

7.10 East Richmond/Fraser Lands/Riverport Area Trails

Vision

The trails and greenways will become the critical links that provide access to and through Riverport, (a regional destination recreational/entertainment area), the future Fraser River Port industrial area, and a future waterfront linear park that will link the west and east sides of Highway 99. The key principles will be expanding the quality of design and development in the area ensuring connections to the Hamilton residential area, and balancing the needs of water-based industry, environmentally sensitive areas, agricultural uses, and the recreational access to the waterfront.

Location

Number 5 Road to No.9 Road and south of Westminster Highway .

Key Links and Destinations

Riverport Entertainment Complex, Ironwood Mall, numerous private golf courses, Richmond Tourism Centre, the future Fraser River Port industrial land development, the future waterfront Legacy Lands park, City owned undeveloped 20 acres site, the future No. 7 Road Trail, the future waterfront park and a dyke trail north of Williams Road end, the designated bike lane on Westminster Highway, the Hamilton residential area to the east, and the South Dyke trail system to the west.

Other City and External Plans

This is a unique complex area that will be undergoing change in the future. The Fraser River Port Authority is developing their 600 acres with a deep sea port facility and large upland industrial sites; the City owned lands in the Riverport area are presently not programmed and developed; the recreational potential and attributes of the waterfront have yet to be realized; and Lafarge Concrete Ltd. has expanded their operations and will remain a major presence on the waterfront. Ecowaste Industries have shown interest in redevelopment but there are no definitive plans at this point. These are large parcels of land that have for many years created a block to providing a continuous trail system through the area, specifically along the waterfront.

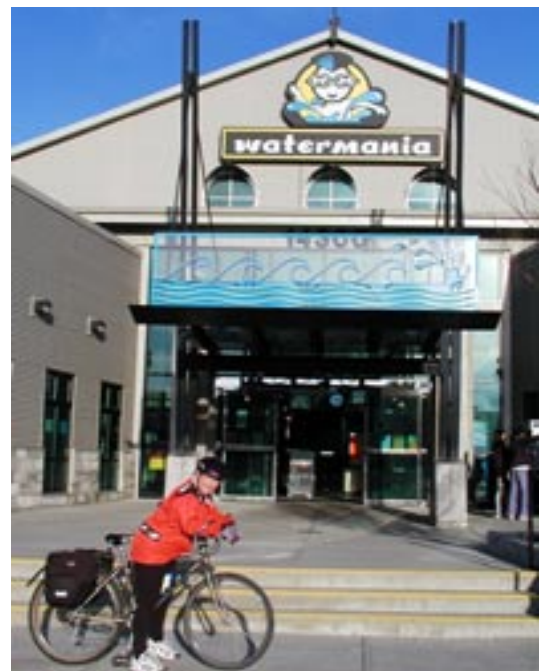
The City is presently working with the Fraser River Port Authority in developing road and servicing agreements. Blundell Road will have a designated bike lane. In addition the City produced a working document, “*Open Space Amenity Guidelines Fraser Lands Port Amenity Zone*”, to use for discussion with the Port about the trails and park needs for the area. Nelson Road is being upgraded in two phases. The second phase will allow for pedestrian trails. The GVRD Parks Department is working with the City on the concept of an aqua ferry at the end of No.5 Road to connect Ladner and Richmond. Translink operates a shuttle bus service through the tunnel for cyclists and pedestrians.



No. 7 Road Canal



Waterfront east of No. 7 Road



Entertainment Centre / Watermania



Canal and bridge at BC Ferries maintenance yard (No. 5 Road pump station)



