

Clement/Hwy 33 Extension Update

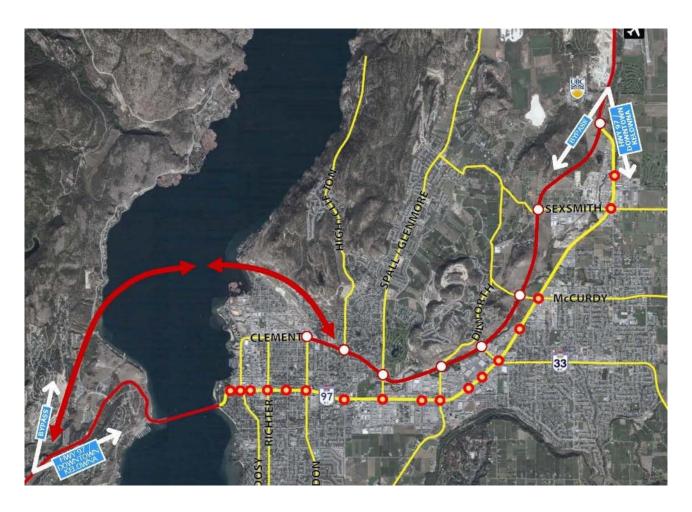
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The Historical Vision

- ▶ North End Connector
- ► Central Okanagan Bypass
- ► Central Okanagan Multimodal Corridor
- ► Highway 33 Extension
- Clement Extension

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► Highway 33 Extension part of a long-term alternative for Harvey

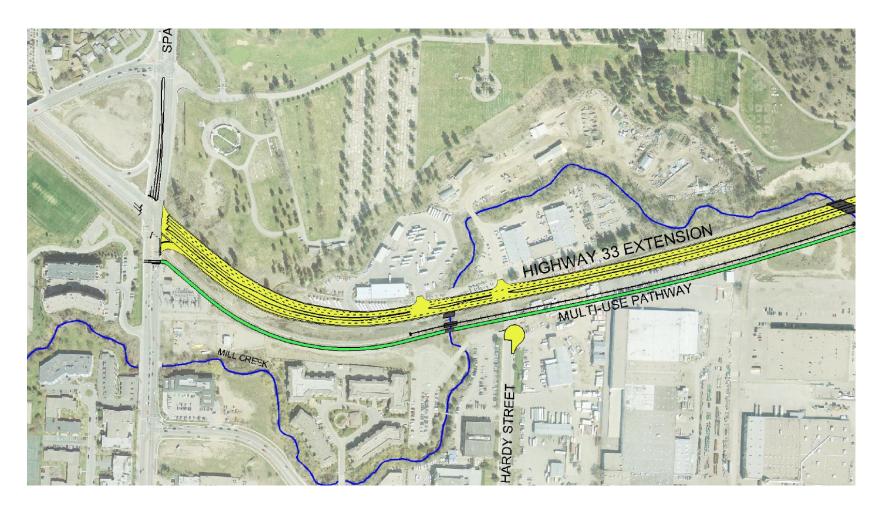
Limited access freeway, leading to a second crossing

Current Capital Plan

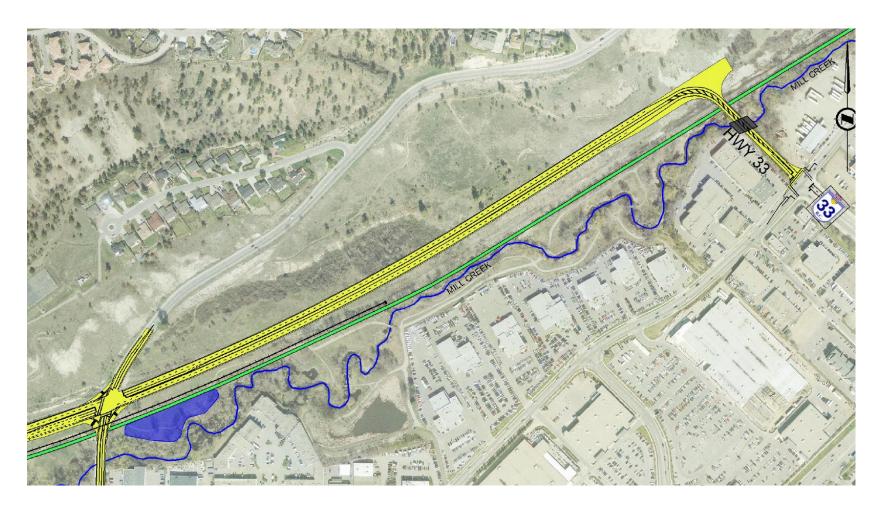
- ► Clement 2 Spall to Hwy 33
 - ► Four lanes
 - ► Traffic lights no interchanges
 - ► Estimated cost \$57M
- ► Clement 3 Hwy 33 to McCurdy
 - ▶ \$1.1M for land acquisition



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Changes Since 2008

- ▶ Rail line inactive
- ► Okanagan Rail Trail built
- ► Transit facility may be relocating

