

# MPE LINK PATHWAY

# Annual Report



2024

# Message from the Chair

As I reflect on the long path that has brought us to this moment, I find myself humbled and proud to be part of this impactful project. This started as a big dream for a small handful of people, but that dream has been adopted by thousands of southern Albertans. The Link Pathway has become a community project in its truest sense, with individuals, businesses, and governments pitching in from every direction to turn dream into reality.

Its been deeply moving to watch.

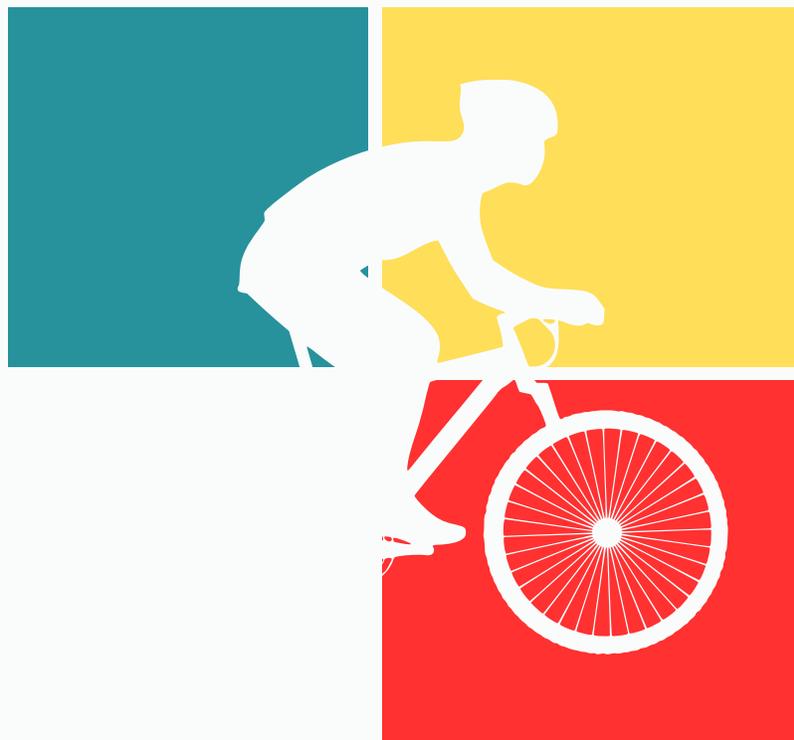
This year we made significant progress towards our goal. Supported by selfless community leaders and business people, we secured a substantial portion of our funding, broke ground, and advanced nearly 5kms of paving.

Looking ahead to 2025 we will see more sections added to the pathway as our volunteers work to close the final funding gaps to complete the project as we simultaneously work to enrich the pathway with experiences, information, and a connection to the land that we love.

Thank you for your support.

## Henry Doeve

Chair - Link Pathway Committee



# Board of Directors

Our dedicated Board of Directors has made it possible to advance the Link Pathway Project. These selfless individuals have given of their time, talents, and treasure to work through the complex obstacles we've faced, build connections with the community, and steward the funds that have been entrusted to us. Thank you for your invaluable contributions!

Alvin Fritz  
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Thank you for  
your Service!



# A Word from our Title Sponsor

As the lead engineer for the Link Pathway project and a long-time volunteer, I was extremely proud when the partners at MPE decided to sponsor the project. Our company got its start right here in southern Alberta, working in and for the communities that we call home. The community has given so much to us and its an honor and joy to be able to give back.

As a father, I love that I get to build things that provide experiences for kids like mine, giving them safe opportunities to be active and enjoy all that southern Alberta has to offer.

Thank you for supporting this project alongside us. Now lets go get the rest done!

**Eric Dyson**

Director of Transportation at  
MPE a division of Englobe

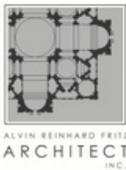


# Partners

The Link Pathway could not have progressed without the critical support of our professional partners. All of these individuals and companies have gone above and beyond to professionalize our work and realize the goal of our volunteer Board.

**Alvin Reinhard Fritz Architect**  
**Bos Scapes Inc.**  
**Capstone LLP CPA**  
**Dennis Dirtworx Ltd.**  
**Edwards Land**

**Ignite CPA**  
**Leonard Fast Law**  
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# Milestones

2023 / 2024 saw us advance significant progress towards our goals. The following milestones give an overview of our progress over the past 12 months.



