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Abernethy Way Capacity Improvements Initiated

Maple Ridge, BC: On July 26, Council approved a \$6 million investment to kick off the Abernethy Way improvements between 224 Street & 232 Street. This work will be completed in two phases, with construction of the first phase from 230 Street to 232 Street scheduled this summer. Construction of the second phase (224 Street to 230 Street) is anticipated to follow in the Spring of 2023.

This first phase of work includes extensive intersection upgrades at 232 Street & Abernethy Way and improvements at Dewdney Trunk Road & 232 Street. In addition, there will be installation of a pedestrian-activated crosswalk at 232 Street & 122 Avenue and reconfiguration of intersections on Abernethy Way & 230 Street and 123B Avenue & 231 Street.

Abernethy Way from 230 Street to 232 Street will be expanded to four lanes in this contract and in a subsequent phase, the roadway will be widened to four lanes between 224 Street & 230 Street, thereby establishing four lanes of travel along the corridor from Golden Ears Way to 232 Street. Construction funding for this competition will be considered during the City's annual Business Planning process for 2023.

Council has also supported the extension of Abernethy Way from 232 Street east to 240 Street, which is currently in the preliminary design stage, with construction to commence in 2025.

This is a key investment into one of the City's main east/west corridors and part of the longer-term plan to expand Abernethy Way east to 256 Street.

The first phase of work is anticipated to start by the end of August and will take approximately five months to complete. Prior to the start of construction, additional information will be provided to the public regarding traffic management plans.

The City thanks residents, in advance, for their patience during the construction period as road network improvements are completed.