

Island Corridor Foundation Local Government Liaison Meeting

July 22nd 2016

ICF Crossing Policy

No New Net Crossings

In an effort to improve the safety of the Island railroad the Island Corridor Foundation is not granting additional level road crossings of the Victoria Subdivision without the applicant supplying extensive background data that clearly demonstrates there is no alternate route that does not involve crossing the railroad.

The Victoria Subdivision has one of the highest crossing counts per mile in the country. If the ICF Board approves the application it will be conditional on technical and engineering approval by our rail operator Southern Rail Vancouver Island (SVI) to ensure that there is no negative impact on the safety of rail operation.

Initial Level Road Crossing Checklist

- Overall aerial view of location and road network
- Existing crossings within a three mile radius of the location
- Significant topographical constraints, e.g. rivers, mountains
- Local road network and municipal transportation plans
- Regional transportation plans
- Development potential of property - existing zoning & subdivision requirements
- Detailed explanation of crossing use including details for future use if there are plans to change it
- Existing crossings that could be closed
- Road Authority documentation (provincial or municipal) accepting 100% of all signal & road costs, capital and maintenance.

Rail with Trail

City of Courtenay

City of Courtenay, in partnership with the Island Corridor Foundation and the Courtenay Rotary Club, with additional funding from the Government of Canada through the Gas Tax Fund, has constructed a cycle and pedestrian route along the E & N rail corridor.

Five Phases of the trail are now complete connecting 5th to 29th Street at the railway line. E & N trail now stretches over two and a half kilometres, and connects neighbourhoods, schools and businesses.



Rail with Trail

Regional District of Nanaimo

Parksville to Coombs RDN's rest section of rail trail to be constructed in late 2016, this 5km stretch will connect Parksville & Coombs on the Alberni Subdivision

City of Nanaimo

City of Nanaimo A multi-purpose paved trail perfect for walking, jogging, roller blading, skateboarding and wheel-chairs, the E & N Trail is one of the most popular trails in Nanaimo. It stretches over 8 kilometres from Rosehill Avenue in the south to East Wellington in the north.

Nanaimo Regional Rail Trail is a partnership of various community groups interested in moving the E&N Rail trail forward.



Rail with Trail

Halalt First Nation

With the support of the Island Corridor Foundation and Cowichan Valley Regional District have plans to construct a recreational trail in 2015 that will connect the south end to the north end of their community spanning 1.3km along the E&N railway corridor that is Within their traditional territory.

Cowichan Valley Regional District

Cowichan Valley Trail is a spectacular multi-use trail that is an integral part of the Trans- Canada Trail route on Southern Vancouver Island.

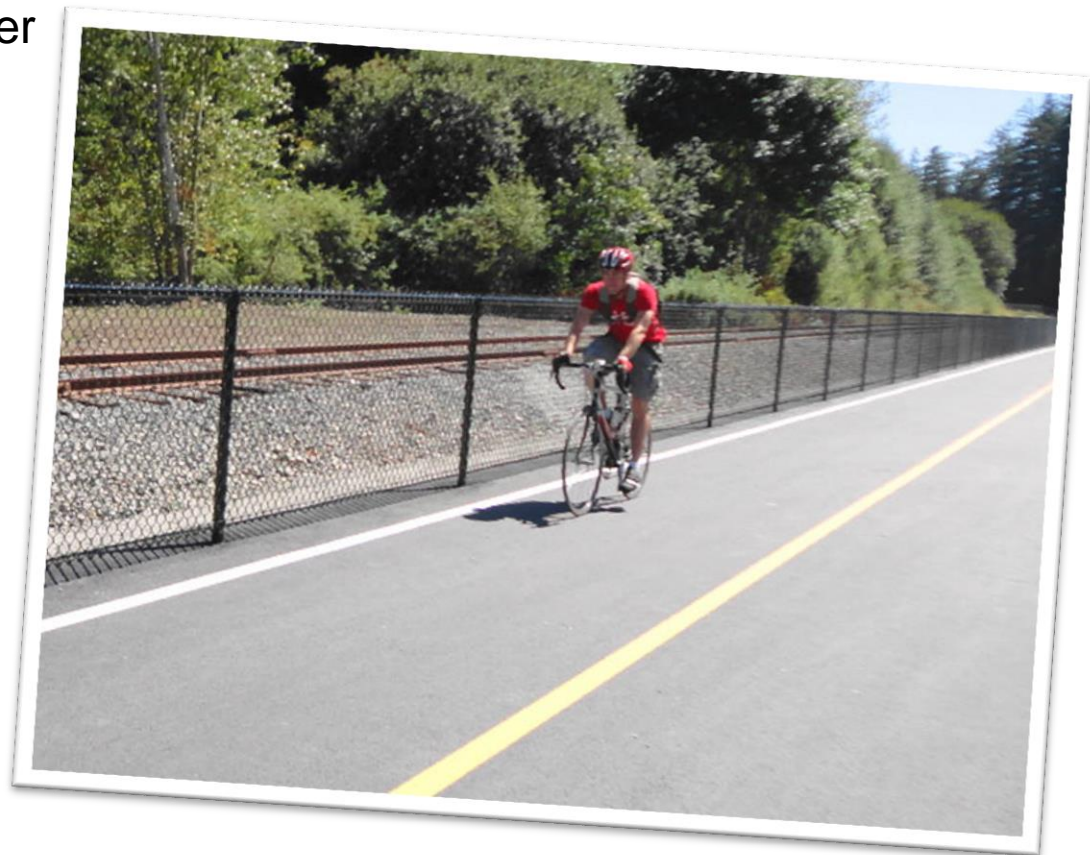
Cowichan Valley section runs from the south end of Shawnigan Lake to the Nanaimo Regional District. Majority of the gravel trail is wide and at with some sections running along the roadways. The trail provides for easy cycling and walking.



Rail with Trail

Capital Regional District A new cycling and pedestrian trail is being constructed largely within the E&N rail corridor. The E&N Rail Trail- Humpback Connector is being built in phases over a number of years and will be 17 kilometres in length when complete. This newest addition to the trail system provides an important non-motorized transportation and recreation link between Victoria and the Western communities.

Rail Trail Tourism



Historic Stations – Courtenay

Courtenay Train Station is currently undergoing phase two of renovations in partnership with Rotary and the City of Courtenay



Historic Stations – Qualicum Beach

Qualicum Beach Train Station is currently being used by the Town of Qualicum Beach.



Historic Stations – Nanaimo

Nanaimo Train Station is currently under lease with Tap House Restaurant with a unit B available for rent



Historic Stations – Duncan

ICF is partnering with the Cowichan museum and the City of Duncan to undergo major renovations to the station

