

Oct 9, 2024

Mayor Henderson,

Connect the Coast is an initiative to build All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Active Transportation infrastructure along the Highway 101 corridor from the Langdale Ferry Terminal to West Sechelt.

An overview of the initiative is here: <https://www.transportationchoices.ca/connect-the-coast-trail>

We have successfully collaborated with the SCR D and the Town of Gibsons on a portion of the project, securing federal funding matched by contributions from our municipal partners, BCCC's small grants program and private donors. This has allowed us to continue planning work for our top priority multi-use path (MUP) section along Highway 101 from Reed Road to Gibsons Way, and from North Fletcher Road to Lower Road.

As we continue our work, we would like to collaborate with the DOS and are seeking financial and staff support in order to apply for grants to continue this project within the DOS. The next section we are proposing to work on will connect Field Road to Roberts Creek Provincial campground.

We are seeking input and support from the Sechelt and have the following requests:

- 1. Can the DOS start the budgetary process related to allocating \$75,000 that can be used as matching funds for upcoming grants?** Due to municipal budget and grant timing windows, allocated funds would be used for grant opportunities arising during F2026.
- 2. Can the DOS allocate 40 hours of staff time towards supporting work funded by a successful grant application?**

Funds provided would be applied only to work partially funded by successful grant applications and undertaken in collaboration with the DOS.

As your formal budget discussions are set to begin in late October, we request that this proposal be considered as part of the budget deliberations. We are hopeful that our request aligns with the Council's goals for community collaboration, sustainability, climate resilience and equity.

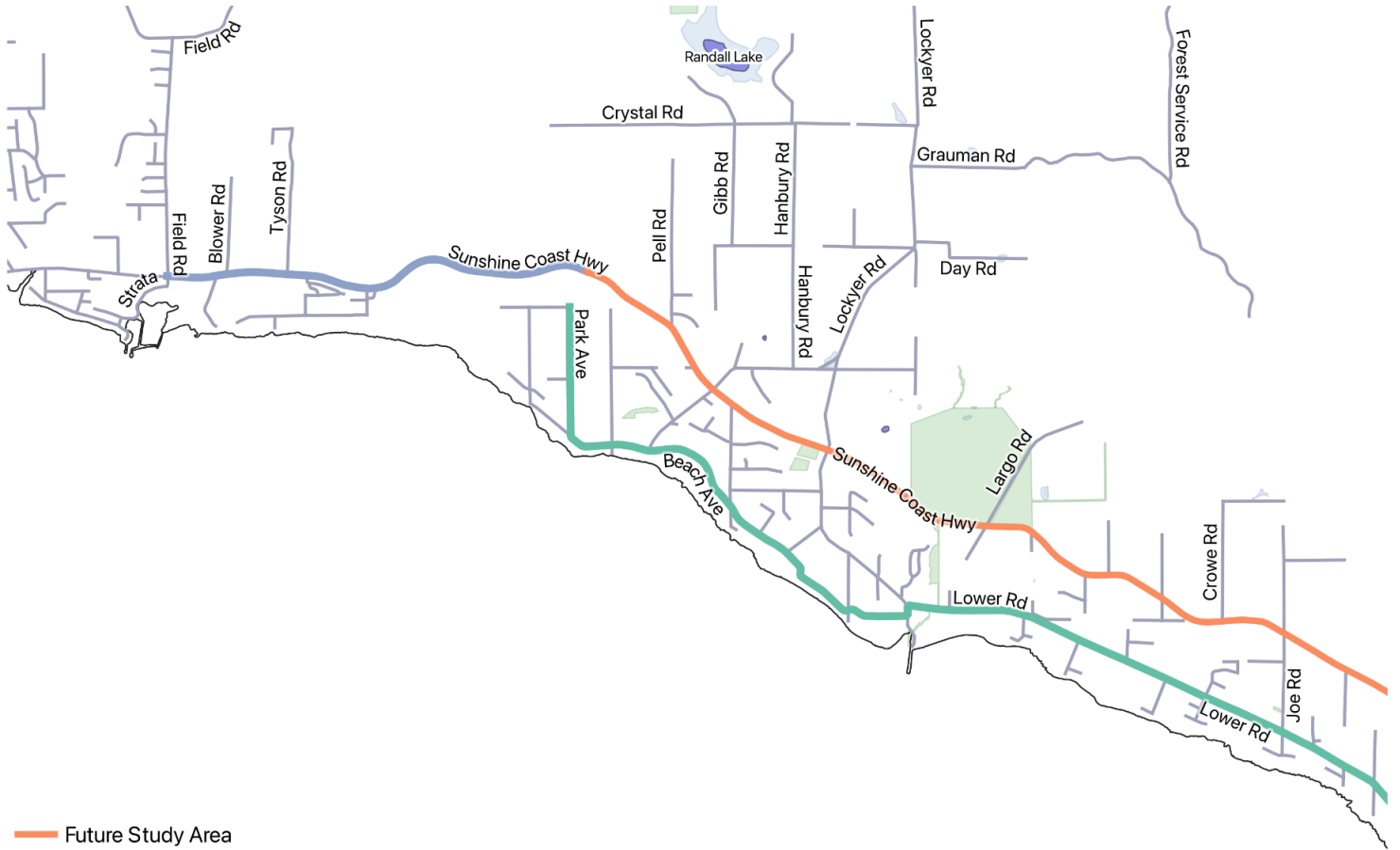
Please find included letters of support from our community, and all levels of government.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important initiative. We look forward to your feedback and are happy to provide any additional information or clarification as needed.

Sincerely

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- Future Study Area
- Study Area
- Existing Alternate Route