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Quick Facts:

Groundbreaking Ceremony Celebrates Little River Pedestrian Crossing Project

- **Project Name:** Little River Pedestrian Crossing and Multi-Use Trails Project
- **Total Investment:** \$2.7 million
- **Funding Sources:**
 - Government of Canada: \$1.3 million (Active Transportation Fund)
 - Province of British Columbia: \$500,000
 - Remaining, District of Sooke Funding Sources:
 - Development Cost Chares (DCCs, Developer Contributions)
 - Casino Reserve Fund
- **Project Scope:**
 - 600-metre pedestrian-friendly route
 - Safer and more accessible alternative to the 4-km vehicle route on Highway 14
 - Connecting Sunriver Neighbourhood, Poirier Elementary, Journey Middle School, and Sooke's town core
 - **Bridge Specifications:**
 - Type: Single-span steel truss pedestrian bridge
 - Length: Approximately 30 meters
 - Width: 3 meters clear width
 - Decking Material: Non-slip composite decking
 - Safety feature: 1.2-meter high railings on both sides of the bridge for pedestrian safety
 - **Trail Details:**
 - Surface Material: Crushed gravel with compacted sub-base
 - Trail Width: 2.5 meters
 - Accessibility: Designed to meet universal accessibility standards
- **Environmental Considerations:**

- Habitat Protection: Inclusion of measures to protect local wildlife habitats during construction
- Vegetation: Plans for native vegetation restoration along disturbed areas
- Projected reduction of 2,272 tonnes of GHG emissions annually
- **Key Partners:**
 - District of Sooke
 - T'Sou-ke Nation
 - Sooke School District 62
 - Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society
 - Former Parks and Trails Advisory Committee
 - ISL Engineering
 - Regehr Contracting Limited
 - Ramada (Phase 1 contractor)
- **Community Benefits:**
 - Enhanced safety for students and pedestrians
 - Promotes active transportation
 - Supports the District's Climate Action Goals
 - Encourages connection to nature and cultural heritage
- **Timeline:**
 - Construction Start: February 2025
 - Expected Completion: Fall 2025
- **Special Features:**
 - Interpretive signage highlighting cultural and environmental aspects
 - Collaboration with T'Sou-ke Nation to honour Indigenous language and history