

Dunsmuir Connection Survey Summary

October 2019









Overview

In 2018, Vancouver City Council approved the Northeast False Creek (NEFC) Plan, which includes the replacement of the viaducts with a ground level street network. One of the essential elements of this new network will be the Dunmsmuir Connection, which will replace the important active transportation connections that are currently served by the Dunsmuir and Georgia Viaducts.

The City is beginning the design process for the Dunsmuir Connection, and has been seeking input from stakeholders throughout the region.

The Dunsmuir Connection Survey was conducted online from September 4th-29th, 2019. In addition, the project team held two in-person events on September 7th and 11th near the Dunsmuir Viaduct outside Stadium-Chinatown Skytrain Station.

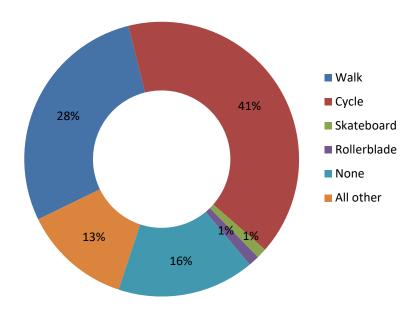
The survey consisted of four multiple choice questions, and one open ended question. In total, 929 surveys were received. The following pages provide a summary of the results.



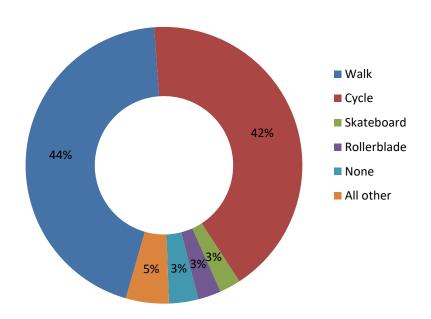
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1a - How do you actively use the Dunsmuir Viaduct currently?

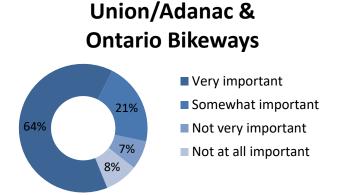


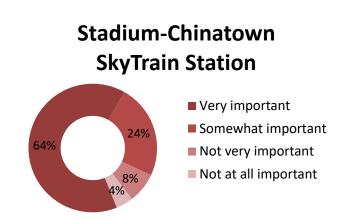
1b - How would you use the Dunsmuir Connection in the future?

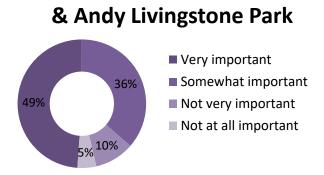




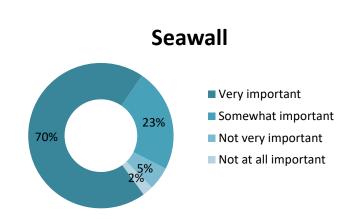
2 - How important are connections to these specific destinations from the Dunsmuir Connection?

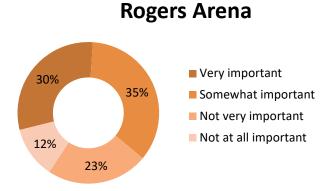


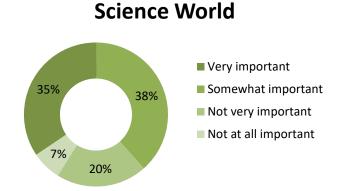




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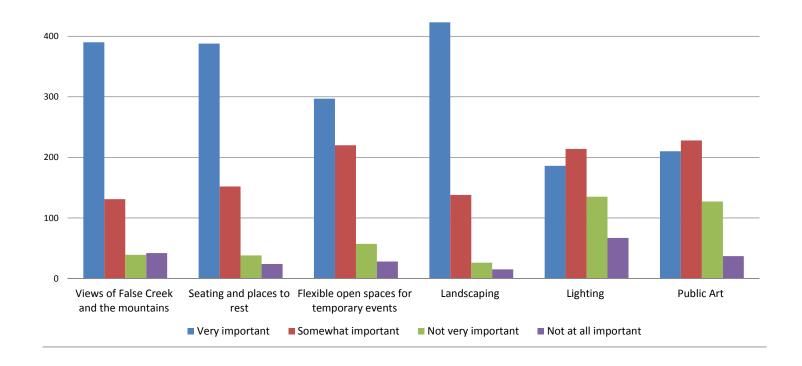








3 - What are the most important amenities that the Dunsmuir Connection should have?



