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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin on August 20, 2021 regarding the start of seismic upgrades and repairs on the Cambie Street Bridge and impacts on bridge users. Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account at 10:00 AM on August 20.

You will see linked with the news release the web page for more information about the project.

All the best,

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱m̱əθḵʷəy̱əm/Musqueam, Sḵw̱w̱ú7mesh/Squamish and səllwətaʔ/Tsleil-Waututh nations

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City of Vancouver
Information bulletin
August 20, 2021

Seismic upgrades and repairs start Wednesday on Cambie Street Bridge

Starting Wednesday, August 25, the City will start making important structural repairs as part of a complete seismic retrofit and upgrade to the Cambie Street Bridge. We are asking drivers, transit users, cyclists and pedestrians to plan ahead, use alternate routes and to expect delays between August and December 2021.

Work will begin on the west side of the bridge and will require closing the sidewalk and cycle lane. Walking and cycling access will remain in place on the east side of the bridge. During this early stage of work, southbound drivers will continue to have two travel lanes with one of the southbound off-ramps to close in about four weeks. Northbound drivers will not be impacted during this early stage.

As work progresses, we will notify drivers via electronic signage and social media of changing traffic impacts and install detour signs for pedestrians and cyclists.

Built in 1985, the Cambie Street Bridge was constructed before the introduction of more stringent and comprehensive earthquake requirements in the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code.

As such, the City is planning a complete seismic retrofit and rehabilitation of the bridge to ensure it continues to offer a safe means of transportation for the public. Similar work has been underway on the Granville

Bridge, which is scheduled to be completed by mid-September. The Cambie Street Bridge deck work is scheduled to be completed in December 2021, and the work under the bridge is scheduled to be completed by end of spring 2022.

Upcoming work includes:

- Bridge deck repairs (August to December 2021)
- South pedestrian staircase repairs
- Seismic upgrades under the south side of the bridge (August to spring 2022)

Traffic impacts over the next four months

Driving:

- Reduced vehicle speeds
- A minimum of two lanes in each direction will generally be maintained (with periods where lanes will be reduced to one in each direction)
- Temporary closures of on/off ramps when required

Walking/Cycling:

- Intermittent pedestrian and bike detours will be in place. Both modes will be diverted to opposite side of the bridge
- During west side bike lane closure the east side path will become a shared pedestrian-bike facility
- During east side bike lane closure the west side bike lane will become a bi-directional bike facility

Throughout construction, traffic lanes, pedestrian facilities, and bike facilities will be opened to the travelling public whenever it's feasible to do so.

For more information, visit [Vancouver.ca/cambie-upgrades](https://vancouver.ca/cambie-upgrades).

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