

# PROJECT UPDATE

# Eastside Connector Construction

Dear Resident,

Construction will soon begin on the Eastside Connector project. The Eastside Connector will benefit all modes of transportation through safer intersections, improved separation between users, better lighting for all day comfort and safety, and smoother traffic operations on E Grand Boulevard through the introduction of two new coordinated signals at 13th and 15th Streets.

Eastside belongs to a series of projects coordinated between the City and the District of North Vancouver to deliver pedestrian and cycling network improvements approaching the Crosscut Bridge (formerly known as the Casano-Loutet Overpass), scheduled to open in summer 2026. Together, the Eastside Connector, Crosscut Bridge and Kirkstone Park cycling route (DNV) provide a comfortable alternative to Lynn Valley Rd for people walking and rolling between key destinations like Sutherland Secondary School, employment hubs and services in the City, and Lynn Valley Town Centre.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Starting late May, construction will begin along Grand Boulevard between E 19th St and E Keith Rd, and along E 17th St between Grand Boulevard and Loutet Park. Construction will occur in phases to reduce impact on the community. The City is working with the contractor to finalize the construction phasing plan and will update residents along the work corridor with details about work timing, impacts and what to expect in their area in the coming weeks.

The City expects minor construction impacts including temporary parking and driving lane restrictions. Impacts also include the temporary removal of some boulevard plants. No trees will need to be removed.

Throughout construction:

- Access to homes will be maintained
- A traffic management plan will be in place to minimize disruptions and maintain safety
- If there are any direct landscaping impacts in the Boulevard, staff will reach out directly to coordinate repair

Construction is expected to be complete by September 2026, depending on weather conditions and work progress.

## Where Can I Learn More?

For general project details and updates throughout construction, visit the City's project webpage at [cnv.org/EastsideConnector](https://cnv.org/EastsideConnector)

## Have a Specific Question?

Reach out to [eastsideconnector@cnv.org](mailto:eastsideconnector@cnv.org) and the project team will connect with you.



# PROJECT UPDATE

# Eastside Connector Construction

## Mobility Needs in the Grand Boulevard Neighbourhood Have Changed Over the Years

The Green Necklace was completed in Grand Boulevard Park in 2016. Over the following years, a growing number of people started walking on the bike paths, causing conflicts. As a result, in 2020, all of the pathways in the Park were dedicated to people walking, while cyclists were moved to a new bike route on West Grand Blvd to reduce conflicts and make sure everyone has safe space to move.

City data shows a steady increase in cycling volume over recent years, with average daily cyclist traffic around Grand Boulevard exceeding peak demand experienced during COVID-19. The North Shore has also experienced rapid growth in the popularity of e-bikes and other e-mobility devices. As more people rely on faster-moving devices to get around, it's important to provide separate spaces for people walking and rolling. Once open, the Crosscut Bridge will generate even more pedestrian and cyclist activity on the corridor by making it easier and more comfortable to travel between the Lynn Valley Town Centre, Central Lonsdale and beyond.

The Eastside Connector project is designed to meet these changing community needs and improve mobility options to better reflect demand, while maintaining separation of cyclists and pedestrians for everyone's safety, comfort and enjoyment.



## How Will This Project be Funded?

The Eastside Connector works were recently tendered and the project awarded with a construction cost of \$2.7M. The costs include operational, safety and infrastructure upgrades which will benefit all modes of transportation.

The costs can be broken down as follows:

- \$1M for two new traffic signals on E Grand Blvd at 13th and 15th Streets to improve traffic flow for people driving and riding transit on E Grand Blvd – helping to reduce the attraction to short-cut on local streets;
- \$400k for a multi-use path connecting the Crosscut Bridge to the street network through Loutet Park;
- \$800k for lighting on W Grand Blvd and 17th St to improve comfort and visibility for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers at all times throughout the year; and
- \$500k for improvements to cycling infrastructure on W Grand Blvd to formalize the bi-directional bike lane

With generous support from TransLink's Local Government Funding Programs, the City's cost of construction is expected to be approximately 30% of overall costs.

Visit the City's project webpage at [cnv.org/EastsideConnector](https://cnv.org/EastsideConnector) for more information.



For more information contact:  
Infrastructure, Transportation & Parks  
[eastsideconnector@cnv.org](mailto:eastsideconnector@cnv.org) | 604 987 7333  
[cnv.org/EastsideConnector](https://cnv.org/EastsideConnector)