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## REPLACING JOHNSON STREET BRIDGE

The 85-year old Johnson Street Bridge links downtown Victoria to neighbouring communities to the west. The new 130-metre-long bridge will include three vehicle lanes, two on-street bicycle lanes, a separated railway area, a multi-purpose pathway, lowered pedestrian walkway and rail bridge. In addition to the new bridge, the bridge approach alignments will be reconfigured to improve safety for all transportation modes.

The Government of Canada is setting aside up to one third of total eligible costs, to a maximum federal contribution of \$21 million, under the Building Canada Fund – Major Infrastructure Component, to replace the Johnson Street Bridge in Victoria, British Columbia. The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$63 million, of which the City of Victoria will invest \$42 million.

Federal funding is conditional on the project meeting all of the requirements under the Building Canada Fund and the signing of a contribution agreement for the project.

To date, the Government of Canada has committed significant funding to infrastructure projects throughout the province under the Building Canada Fund. Previously announced projects include the Kicking Horse Pass projects, Highway 97 improvements, and Evergreen Transit.