

Trail Vision

The E&N Rail Trail will be a multi-use path connecting Victoria, Esquimalt, View Royal and Langford. Residents and tourists who set out on the trail will encounter a wide range of terrain as they travel through rural, urban and suburban environments. The trail will eventually join the future Trans Canada Trail near Humpback Road in Langford.

The E&N Rail Trail will feature a well-designed alternate transportation route with appropriate crossings. A three to four metre trail is planned within the width of the corridor, which ranges from 15 to 30 metres wide. Where the corridor is wide enough, there will be a natural separation between the trail and rail operations. Where the corridor is narrower, physical barriers will separate the two uses.

When and where will the trail be built?

The trail will be constructed in a phased approach as funding allows. Construction of phase 1 will begin in fall 2009 of a 14.3-kilometre contiguous route from the Johnson Street Bridge in the City of Victoria to Jacklin Road in the City of Langford. Phase 1 will comprise the rail trail, cycling lanes and sections of municipal roads in the City of Victoria, Town of View Royal, City of Colwood and City of Langford.



			Proposed E & N Rail Trail Route	Regional Park
	<small>Projection: UTM ZONE 10N NAD 83</small>		Phase 1 Development	Municipal Park
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			Municipal Boundary	Federal Park
			Major Road	

E&N RAIL TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Project Timeline

Summer to Fall 2009

Tendering phase 1 trail and bridge construction

Fall 2009 to Winter 2010

Construction of trail and bridges

Winter 2010

Target date for completion of phase 1

How much will the project cost?

The entire project is estimated at \$22.7 million. The CRD currently has \$11.5 million in available funding and has applied to the federal and provincial governments for additional funding.

The majority of the funding - \$11.3 million - is coming from the federal gas tax fund, and the balance from the BC LocalMotion Fund and CRD.

Construction phase 1:

- Paving Galloping Goose Regional Trail from the parking lot at Atkins Ave. to Wale Rd.
- Trail construction from Jacklin Rd. to Selwyn Rd./Atkins Ave. intersection.
- Bridge construction at Hereward Rd. and Old Island Highway at Four-Mile Hill.
- Trail construction from Esquimalt Rd. to Colville /Admirals Rd. intersection.
- Trail construction from Colville/Admirals Rd. intersection to Four-Mile Bridge.

Future sections of the Rail Trail, built entirely within the E&N right of way, will be constructed as funding becomes available.

Will the Rail Trail connect to current trails such as the Galloping Goose?

Yes. The corridor will connect with the Galloping Goose Regional Trail at the Atkins Ave. parking lot to Wale Rd. Future municipal and community trail systems will also connect with the rail trail.

Why won't the trail be paved?

In order to ensure that as much of the trail as possible can be constructed, the CRD has chosen an option that will see construction with a gravel surface and use of existing bike lanes for phase 1. Use of a gravel surface will save \$950,000 over the cost of an asphalt.

Are there future plans to pave the trail?

Yes, as funding becomes available.

How will you ensure safety if the trail is beside a train?

There are dozens of successful "Rail-With-Trail" projects throughout North America. Where the corridor is wide enough there will be a natural separation between the trail and the rail operations. Where the corridor is narrower, there will be physical barriers to separate the two uses.

Will commuter trains be added to the E&N Rail line?

Studies are underway to determine the market, feasibility and cost to implement a commuter rail service on the rail line by the Ministry of Transportation and BC Transit. Those studies will determine whether there will be commuter trains on the rail line.

Cover Photo: Portland Springwater Trail, after which the E&N Rail Trail is modelled.



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