

7.7 No.7 Road Trail

Vision

The No.7 Road Greenway will form an important north-south route in East Richmond connecting the South Arm to the North Arm of the Fraser River and to destinations such as the No.7 Road Pier/Park and the developing Fraser Port Industrial lands. Key principles are that the No.7 Road right-of-way will form an integral part of a network of trails and cycling routes within the Fraser Port lands to ensure recreational opportunities for the Hamilton residents, the local employees, and other visitors; and that the industrial needs of the Port and the agricultural land owners will be respected.

Description

No. 7 Road is a narrow developed rural road from River Road to south of Westminster Highway with an overpass at Highway 91 and a signalled intersection at Westminster Highway. It is a low volume route that travels past agricultural farms and residential homes until it dead ends at the Granville Avenue right-of-way. A major drainage canal dominates the undeveloped No.7 Road r.o.w. with no further public access at this point. Views from the south looking north up the canal are quite spectacular. On the east side of the canal are large trees that have been designated an environmentally sensitive area on private property framing the canal. Major land owners on either side of the canal are Ecowaste Industries and the Fraser River Port Authority. At the south end of the canal the City owns undeveloped waterfront land and the dyke.

Important Links and Destinations

City owned park land at the No. 7 Road Pier Park, Westminster Highway cycling lane, the developing Fraser Port Industrial Park, the future Blundell Road cycling lanes and pedestrian walkways, the City owned waterfront park land and future connections to Riverport.

Other City or External Plans

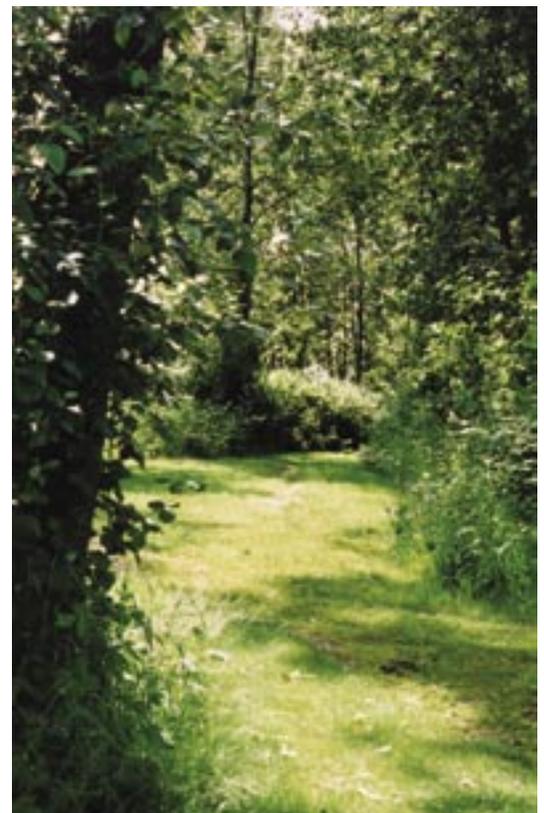
The Fraser River Port Authority is presently working with the City on the servicing agreements to allow for development of 600 acres of Federal lands into an industrial park. This will provide a significant link in the trails system that is presently missing. Ecowaste Industries has expressed different ideas over the years for the future use of their lands. To date nothing definitive has been decided. There are great opportunities to develop the waterfront at the south end of the No.7 Road canal into a park and link this to the Legacy Lands and Riverport area.



North Arm of Fraser River



Westminster Hwy. designated cycling route



No. 7 Road Pier/Park



No 7. Road Canal - Fraser Port



No. 7 Road Pier (former CNR barge loading pier)

