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DVBA Board Applauds Johnson Street Bridge Funding

The Downtown Victoria Business Association applauds the partnership forged today between the Federal Government and the City of Victoria with the announcement of Federal funding for construction of a new Johnson Street Bridge.

"The financial assistance of the Federal Government is essential for our City to proceed immediately with replacement of a critical piece of regional transportation infrastructure", says Scott Hoadley, Chair of the DVBA. "This contribution allows the construction of an important new gateway to our downtown and the incorporation of safer and more attractive linkages for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the bridge. The funds will also ensure that the existing rail linkage will continue into our downtown".

DVBA General Manager, Ken Kelly, says that "we look forward to working with the City to ensure that there will be the minimum of disruption to our downtown businesses and that the essential link between Songhees/Vic West and downtown is maintained throughout the construction period."

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