

# Memo



DATE	April 15, 2026
TO	Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Association
FROM	City of Victoria
DEPARTMENT	Engineering and Public Works
CC	Councillor Loughton
SUBJECT	<b>Update on Doric Connector – Phase 1</b>

## Background

The Doric Connector is planned as a multi-use pathway linking the Galloping Goose Trail to Maddock Avenue East. This connection has been a long-standing priority for the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood, first identified in the early 1990s. Once completed, the Doric Connector is intended to provide a more pleasant and convenient east-west connection for people walking and cycling in the Burnside-Gorge neighbourhood.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, Council unanimously passed the motion:

1. *That Council directs staff to continue construction of the Doric Connector from Washington Ave to Carroll Street (Phase 1) using the south Statutory Right-of-Way on 3095 Carroll Street with funds from the Local Amenities Reserve up to \$350,000, including contingency.*
2. *That Council directs staff to report back with a timeline to complete Phase 1 and plans to finish Phase 2, including the treatment/markings along Doric Street for the Carroll Street to Balfour Avenue segment of the Doric Connector.*

## Status

Transportation staff have engaged a local engineering consultant, to assist in the pathway design and provide contract administration and inspection support during construction. The design of the pathway is underway, and a site survey of the property has been completed. City staff and the project consultant met with adjacent property owners to minimize potential property impacts while ensuring the pathway is well designed and benefits the community. A location map is provided below for reference.

Design is expected to be completed by early summer. The project will then be tendered for construction, with construction planned for completion by the end of 2026.



Figure 1: Plan view of Doric Connector Phase 1