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Date: 4/5/2023 12:42:28 PM
Subject: RE: West End Community Plan Implementation - Transportation, Public Space and Public Engagement Update
Attachments: ENG - Memo - Portside Greenway - Public Engagement.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council,

Further to my email sent yesterday at 6:00pm, attached is a corrected memo.

Please disregard the previous version.

Best,
Paul

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From: Mochrie, Paul <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 6:00 PM
To: Direct to Mayor and Council - DL
Cc: City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL; LaClaire, Lon <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>
Subject: West End Community Plan Implementation - Transportation, Public Space and Public Engagement Update

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire on West End Community Plan Implementation - Transportation, Public Space and Public Engagement Update. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- This memo provides a brief overview of the stakeholder and public engagement process planned by staff to inform the design of the Portside Greenway.
- The Portside Greenway has been identified in numerous plans over the years, including the **Greenways Plan (1995)**, **Transportation 2040 (2012)**, and **Vancouver Plan (2022)**. It is identified as a key active transportation corridor in the **2023-2026 Capital Plan** and will support key civic priorities including **equity and climate action** in an underserved part of the city.
- The project is intended to improve Portside into a **high quality, continuous greenway** for people of all ages and abilities that prioritizes safe, comfortable walking, rolling, and cycling with great public spaces and green infrastructure opportunities along the way.
- Staff are launching a **multi-phased engagement process** in April 2023 to discuss the project with public and key stakeholders. Efforts will be made to ensure that engagement is inclusive and reaches a broad and diverse audience.
- The project will be **delivered using a phased approach** with construction tentatively planned to begin in 2025, depending on engagement outcomes. Staff will coordinate implementation with other utility upgrades and street restoration in the area to minimize disruptions. Given the scale of the project, the ultimate delivery of this project is planned to be spread across multiple capital plans.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7722 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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MEMORANDUM

April 5, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Lon LaClaire
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SUBJECT: Portside Greenway - Public Engagement

RTS #: N/A

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Phase 1 engagement is tentatively scheduled to launch in mid-April 2023.

Background

The Portside Greenway is a 7 km route following the city's northern edge along the east Vancouver waterfront, spanning between the heart of Gastown and the city's eastern boundary where it links with Burnaby's path system and the North Shore. A context map is in *Appendix A*.

Much of the Portside Greenway already exists as a bike route; however, amenities are limited, some sections are of low quality, and there are major gaps and safety concerns for people walking, rolling, and cycling along the way.

This project is intended to improve Portside into a high quality, continuous greenway for people of all ages and abilities that prioritizes safe, comfortable walking, rolling, and cycling with great public spaces and green infrastructure opportunities along the way. This is consistent with the Greenways Policy established in Vancouver Plan (2022).

Stakeholder Engagement

Targeted engagement with key stakeholders will take place throughout the planning process. These include groups such as local BIAs (Hastings Crossing, Hastings North, Strathcona, and Gastown), nearby resident and community groups, TransLink, HUB, emergency service providers, and others. Relevant Council-appointed citizen advisory committees will also be included once they are re-established, including those representing transportation, seniors, youth, gender diversity, and persons with disabilities. Staff will work with community partners to connect with 'hard-to-reach' residents who are less likely to engage through standard engagement processes, for example in the Downtown Eastside.

Partnership with the Nations

Staff will invite the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations to collaborate more deeply on this project. There may be opportunities for the Nations to share their vision for the Greenway, collaborate on design efforts, and/or make a Nations' culture visible through art, placemaking, and storytelling along the route. The scope of these opportunities will depend on their interest in the project.

Broader Public Engagement

The phases of public engagement are described below. Efforts will be made to ensure that engagement is inclusive and reaches a broad and diverse audience.

- In **Phase 1 (Goals, Ideas, Concerns, Experiences – April/May 2023)**, the public will be invited to discuss project goals and how they use the greenway today, and share any specific ideas and concerns. Staff will use this input to refine goals and evaluation criteria, and advance design concepts for various sections of the greenway.
- In **Phase 2 (Initial Concepts – Fall 2023)**, the public will learn what was heard in Phase 1, and offer feedback on high level concepts. Staff will use this input to further evaluate and refine option(s).
- In **Phase 3 (Refined Concepts – Early 2024)**, the public will learn what was heard in Phase 2, and offer feedback on more detailed design(s). Staff will use this input to further refine and evaluate remaining option(s), and make final recommendations.

The project area has unique segments with different challenges and opportunities, which could advance at different rates. Following Phase 1, engagement could focus on more targeted areas to reflect this.

In addition to open houses and online surveys, online workshops and site tours may be offered to allow for deeper engagement with stakeholders and other interested members of the public.

The project website (shapeyourcity.ca/portside-greenway) is tentatively scheduled to go live in mid-April 2023.

Implementation

The project will be delivered using a phased approach with construction tentatively planned to begin in 2025, depending on engagement outcomes. Staff will coordinate implementation with other utility upgrades and street restoration in the area to minimize disruptions.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any further questions about this initiative or if you would like to meet to discuss this project.

Sincerely,



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Appendix A – Context Map

