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 a 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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