliminary design to ensure it meets the needs of OKIB Members, local businesses and residents.

This preliminary design will provide a foundation for the upcoming detailed design phase. It will also inform the Commonwealth Road MOU agreement between Okanagan Indian Band, City of Kelowna, and District of Lake Country.



Community engagement is taking place throughout the design process

Northern Boundary

Memorandum of Understanding

Over the years, staff and councils of **OKIB, District of Lake Country and City of Kelowna** governments have met to discuss several issues related to important health, safety and infrastructure improvements. In 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was announced to document the shared interest and commitment to working together on several shared priorities.

The Commonwealth Road project is one of **nine proposed agreements** that are part of this Memorandum of Understanding. These agreements aim to resolve:

- ▶ Improving **water supply, water quality, wastewater treatment and fire flows** for OKIB lands
- ▶ **Access and services to OKIB lands** on east side of Duck Lake
- ▶ Upgrading and extension of **Commonwealth Road**
- ▶ Issues with **Beaver Lake Road** right of way ownership, capacity and condition
- ▶ **Water supply issues** between Kelowna and Lake Country
- ▶ Short-term and long-term **sewage disposal** for Lake Country
- ▶ **Transfer of Rail Line** corridor into the Reserve
- ▶ **Rail Trail gap** between Kelowna and Lake Country

North Boundary Collaboration MOU Proposed Agreements