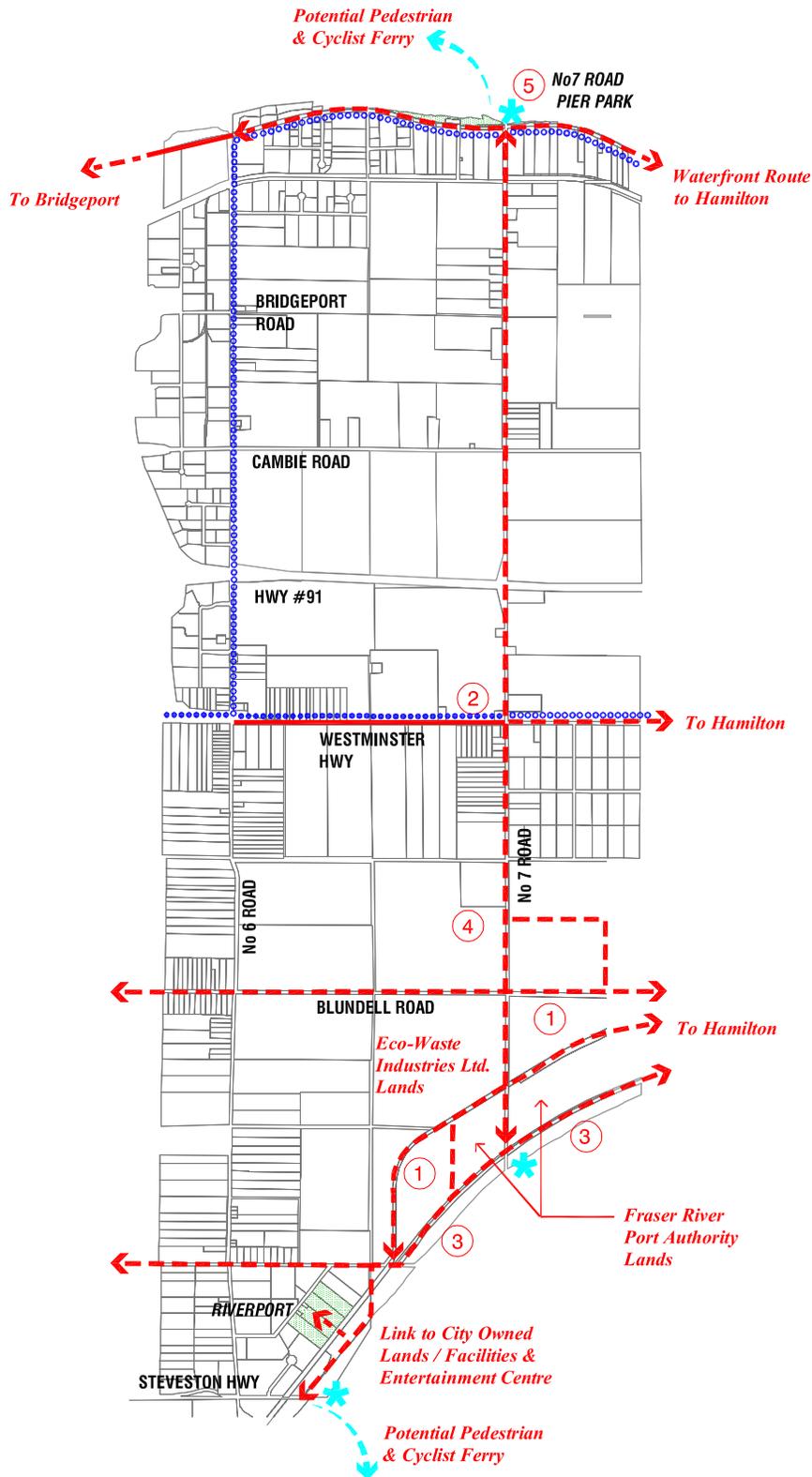
Recommendations

Short Term

1. Continue to work with the Fraser River Port Authority to ensure that trail connections are planned for and constructed that will be part of the city-wide trails network and serve to provide more direct and safe access for residents in the Hamilton area to Riverport and the west side of Richmond. Refer to Fraser Lands Amenity Zone - Open Space Amenity Guidelines prepared by the Parks Department for more details.
2. Provide signage on the designated cycling path at the intersection of No.7 Road and Westminster Hwy. directing people to the No.7 Road Pier/ Park as a destination.
3. Develop park and trail plans for the waterfront land at the south end of No.7 Road.

Ongoing / Long Term

4. Negotiate for trail access along the No.7 Road canal as other major land owners potentially redevelop in the area.
5. As part of the waterfront and blueways program, investigate the potential of a pedestrian and cyclist ferry to Vancouver from the No. 7 Road Pier.
6. Ensure that all waterfront developments and plans are coordinated with the Waterfront Development Strategy.



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