No. 5 Road ditch in-fill



South Dyke at No. 5 Road

Recommendations

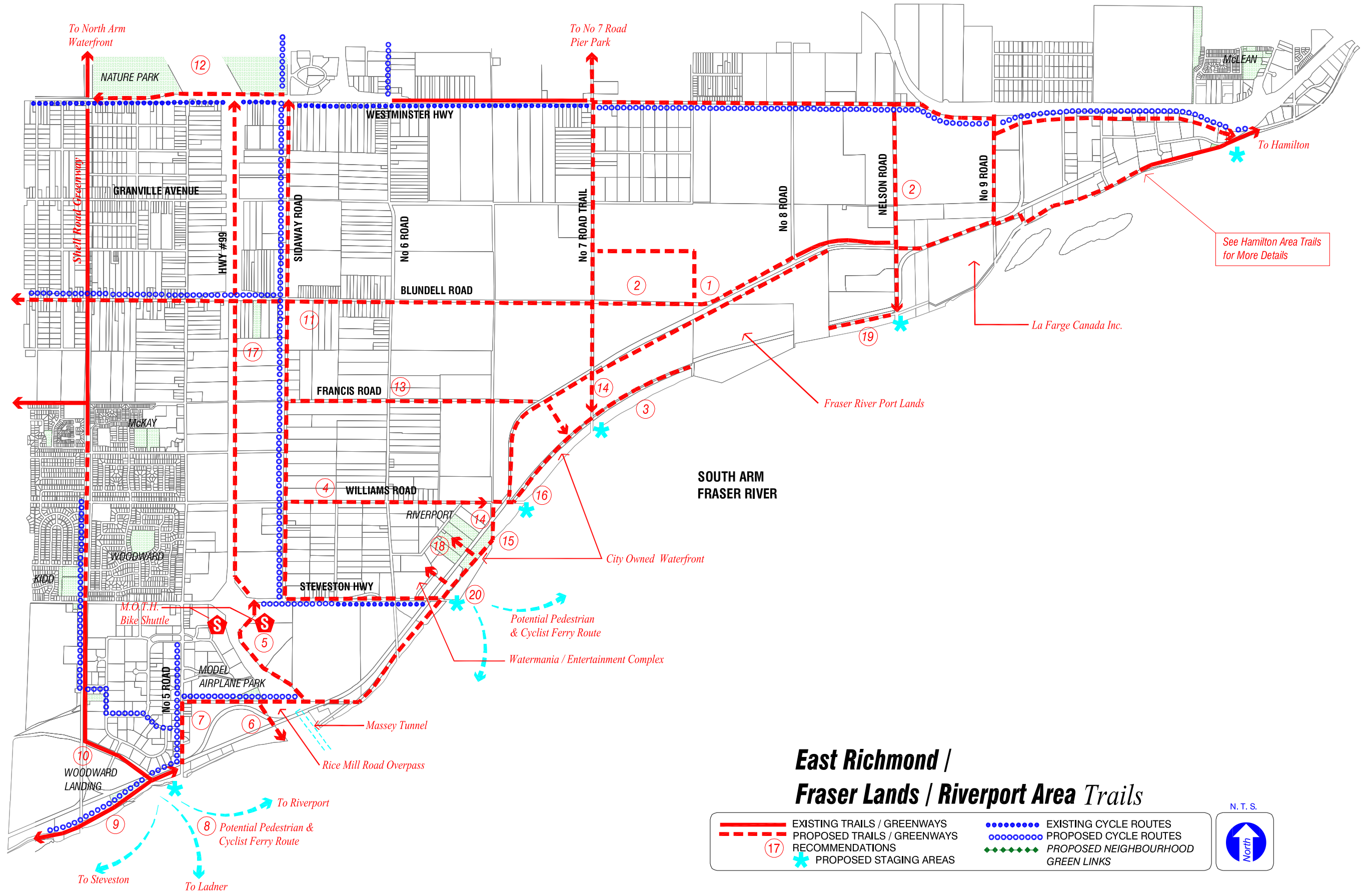
Short Term

1. Continue working with the Fraser River Port Authority on the trail and open space plan for the Fraser Port lands.
2. Work with Transportation Planning and Engineering to design Nelson Road and Blundell Road to include attractive and safe pedestrian trails.
3. Begin the design process for the waterfront public lands east of the south end of No. 7 Road Canal. Design a series of boardwalks and lookouts as per the Open Space Amenity Guidelines Fraser Port Amenity Zone 2002.
4. Develop a trail along the Williams Road undeveloped r.o.w. between Sidaway Road and Triangle Road.
5. Negotiate with Transportation Planning and Ministry of Transportation and Highways to allow cycling access from Rice Mill Road through their property to Steveston Highway, thereby, passing the Steveston Highway interchange.
6. Negotiate with Crown Provincial BC Ferry Corp to allow public access along the City canal from Rice Mill Road to the waterfront.
7. Construct a trail on the east side of No. 5 Road connecting Dyke Road to Rice Mill Road.
8. Continue working with the GVRD to review the potential of a pedestrian and cyclist ferry service Ladner.
9. Upgrade the City owned waterfront lands with trail amenities, and formalize the trail and parking in front of Woodward's Landing.

Ongoing / Long Term

10. Ensure that trail development is part of any proposed road development along the Shell Road r.o.w.
11. Work with Transportation Planning to review Sidaway Road, a designated cycling route, and determine if there is potential for pedestrian pathways.
12. Construct a cycling/pedestrian trail along the north side of Highway 91 to connect to the Nature Park.
13. If development of the larger parcels of land such as Ecowaste Industries occur in the future consider utilizing the existing road r.o.w.'s such as Francis Road and Granville Avenue for trail access.
14. Negotiate access across the CNR rail corridor to connect trails along the future waterfront Legacy Lands park to the future trail system in the Fraser Port Lands.
15. Prepare a plan and construct a park on the city owned waterfront Legacy Lands. Coordinate the design with the adjacent potential residential waterfront development at Steveston Hwy.
16. Construct a staging area and pier at the end of Williams Road.

17. Negotiate with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways for a trail in their right-of-way on the east side on Hwy. 99.
18. Ensure that there are trail connections to the waterfront when the City owned lands and privately held uplands are redeveloped.
19. Create a staging area at the end of Nelson Road and develop the waterfront area as appropriate, with boardwalks and lookout decks.
20. Construct a pier at the end of Steveston Hwy. Also a potential pedestrian and cyclist ferry stop in the future.



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