

# Highway 97 Advocacy Positions

Highway 97 plays an outsized role in the transportation of people and goods in West Kelowna. The Ministry has completed the Central Okanagan Integrated Transportation Study (COITS), and has identified improvements along the corridor, including new interchanges, intersection upgrades, transit improvements, and the shifting of the highway couplet to Dobbin Street in Westbank Urban Centre.

While the highway is in the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation and Transit, it is in the interest of West Kelowna to work with the Ministry and advocate for improvements and changes that benefit the City. In addition to the policy guidance included in the TMP, below is a list of areas that the City of West Kelowna should discuss with the Ministry and advocate for:

- Supporting interchange projects and be involved in designing them
- Supporting transit improvements on Highway 97
- Supporting improvements in cross-highway connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists
- Supporting streetscaping improvements along the highway in the Urban Centres
- Advocating for the main street upgrade