

# Regional Trestles Renewal, Trails Widening and Lighting Project

Through this project, the Capital Regional District (CRD) plans to widen and light sections of the Galloping Goose and Lochside regional trails with a 6.5m separated use pathway design and renew three trestles within the project area.



The Galloping Goose and Lochside regional trails currently average 3.8 million visits per year and trends suggest that trail user volumes will continue to increase significantly due to trends in population growth and a shift toward active transportation and healthy lifestyles.

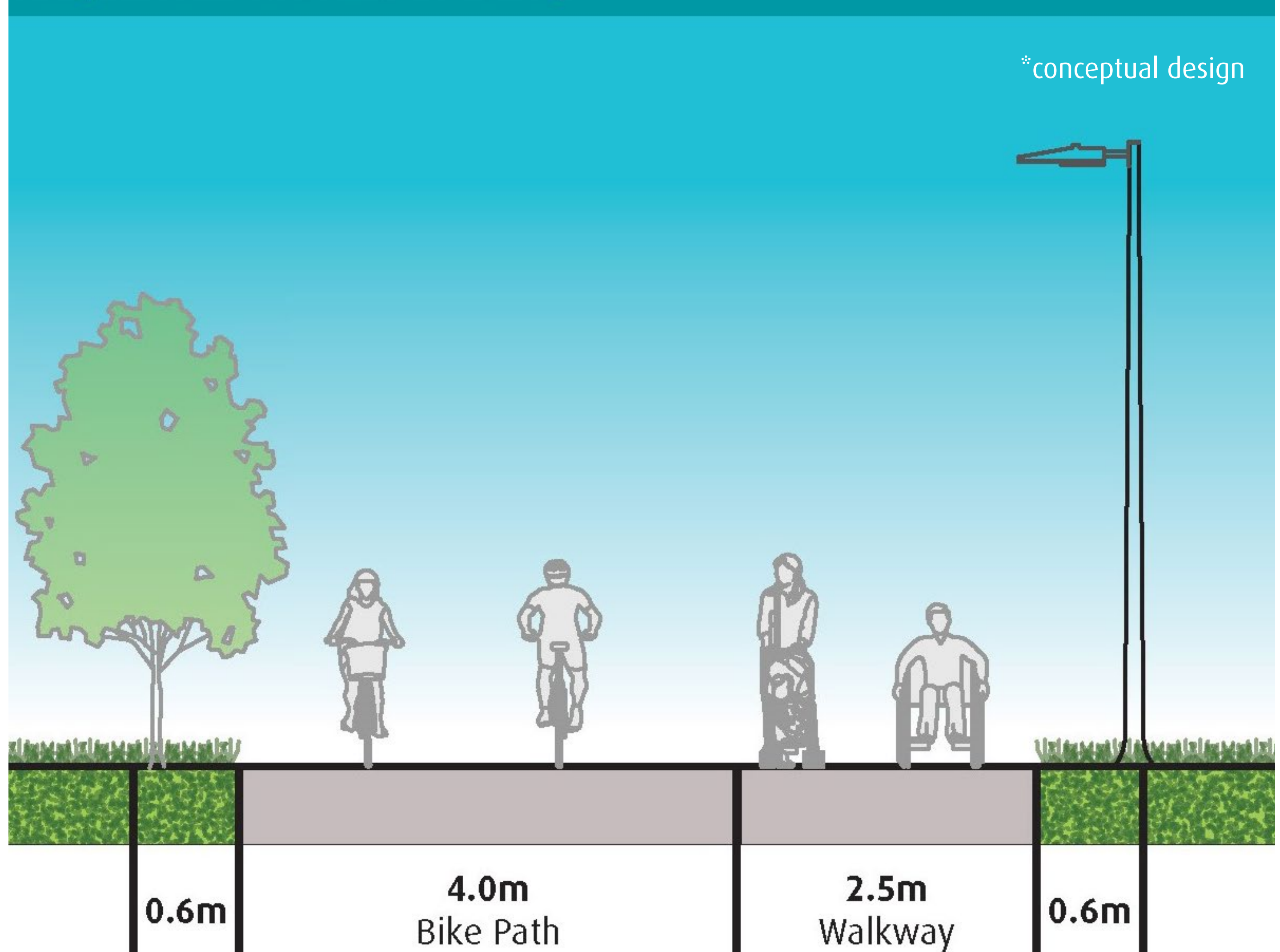
Trail use is currently comprised of approximately 80% cyclists and 20% pedestrians. The increase in user volumes and modes has led to increased user conflicts in urban trail sections. This has been recognized as a pressing issue that is expected to grow without a change to trail design.

Trail and trestle upgrades will be made over time with consideration being given to other planned public works projects and with the busiest sections of trail being given priority.

## What could the regional trails look like once this project is complete?

The CRD retained consultant services in 2019 to conduct the Regional Trails Widening Study and develop conceptual design drawings (shown below). The report and concept designs were presented to the [Regional Parks Committee and CRD Board in February 2021](#).

### *Separated Use Pathway*



### Project objectives:

- ✓ Create safer, more comfortable conditions for all trail users
- ✓ Accommodate an increase in use over the next 20 years
- ✓ Help the region meet its targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting active transportation
- ✓ Improve safety and visibility by lighting key locations such as underpasses
- ✓ Renew three trestles nearing end of serviceable life