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Sidney, North Saanich, and Victoria Airport Authority form partnership to build Galaran/Beacon Ave West roundabout

SIDNEY, BC— Sidney, North Saanich, and Victoria Airport Authority have agreed upon a Memorandum of Understanding to build a roundabout at the intersection of Beacon Avenue West and Galaran Road. Stirling Avenue will also be realigned to connect to the roundabout. The infrastructure improvement will increase public safety, reduce congestion, and support economic development in the area.

The need for a roundabout in this key traffic corridor was first identified approximately 20 years ago when a gas station was proposed for the corner of Beacon Avenue West and Pat Bay Highway. Since then, concerns about traffic management in this area have increased, including during proposals for Sidney Crossing, Sandown Park, and the Amazon distribution centre.

The estimated cost for the project is \$4.9 million. Project costs will be shared according to a formula agreed upon by all three partners. The Town of Sidney and Victoria Airport Authority will each contribute 40% of project costs, with the District of North Saanich covering the remaining 20%.

“It is exciting to see this much-needed improvement to West Sidney’s transportation infrastructure coming to fruition. Our future looks brighter when we have the infrastructure to support economic growth and the needs of residents in our wider community,” said Mayor McNeil-Smith. “I’m grateful that the Town of Sidney, District of North Saanich, and Victoria Airport Authority have been able to work together to achieve this shared goal.”

“We are pleased to partner with the Town of Sidney and District of North Saanich on this infrastructure improvement project. Victoria Airport Authority recognizes the impact the development on airport lands may have on the road system. This funding partnership and investment will improve traffic flow in the community,” said Victoria Airport Authority President and CEO, Geoff Dickson.

“We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the Town of Sidney and the Victoria Airport Authority on this important transportation infrastructure project,” said Geoff Orr, Mayor of the District of North Saanich. “This efficient roundabout design will benefit Saanich Peninsula residents and local businesses, and improve vehicle, pedestrian, and cyclist safety.”

Detailed designs will be underway shortly. The roundabout and realignment of Stirling Way is expected to be completed in the fall of 2023.

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