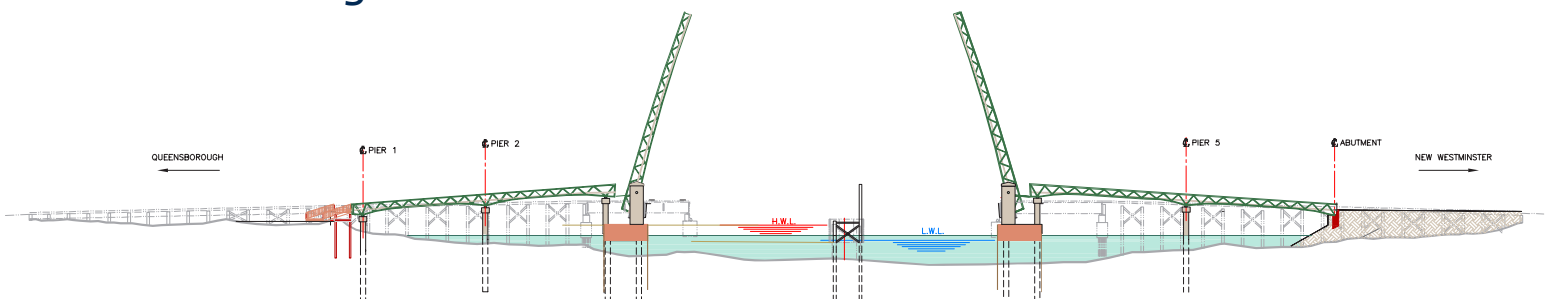


Q2Q

QUAYSIDE TO QUEENSBOROUGH Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge



Schematic Design



Project Summary

A pedestrian and cycling connection between Quayside and Queensborough has long been an important local and regional objective. The planned Quayside to Queensborough Bridge (Q2Q) will connect residents, employees and tourists traveling between the Queensborough community, downtown New Westminster and points beyond.

From a regional transportation perspective, the bridge will link greenways on the north and south side of the Fraser River and the New Westminster SkyTrain Station to Queensborough. It will also provide enhanced access along the scenic Fraser River and complete a key missing link in the Experience the Fraser trail system running from Hope to the Salish Sea.

“The Q2Q Bridge will be an iconic structure set over the Fraser River, providing a comfortable environment for all users.”

Lisa Spitale, City of New Westminster CAO

“The Q2Q Bridge will complement the existing transportation options in the Quayside and Queensborough areas by providing a new direct connection between, these growing communities, while encouraging walking and cycling.”

Bob Paddon, Executive Vice President, TransLink



Increased Access to Amenities

As a historic and compact city centre, New Westminster is challenged to provide new green space for its growing population. The Q2Q Bridge will respond to a community desire for more park space and greenways by providing better access to existing facilities and infrastructure. Walking across the new pedestrian bridge will only take 5 minutes, with easy connections to transit service.

Residents and visitors will benefit from enhanced access to Queensborough’s scenic riverfront trails. In turn, those coming from Queensborough will enjoy quick access to the Esplanade, activities and businesses at the River Market, the historic downtown and the Westminster Pier Park.

Project Benefits

- Expanded economic benefits from increased tourism
- Improved and sustainable transportation network with quick access to rapid transit
- Enhanced recreational network easily accessible for older residents and visitors and their families
- Enhanced alternatives to vehicle trips and reduced greenhouse gas emissions through removal of those trips from the road network
- Increased health benefits for citizens
- Completed key component of the Experience the Fraser project

Economic Growth



Precedent image: Wynyard Crossing, Auckland

Expanded opportunities for tourism improves local, regional and provincial economies. The Q2Q Bridge will promote development and growth of the tourism sector and drive increased revenues, employment and economic benefits for New Westminster’s commercial areas. The new crossing will also enhance daily transportation options available to residents living or working close by.

