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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Province Invests in better pedestrian, cyclist infrastructure for the Cariboo

QUESNEL – Residents in the Cariboo will benefit from new and improved pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

The Province's Active Transportation Grants program is helping rebuild British Columbia's economy out of the COVID-19 pandemic and meeting CleanBC climate goals.

"People throughout B.C. have a real appetite for safe, alternative ways of getting around," said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "One way to restart our provincial economy is to work with municipalities and Indigenous communities to support new active transportation projects.

"It has been just a year since our government launched our provincial active transportation strategy, Move, Commute, Connect. The funding we are providing will make it easier for people to connect and interact in their community, address issues of climate change and congestion, and help with people's physical and mental well-being."

The B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants program provides Indigenous governments, municipalities and regional districts with financial support to build new infrastructure and make improvements to existing networks. The program supports goals set out in the Province's CleanBC plan, as well as Move, Commute, Connect, – B.C.'s strategy for cleaner, more active transportation. Together, these programs help British Columbia meet climate action targets that reduce B.C.'s carbon footprint and improve air quality for all residents.

"This is really good news for the community," said Mitch Campsall, mayor, 100 Mile House. "We are so grateful to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in recognizing the importance of this project to improve public safety and connectivity to the core areas of our community. Council and staff can't wait to get started on this project."

A total of $900,000 in Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants have been awarded for the following 2020-21 projects:

- Quesnel is approved to receive $450,000 for the Sagarbaf Multi-Use Pathway that will connect Mitch Campsall Drive near Fawcett Street up to the Sagarbaf dog park area, and the Baker Drive neighborhood.
- 100 Mile House is approved to receive $500,000 for the Cariboo Trail Sidewalk from Horse Lake Road to Ivins Street that will include pavement markings for crosswalks at intersections and additional lighting along the corridor.

The program also supports the development of community network plans for future active