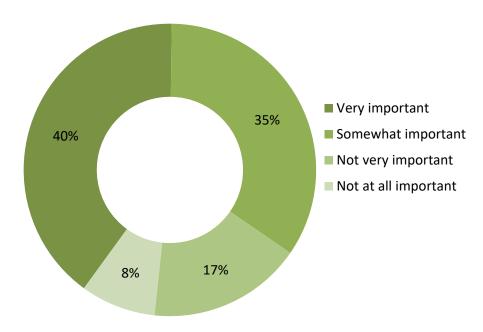








4 - How important is it that Dunsmuir Connection becomes an iconic destination in the City of Vancouver?



5 - Do you have any hopes or big ideas for the Dunsmuir Connection or any concerns?

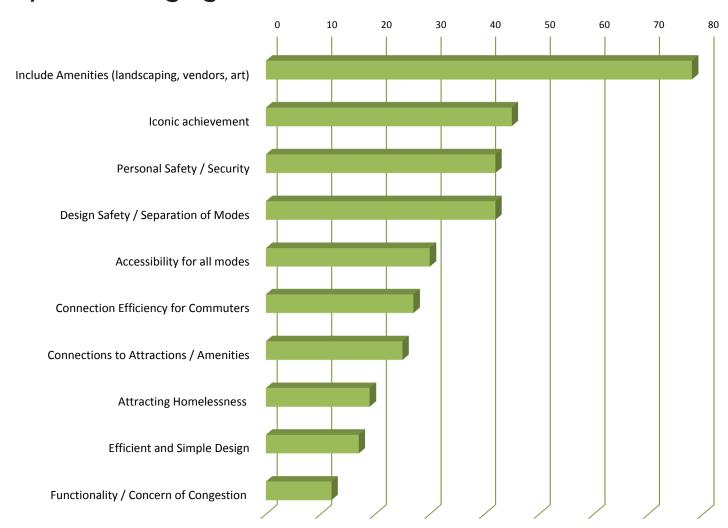
The City received over four hundred responses to this open ended question. The feedback included the importance of including various amenities, achieving an iconic destination, designing for personal safety, and stressing the importance of connections to attractions and commuter routes. There was also support shown for ensuring the connection will be accessible for all.

There was concern expressed about attracting illicit behaviour (i.e. drug use, crime), as well as concern about potential homeless encampments.

The comments were further classified into ten emerging themes. These themes will be incorporated into the forthcoming conceptual designs by the project team.



Top Ten Emerging Themes







Summary

There were over 900 participants that provided feedback to the Dunsmuir Connection survey and over 3/4 of those who responded felt that it was either "Very Important" (40%) or "Somewhat Important" (35%) that the connection be an iconic destination.

While the results indicated the majority of participants polled currently use the Dunsmuir Viaduct for cycling (41%), the polling indicates an increase in the desire to use the facility for walking in the future (44%).

There was overall support for ensuring strong network connectivity between the six destinations provided within the survey, with the greatest support stated for the Seawall, Union/Adanac & Ontario Bikeways, and Stadium-Chinatown Skytrain Station.

Of the six proposed amenities for the Dunsmuir Connection, landscaping was considered the most important, followed by seating and places to rest, and views of False Creek and the mountains.

The response to the open ended question for the Dunsmuir Connection was completed by over half of all participants of the survey. While there were varied hopes and concerns for the project, the most common emerging themes included delivering amenities, achieving an iconic destination, providing personal safety/security, and designing for safety/separation of modes.