The Q2Q Bridge will also provide easy access to the many festivals and events held throughout New Westminster and along the waterfront. Residents and visitors alike will be able to experience more of the Fraser River by traveling along its shores. Shops and services on both sides of the bridge will benefit from a more diversified customer base.

Experience the Fraser Regional Trail

New Westminster Quay and the Fraser River Discovery Centre are the urban portal for Metro Vancouver’s Experience the Fraser trail and blueway – a unique vision to connect communities, parks, natural features and historic and cultural sites along the Lower Fraser River.

The network includes over 550 kilometers of trails with amenities on both land and water. New Westminster Quay will provide Experience the Fraser with connections to SkyTrain, the BC Parkway and Central Valley Greenway. Completion of the Q2Q Bridge will add another point of interest along the trail and complete a critical component in efforts to expand the Experience the Fraser network to south of the Fraser River.

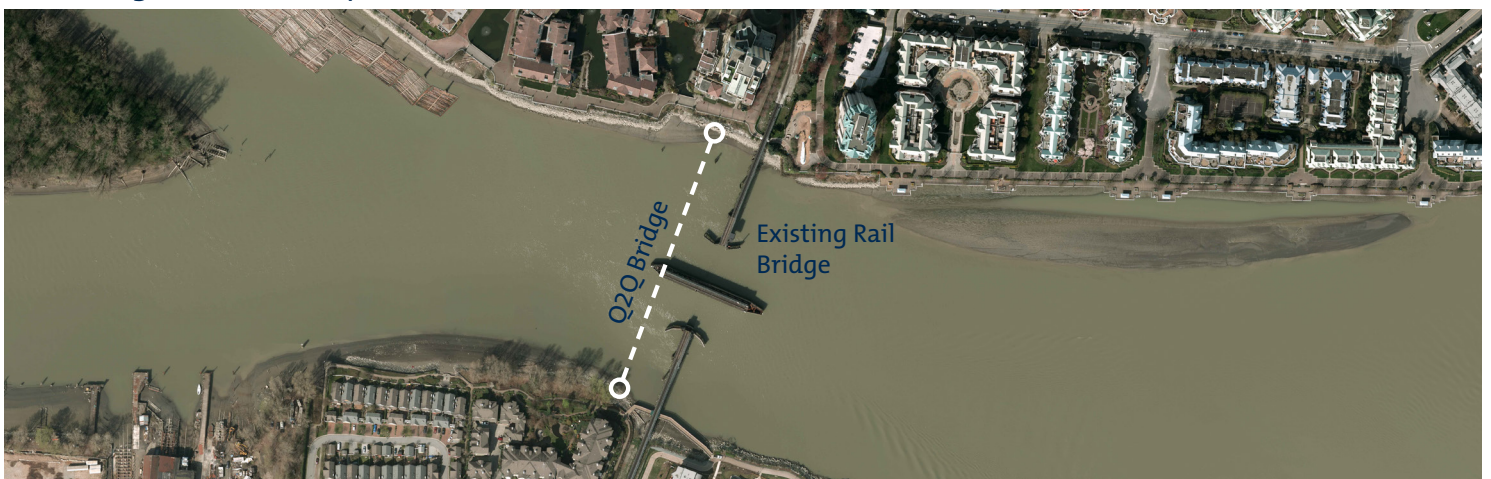
“The Q2Q will ... bridge a critical gap in the trail network, acting as a catalyst for further economic development while also fostering wellness and sustainability across our region.”

