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Subject: False Creek Flats Community Panel Update

Greetings Mayor and Council,

This is an update on an community process to help identify an alignment for an arterial street through the False Creek Flats.

Progress of the Process:

- The Panelists have now met for six days of learning sessions with a mix of site tours, stakeholder, staff and community briefings. There have been two public workshops, March 5 and April 2 to help solicit broader community input.
- **The final deliberation is scheduled for April 6. By the end of that session, panelists will have landed on a recommendation for a route for the arterial, and a series of minority reports that track the debates on trade-offs among the group. Upon their decision, they will make their report public. We will share it with you at that time.**
- The panel chair will be invited to share the Panel findings to Council at the April 23/24 Council meeting.
- Park Board will also receive a report from the Panel.
- The proposed next steps following the report: Engineering staff will take the public input from the Panel and will develop a plan for a final follow up phase of technical study, feasibility, mitigation and costing.
- Informed by direction from Council, staff are proposing to bring back a final recommendation on the arterial route with at rationale that combines public and business input, stakeholder submissions and the technical and economic analysis. This report would be scheduled for fall 2019.

What To Expect:

- On Saturday evening, our consultants from the Jefferson Center will release the Panel's decision via news release and will direct towards drafts of the report and a collective statement summarizing their work. They will also include a rough timeline of when the Report will be released/available.
- City staff will post a link to the final decision on the City of Vancouver social media channels. This will result in interest from media and stakeholders. Council should anticipate that they will be contacted.
- **Understanding that there will likely be a high degree of visibility, we would kindly ask that you limit your public commentary until the Panel has had an opportunity to present its detailed findings.**

Timeline of Activity

- **Late 2017:** Staff begin to explore the idea of using the civic lottery model and brief Council and Park Board on this approach. Procurement begins search for supplier.
- **Spring 2018:** Supplier award granted to Jefferson Center.
- **Summer 2018:** Jefferson Center begins community research and work with staff to develop process and learning plan.
- **Fall 2018:** Jefferson Center leads stakeholder and resident engagement to discuss process and promote participation in the panel, particularly among demographically representative groups that may experience barriers to participation

- **November 2018:** Recruitment opens.
- **December 2018:** Recruitment closes with nearly 200 applicants. Forty-two people will be selected by randomized draw from the pool of applicants.
- **Jan – April 2019:** Jefferson Center and the panelists undertook approximately eight days of deep learning and discussion to inform their recommendation on an arterial route.
- **Spring 2019:** The Panel will present its findings to Council and Park Board for information. Staff will use the Panel's recommendation as a significant input to the overall strategy, and will come back to Council with a proposed plan for additional analysis and study in order to be able to provide a final recommendation.
- **Fall 2019:** Engineering staff will come to Council with a recommendation for a final decision.

Best,
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