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New Rideau River MUP Underpass Open for Use

OTTAWA—Today, the new Multi-User Path underpass at Bank Street and Riverdale is opened for pedestrians and bicyclists. The MUP, located on the south side of the Rideau River runs adjacent to Riverside and goes underneath the Billings Bridge. A collaboration between the National Capital Commission and the City of Ottawa, this project will give vulnerable road users the ability to avoid high-traffic intersection at Bank and Riverside when travelling along the well-used path.

“This new MUP is an important step in bringing some much-needed safety to the intersection of Bank and Riverside,” said Capital Ward councillor Shawn Menard. “The new underpass will be a welcome addition to the network of paths throughout the city. These paths help connect residents and communities, giving people added mobility while letting them enjoy some of the city’s beautiful greenspace.”

The Rideau River MUP stretches from Hog’s Back to Rideau Falls Park, directly linking River, Capital, Alta Vista, Rideau-Vanier and Rideau-Rockliffe Wards, and providing important connections to communities to the east, west and south.

This new infrastructure comes on the heels of the opening of the Flora MacDonald Footbridge at the end June. With bicycling being the fastest growing transportation choice in Ottawa, these new projects will be well-used by residents of Ottawa.