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New Highway 14 intersection coming to Sooke

SOOKE – The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the District of Sooke are partnering to construct a new roundabout at the intersection of Highway 14 and Brownsey Boulevard.

Construction of the roundabout will be cost-shared between the Government of B.C. and the District of Sooke. Design and engineering plans for the roundabout are underway, with final project details expected in spring 2015. Construction is expected to take place from summer 2015 to fall 2015.

The roundabout will replace the two stop signs currently in place on Brownsey Boulevard in Sooke and provide safer access for motorists and pedestrians with more visible crosswalks and improved lighting.

Roundabouts improve safety and traffic flow by moving vehicles efficiently through busy areas. They also decrease the amount and severity of collisions that occur in conventional signalized intersections. Roundabouts also decrease traffic idling, improving air quality and reducing greenhouse-gas emissions.

Quotes:

Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Todd Stone –

“The ministry understands the importance of the Highway 14 corridor to commuters, residents and tourists. Our partnership with the District of Sooke has allowed us to improve the safety of this key intersection for all drivers, cyclists and pedestrians moving in, through and around the community.

Sooke Mayor Wendal Milne –

“By working together with the Province, we will be undertaking an exciting joint infrastructure project to improve all methods of travel through the Town Centre on Highway 14. The roundabout supports our goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions through reduced vehicle idling and also provides safer pedestrian travel and encourages the use of alternative transportation such as cycling and walking. This project will make a tremendous difference to the health and sustainability of the community.”

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