Greetings Mayor and Council

I am responding to requests from multiple Councillors regarding traffic issues related to Construction on Nanaimo St.

Nanaimo street upgrades work are underway, with the active construction currently taking place between Eaton and Cambridge streets. In anticipation of this work, staff prepared plans in place to minimize the impacts to the adjacent neighborhoods during construction. A number of measures have been implemented with the intent of limiting shortcutting through the residential neighborhoods; discouraging speeding, and optimizing traffic movements in the area. The measures include but are not limited to the implementation of approved traffic control plans to ensure public and worker’s safety; addition of traffic control personnel to support safe pedestrian and vehicle movements, installation of project and traffic control materials and signage, and selective traffic enforcement by the Vancouver Police Department.

Given complex nature of the work and associated traffic impacts, staff strategically address the challenges of multiple competing areas, while minimizing the unwanted consequences. Staff are monitoring filed conditions on an ongoing basis, and are responding to any stakeholder concerns identified.

Here’s the summary of our activity and plans for the construction on Nanaimo.

- The City implemented traffic control plan in accordance with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure requirements to ensure public and worker’s safety
- In addition to implementing traffic control plan, additional measures are being put in place to limit shortcutting, discourage speeding, and optimize traffic movements in the area including:
  - Installation of local traffic only signage at McGill, Eaton, Cambridge, Oxford, and Triumph
  - Various VPD traffic enforcement requests for Triumph, Kamloops, and Dundas
  - Installation of barriers at strategic locations such as Eaton street, to reduce congestion and encourage safe vehicle turn movements
- Changeable messaging boards and static advisory signs have been employed on arterial roadways including McGill, Dundas, and Hastings to communicate which areas are being impacted by the construction
- Temporary bus stop and parking modifications were implemented to retain transit service in the area, and minimize impacts to traffic movements
- Traffic Control Persons are deployed in the construction area to direct traffic and support safe pedestrian movements
- Staff continue to respond to concerns and plan as required based on immediate impacts and anticipated construction progress. These include specific coordination and communications with:
  - Tillingham Annex Elementary
  - Kiwassa Neighborhood House
  - CMBC
  - Port Metro Vancouver
  - BCTA, and
  - General Public
- Staff continue to work strategically to address the challenges of multiple competing interests, while minimizing the unwanted consequence on others.

See attached plan of measures to protect the neighbourhood and the TMP that is currently in place. Tomorrow our staff will be letting the public know about these mitigation measures.
Best

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.
Green Lines indicate streets where we have requested specific VPD enforcement (speed, stop sign running, etc). We received public complaints on these streets regarding speeding/shortcutting.

Local Traffic Only

Closer Wall St at roundabout at Eton St?

No RT. Concrete Barrier to be installed

Elementary School - received complaints regarding speeding/shortcutting on Friday, Feb 23

Elementary School