



Vaudreuil-Dorion

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## The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion Receives Financial Assistance for Three Major Active Transportation Projects

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, April 17, 2020** – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to announce that it has been awarded the maximum amount of \$2,365,150 in financial assistance by the Quebec Ministry of Transport for three major projects, including : the bicycle path on the future des Chenaux overpass, the cycling lane on rue des Nénuphars - which includes the footbridge across the Quinchien River, and the pedestrian tunnel that will connect rue des Asters and rue des Muguets, beneath the exo railroad tracks. This amount represents about 50% of the total cost of the work.

The pedestrian tunnel has been much awaited by people in the Floralties residential area, as it will allow safe passage between the west side of the railroad and Cité-des-Jeunes High School. This exo-managed and City-funded work is expected to begin in early summer. Citizens will be able to use the tunnel before the end of 2020. This project alone is valued at close to \$3.5 million.

The development of the cycling lane on Rue des Nénuphars along with the construction of the footbridge connecting the street to Boulevard de la Cité-des-Jeunes will also take place over the summer. The pedestrian and cycling link across the Quinchien River will look much the same as the White footbridge, which was built in 2018.

According to the Quebec Ministry of Transport's schedule, construction of the rue des Chenaux overpass is planned for 2020-2021. The cycling lane will be built at the same time. It will connect cycling links in areas south of Highway 40 (rue des Chenaux, Boulevard de la Cité-des-Jeunes) to those located on the north side (chemin Dumberry).

"This government grant is excellent news for our community. The development of active transportation is a concern for the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion. For several years, we have been adding sections of bicycle lanes in different areas in an effort to complete the network. These three major projects are exactly what is needed to connect the sectors to each other, and ensure the safety of everyone", commented Mayor Guy Pilon. The Vaudreuil-Dorion cycling network currently covers 45.3 kilometers.

### Regarding this financial support

This government funding is provided through the Financial Assistance Program for the Development of Active Transportation in urban areas, a measure which resulted from the 2013-2020 Climate Change Action Plan funded by the Green Climate Fund. It aims to develop means of transportation as alternatives to automobiles, including cycling and walking, in order to encourage Quebecers to opt for these healthier, more economical, ecological and safe modes of transportation.