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**Subject:** Memo - 10th Avenue Hospital Zone Street Improvements Phase 2

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- ☐ An overview of Phase 2 of the 10th Ave Hospital Zone Street Improvements project, and the intent to publicly post the Tender for Construction Services this week. Construction is scheduled to start early Spring 2021 and finish by late Summer 2021.
- ☐ This Phase 2 work will complete the upgrades of the 10th Avenue Hospital Zone, making it safer, convenient, and comfortable for patients and people with accessibility needs to access the area's health services and for people of all ages and abilities to travel along the corridor.
- ☐ The Project Team has reached out to the Stakeholders with a general project update and the intent to post the tender.
- ☐ Pre- construction works, including replacing trees and relocating a fire hydrant, are anticipated to take place late 2020 and early 2021 ahead of the contractor's works.
- ☐ Project work hours are anticipated to be Monday to Friday, 7 am to 5 pm, with work on evenings and weekends if required.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or [lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca](mailto:lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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## MEMORANDUM

Aug 05, 2020

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Hospital Zone Street Improvements Phase 2 (Willow St. - Ash St.)

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This memo provides an update on Phase 2 of the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Hospital Zone Street Improvements project, for which construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2021 and finish by late summer 2021.

### Background

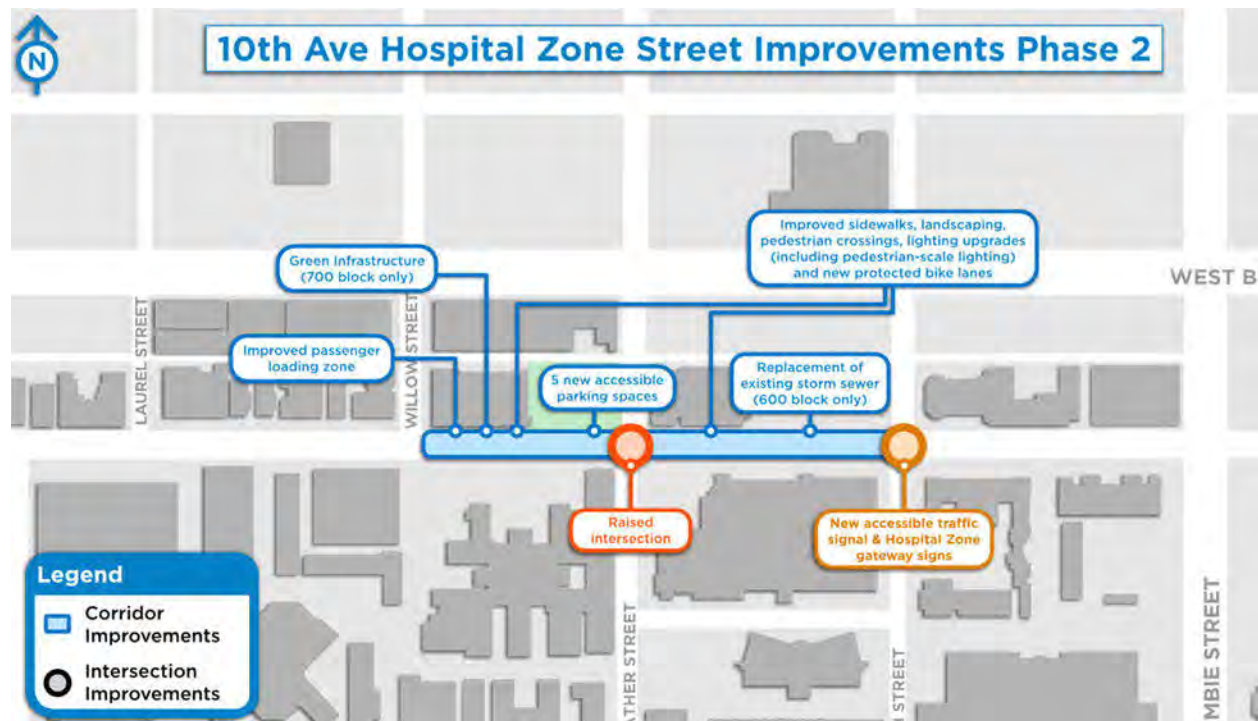
The 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Hospital Zone between Oak Street and Cambie Street serves as a critical access point for Vancouver General Hospital and other health institutions, including emergency department access. As a growing number of people walk, cycle, and drive along this segment, the experience for all road users was declining.

To address safety concerns, the City engaged with the public and worked collaboratively with local stakeholders to ensure that the final design prioritized patient access, enhanced pedestrian safety, and supported critical hospital functions. Phase 1 construction took place from the fall of 2017 to July 2018 between Oak Street and Willow Street with interim changes between Ash Street and Cambie Street. Results from that first phase of work are available online on the project website: <https://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/hospital-zone.aspx>

### Project Scope

This second phase of construction runs between Willow Street and Ash Street and includes improvements to sidewalks, lighting, and the addition of an accessible traffic signal. There will

also be five new accessible parking spaces added to the area, green infrastructure features, protected bike lanes along the project corridor and the completion of Hospital Zone signage. This phase of construction will also include important sewer infrastructure upgrades on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Heather Street and Ash Street, new green infrastructure components such as stormwater trenches and structural soil between Willow Street and Heather Street, and modifications to the raised crosswalks in Phase 1. See Figure 1 below for project scope and location.



**Figure 1: Project Scope and Location**

### **Tender Schedule**

Over the last 9 months, City design branches and the Project Delivery team have worked closely with our external consultant to develop the detailed design, which was completed in June. City staff anticipate posting the Invitation to Tender (ITT) in August and awarding the contract to the selected proponent by the end of the summer.

### **Pre-Construction Works and Tree Replacements**

It is anticipated that some trees will require replacement during construction. Replacement of trees will take place in phases, at a 1:1 ratio, with the intention of retaining existing trees as long as possible.

Pre-construction works, including tree replacement and fire hydrant relocation, are anticipated to take place in early 2021 prior to construction. Typical project work hours are anticipated to be Monday to Friday, 7 am to 5 pm, with work on evenings and weekends as required to minimize impacts to the Healthcare Facilities.

## **Traffic Management**

A traffic management strategy is being developed to minimize the impact of construction on the Hospital Zone and nearby residents. During construction, patient access to health facilities will remain the top priority. Pedestrian access and two-way bicycle traffic will be maintained; however, cyclist dismounts may occasionally be required in construction zones. Access to residences and local businesses will be maintained at all times. The City will also work with the contractor and the local health service providers prior to site mobilization to develop a construction phasing plan that would mitigate impacts to the health facilities within the hospital zone.

The City will maintain as much on-street parking as possible during construction, prioritizing accessible parking close to health care facilities for patients with limited mobility. There are approximately 4,400 existing parking stalls located in parkades and parking lots within the Hospital Zone, which will not be impacted by construction of this project.

## **Communications**

A project status update has been issued to stakeholders notifying them of the upcoming ITT posting for the project in addition to regular project status updates.

Staff will continue to work with our Health Partners and other stakeholders, including members of the Seniors' and Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committees, to minimize construction impacts on patients. A communications plan to support public awareness of construction has been developed and includes project signage, e-newsletters, notification letters, social media and project webpages featuring construction updates and stakeholder resources.

Stakeholder meetings and follow-up emails have been used to provide updates to key stakeholders along the project corridor. Community Liaison Officer, Emma Mendoza, will provide day-to-day support to area businesses and residents.

If you have any questions or would like more information on this project, please contact me directly.



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