Mark Angelo, BC and World Rivers Day Founder and Chair, Chair Emeritus, BCIT Rivers Institute

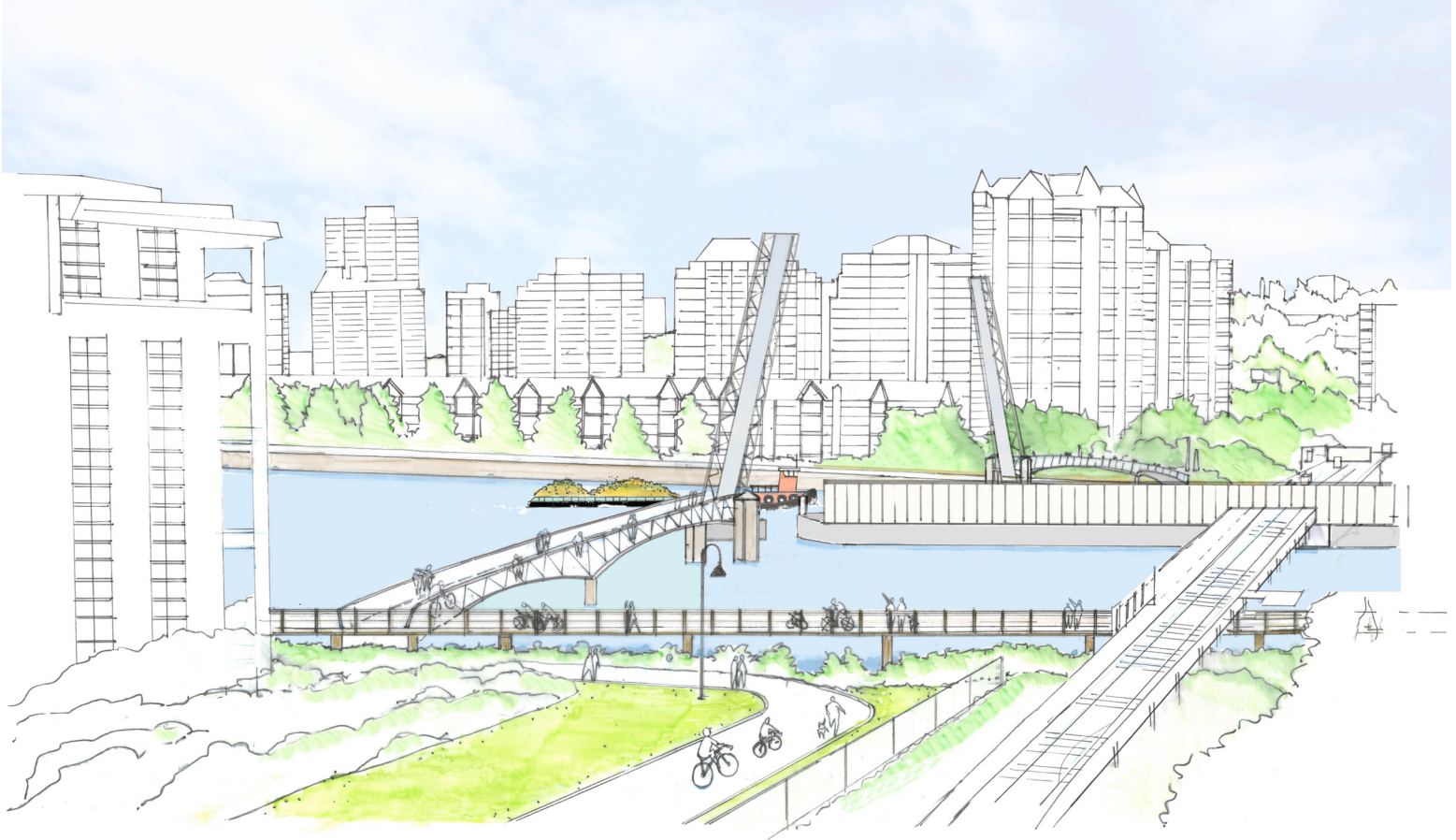
Sustainable Transportation

The Q2Q Bridge will provide a sustainable car-free connection that will reduce congestion on existing transportation corridors and improve air quality through lower emissions.

Q2Q Bridge Location Map



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An iconic crossing over the magnificent Fraser River.

The Q2Q bridge will be an important walking and all-wheel route for residents and visitors alike from throughout the region.

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