November 2023 - MPE a Division of Englobe joins as Naming Sponsor



December 2023 - Community Foundation awards \$15,000 towards first picnic shelter. Trans Canada Trail Awards \$70,000 towards Phase 1. Government of Alberta awards 1 Million \$ towards project



January 2024 - Engineering work on Highway 512 Underpass begins



February 2024 - STIP funding for underpass of \$187,000 announced by Government of Alberta



March 2024 - COMING SOON sign put up. Trailhead Sign ordered through Blackfoot Signage Project



April 2024 - Contribution of \$100,000 received from the Town of Coaldale



May 2024 - Marketing Committee has first meeting. Phase 1 Construction officially underway



June 2024 - Received \$8000 grant from Town of Coaldale, TCT Grants received for Underpass work and Signage. Numerous new sponsorship offers received



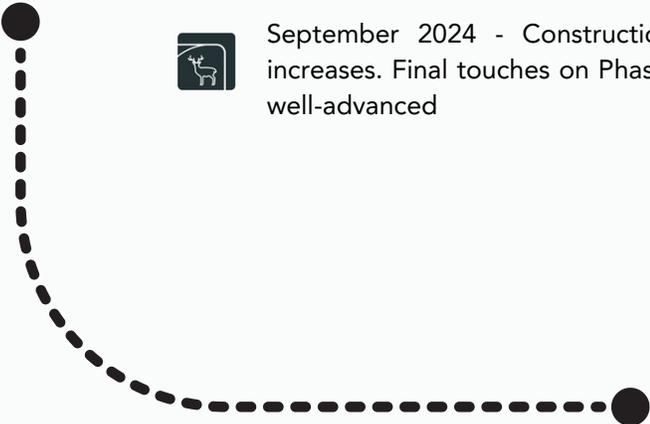
July 2024 - Trailhead Sign installed. Pathway merchandise delivered and online store set up. Phase 1 Construction complete



August 2024 - Grand Opening for Phase 1 celebrated. Numerous new donations secured. Parade attendances in Coaldale and Lethbridge. Underpass box culvert secured.



September 2024 - Construction begins on east-end picnic shelter. Pathway usership increases. Final touches on Phase 1 underway. Preparatory work for 2025 construction season well-advanced



# Donors

The involvement of donors to this project has been inspiring! We have a robust plan to acknowledge all of the companies and individuals who have given to this project. In this simple report, please find their honored names in alphabetical order below. Thank you so much!

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Thank  
you!



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# The Path Ahead in 2025

Here's a sneak peak at what's ahead for the pathway as we work to get the job done!

## **Tendering and Construction of the Highway 512 Underpass and Bridge.**

Perhaps the biggest part of this project is the box-culvert underpass that must be installed underneath Jail Road (Highway 512). With a donated box-culvert in hand and help lined up from Voker-Stevin, we hope to break ground on this stage in the spring. This part of the project will also involve installing a bridge over the drainage canal to connect to the end-point of Phase 1.

## **Pathway Construction from 43rd Street to the Research Station**

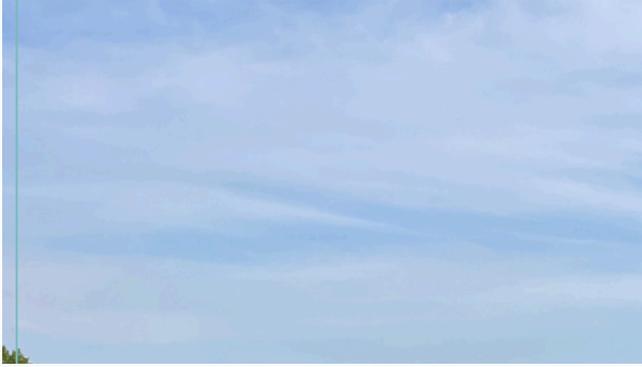
Work is also well-advanced to tie-in the pathway to the City of Lethbridge with a bridge across the main canal near 43rd Street. Before the end of summer 2025 we hope to have the pathway complete from Lethbridge to Research Centre Road.

## **Ongoing Fundraising**

With the stages above complete, we're still going to have about half of the entire distance to pave along with at least two more bridges and a lot of amenities. Our team will keep working to close the funding gap so that MPE and their contractors can just keep on building.

2025





# Thank You

We still have a journey ahead of us! Please consider donating to the project by visiting [www.linkpathway.org](http://www.linkpathway.org) or by talking to one of our dedicated volunteers.

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