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Fern Crescent Road Project Update

Maple Ridge, BC: The City of Maple Ridge will be seeking community and neighbourhood input as it looks to improve the safety of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians for the section of Fern Crescent from the Eagles Hall, just east of Balsam Street, through to the intersection of 236 Street.

"We will be addressing the safety issues along that stretch of road with the least impact to the tree canopy. We will also be considering the best location for a multi-use pathway, possibly separate from the roadway, to ensure safe passage through the area," said David Pollock, Municipal Engineer.

This section of road was identified for improvements as part of the 2014 Strategic Transportation Plan and Official Community Plan and recently received approval for TransLink funding. The roadway has seen significant increases in traffic volumes as Golden Ears Provincial Park has become the most visited provincial park in BC. Over 600,000 people visit the park annually.

"We appreciate the passion that citizens have for this section of road. It serves as a gateway to Golden Ears Provincial Park and the Horse Hamlet of Silver Valley," said Mr. Pollock. "We will most definitely be consulting the community to ensure that citizens' feedback is taken into account through the design process prior to commencement of any works."

For more information regarding the Fern Crescent project, please contact David Pollock, Municipal Engineer, by email at <u>dpollock@mapleridge.ca</u> or by phone at 604-467-7496.