

Shuswap-North Okanagan (Sicamous to Armstrong) Rail Trail Design and Construction Update #1

Background: The Shuswap-North Okanagan Rail Trail is a joint project of the Splatsin, Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) and the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSR D) with assistance from the Province of BC.

About the Trail: The trail will be developed along the discontinued CP railway corridor between Sicamous and Armstrong. Roughly 50 km in length and mostly flat, it traverses lakefront shoreline, forested hillside, rivers, streams, farmland, and rural towns.

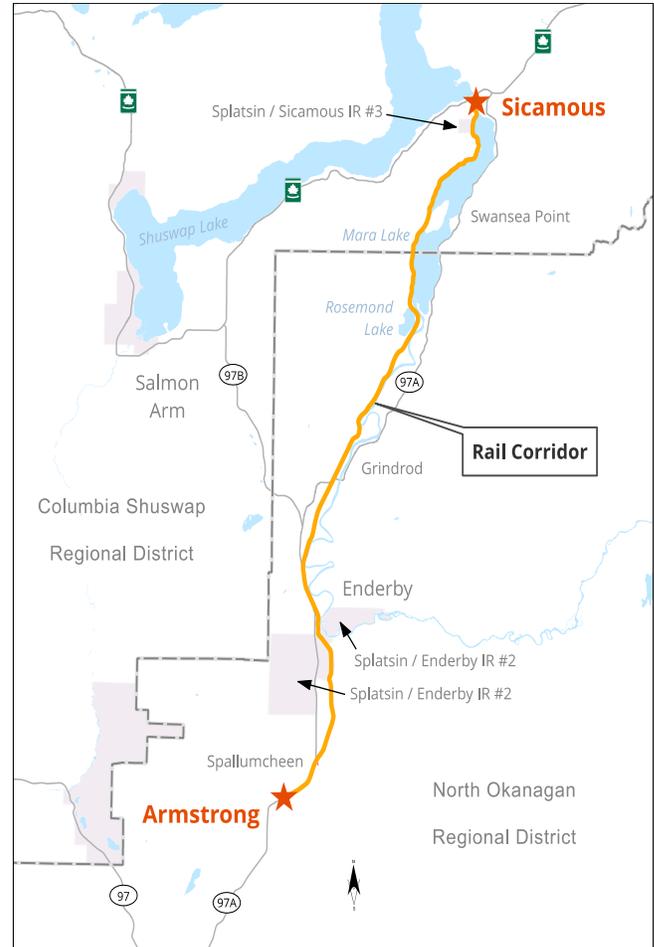
The trail will be multi use (i.e. pedestrian and cyclists). No motorized vehicles. Pedal assist E-bikes will be allowed. Dogs on leash will be allowed. Equestrian use is still under study.

Surfacing is still in the design and budgeting stage. The primary surface will be compacted aggregate, but the benefits of hard surfacing is being researched.

Developing the Trail: Currently the project is actively in design mode with studies underway for geotechnical requirements, environmental and agricultural impacts, steep slope issues, archaeological reports, cultural heritage management and water/erosion protections.

A Governance Advisory Committee is overseeing the project, and a Technical Operational Committee is conducting the day-to-day work with coordinating support provided by the Shuswap Trail Alliance.

Urban Systems Ltd. have been engaged as the project's lead technical design consultant and engineer-on-record. They are helping us to coordinate the many sub-consultants needed to complete the design. Most of these should be complete by late spring, 2020.



Public and stakeholder meetings will occur over the next several months. Dates and times to be announced.

Construction of the trail could begin as early as mid-summer 2020, if sufficient funds are raised through non-taxation grants, sponsorship, and fundraising.

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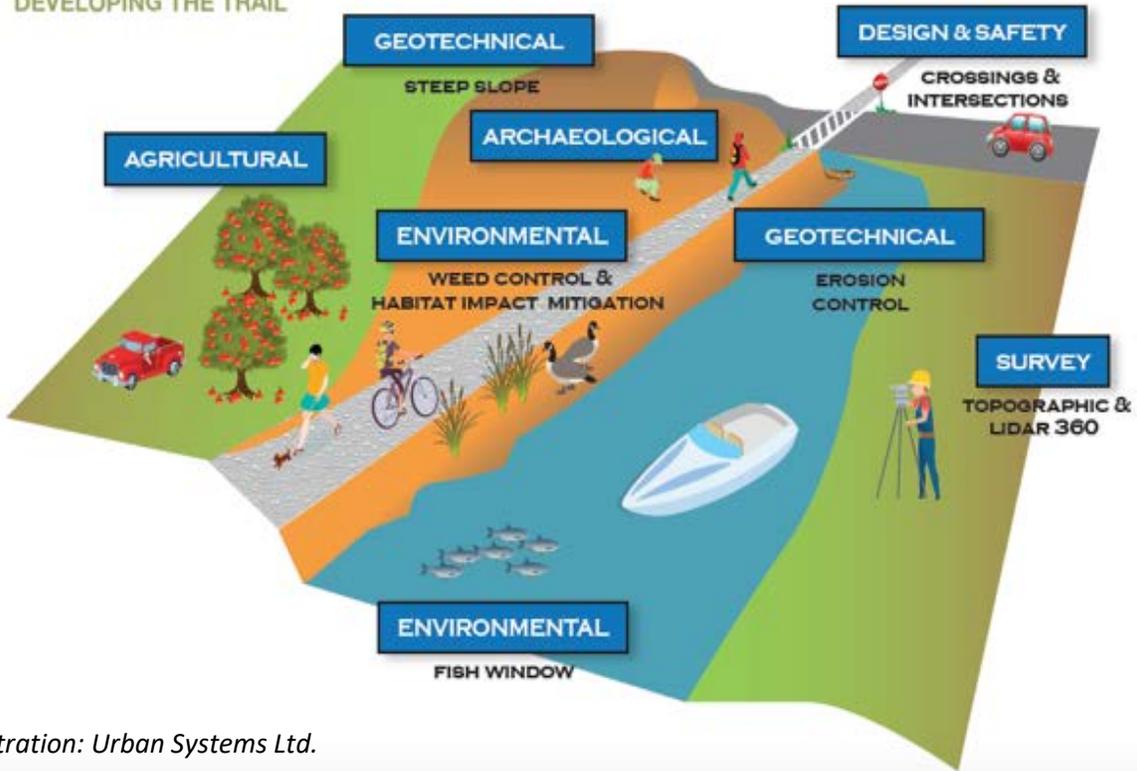
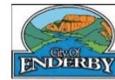


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Strategic Vision

- a commitment to work together cooperatively
- unfolding the true story within Secwepemc territory and promoting communication and strengthened relationships between Secwepemc & municipal/regional communities and residents
- the protection of sensitive environmental and cultural sites along the corridor
- creation of tourism and transportation benefits
- revitalization of Splitsin culture and connections back to the land
- maximizing recreational and economic potential
- acknowledge agricultural values and the role of the Agricultural Land Commission
- maintaining a continuous non-motorized corridor for both walking & cycling recreation (and active transportation) in the near term, and potential use as a flexible multi-modal transportation corridor in the future, for the joint benefit of all regions
- linking with the Okanagan Nation Territory and the Vernon-Kelowna rail-trail greenway and the Kelowna-to-Osoyoos greenway trail initiative in the south, in order to realize increased tourism value.

Working Together:



We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Province of British Columbia

The Sicamous-to-Armstrong Rail-Trail is in the Splitsin traditional territory of the Secwepemc First Nation.

To donate to the construction and maintenance of the trail: (tax deductible)
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