Important Considerations

- ► Future of City Works Yard
 - Current design accommodates both City and transit facilities
- Construction cost escalation
- ► Environmental impacts
- Mill Creek flood mitigation
- Impacts to Rail Trail
- ▶ Noise impacts for nearby residents
- Visual impacts

Interchanges

Roadway capacity is largely determined by intersections

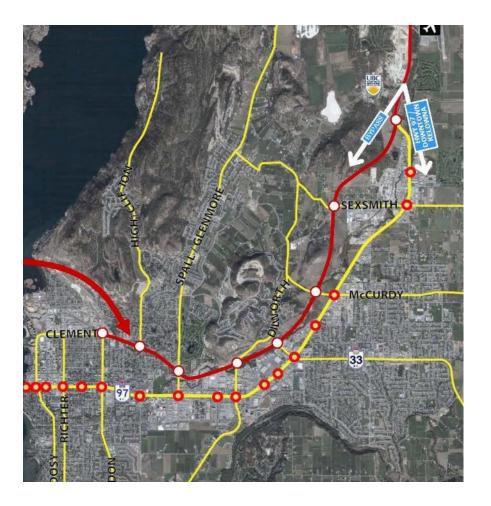
► No interchanges in current design

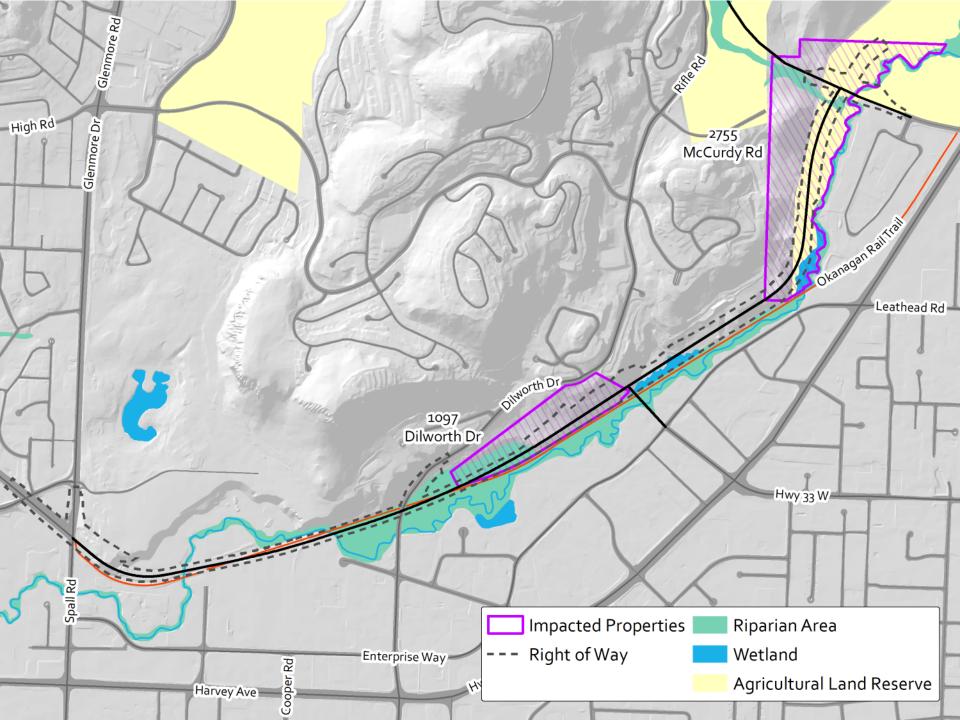
► Interchanges offer high capacity at a high cost (\$40-60M each)

