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Greetings Mayor and Council:

I have had inquiries from a Councillor about the 41st Avenue B-line project and how to respond to resident inquiries. Please find below an email response that our staff use to send to residents.

Best
Sadhu

Dear _____,

Thank you for your patience and for taking the time to contact us regarding your concerns about the 41st Avenue B-Line project.

Notification letters have been issued to residents, but we have not yet released dates for a public open house. The information sessions associated with the notification letters were designed to provide an in-person, face-to-face option for those seeking further information and clarity about the 41st Avenue B-line Project. With that being said, the City of Vancouver is always looking for ways to minimize disruptions to businesses and residents and staff have made themselves available, both in person and via email, to listen and look for innovative solutions to transportation and curb space challenges along the corridor.

In response to the access issues you are experiencing along 41st Avenue, the City appreciates your concerns and we hope to mitigate some of these negative impacts for you.

If your residential area is experiencing a high demand for on street parking, then requesting a new or changing an existing permit zone to a **residential permit parking zone** may be a more equitable solution to alleviate parking pressures. A residential parking permit will allow you to park anywhere within your permit zone, but it may not guarantee parking in front of your property or in some cases, your block.

A residential permit parking zone helps to:

- Ensure that parking spaces in the neighbourhood are reserved for residents and not commuters.
- Combine restricted resident parking with time-limited spaces for visitors and other essential service providers in the area.

Please visit the City's website to learn more about the process for applying for a residential permit parking zone.

If you are having issues with parking violations in your neighbourhood please contact parking enforcement at 3-1-1.

The street is a public resource and it is the job of the City to ensure it is used in the most efficient way possible.

With respect to previous temporary lanes on 41st Avenue when Southwest Marine Drive was closed for a period of time, we can confirm that the temporary curb lanes were available for all vehicles, not just buses. Traffic volumes in this curb lane would have been considerably higher than will be experienced with the new bus lane, given it was for general purpose traffic and was accommodating traffic diverted off Southwest Marine Drive.

Updates to Design and Parking Changes

The project team is currently finalizing design changes and evaluating planned changes to parking regulations based on traffic volumes, lane capacity, parking demand and travel time savings.

In reviewing travel time data west of Dunbar Street, the City determined that the travel time savings for buses during the off-peak hours was not as significant as the rest of the corridor. This segment of the corridor was also observed to have lower traffic volumes in the off-peak hours relative to sections further east.

Based on our technical analysis, the City has decided to re-evaluate the parking regulations between Dunbar Street and SW Marine Drive to restrict parking only from 7am to 10am in the westbound direction, and 3pm to 7pm in the eastbound direction. These parking restrictions will be in effect Monday to Friday only. This is consistent with bus lane regulations along other major arterial corridors in the City. Parking will therefore still be permitted outside of these peak bus lane hours, including on weekends.

If you have any additional questions about the 41st Avenue B-Line, please feel free to reach out to our staff at 41st-blinc@vancouver.ca.

Sincerely,

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