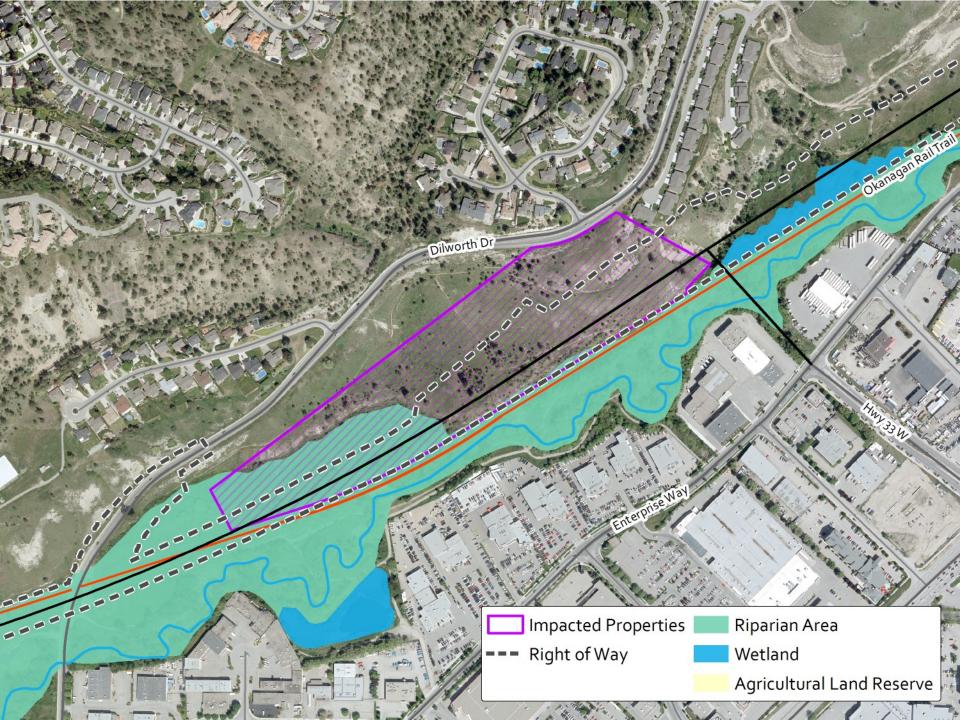
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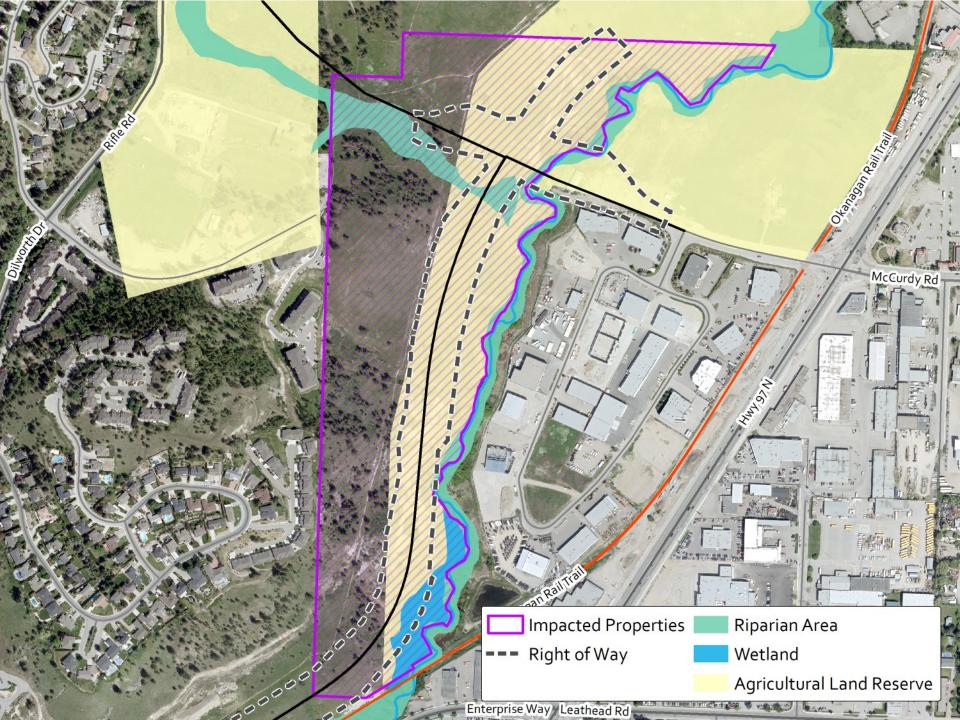
► Historic vision includes seven interchanges

Cost for all interchanges could be in the range of \$250M - \$400M









Modelling Work (2014)

- ► Estimated change in traffic with Hwy 33 Ext
 - > 2030 PM Peak Hour
 - ▶ No interchanges

| Hwy 33 Ext | 2500 |
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| Enterprise | -28% |
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| Harvey | -7% |
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| Springfield | -6% |
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| Overall | +8% |

Modelling Work (2014)

► Roughly 7% reduction on Harvey and Springfield

- ► Half of traffic on Hwy 33 Ext is diverted from other routes
 - Other half is generated or 'induced'
 - ► Traffic volumes in Midtown increase by 8 per cent overall

Challenges for the Historical Vision

Work undertaken by the Ministry to date is pointing towards increasing the people-moving capacity of the existing corridor

► Historical vision tied to a second crossing

The Need for a Bypass

- Only 13% of traffic on the bridge is just passing through Kelowna
- ➤ Slightly more trips destined for Midtown than the City Centre in the afternoon peak
 - ▶ 'The Hourglass' is a destination as well as a bottleneck

Potential for Transit

- ► Land use not supportive for transit
 - ▶ Bounded by Dilworth Mountain on one side
 - ► Far from destinations on the other

► Harvey Avenue has greater potential for mass transit

Hwy 33 Ext may allow for transit priority measures on Harvey Avenue

Shorter Term Options

- Staff will be investigating more incremental options
 - May resemble a city arterial more than a Provincial highway

 Benefits and costs will be evaluated alongside other projects as part of Transportation Master Plan

Summary

- ► Highway 33 Extension is not 'shovel ready'
 - Design parameters have changed
 - Extending to McCurdy may pull more traffic from Harvey
- ▶ Vision of a freeway alternative for Harvey unlikely
 - Relies heavily on a second crossing
 - Prohibitively expensive
- Benefits and costs will be evaluated in Transportation Master Plan
 - Potential to include more incremental options
 - ▶ Trying a find a project that can be delivered within the TMP horizon