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Greetings Mayor and Council-

On [January 6, 2020](#) the City will begin a phased project to make green infrastructure and transportation improvements along Richards St. between Cordova and Pacific street. Improvements include the planting of 100 new trees, intersection and sidewalk improvements and construction of a new protected bike lane. Project completion is anticipated for spring 2021.

**City of Vancouver  
Information bulletin  
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**Green infrastructure, protected bike lane coming to Richards Street**

The City is upgrading critical street infrastructure along Richards Street between Cordova and Pacific streets. The project includes the introduction of green infrastructure and transportation upgrades to benefit all users. Construction will [start on Monday January 6, 2020](#) with anticipated completion in spring 2021.

The green infrastructure includes storm water tree trenches to reduce street runoff and 100 new trees to increase the urban forest downtown. Additional upgrades include protected intersections, traffic signal reconstruction, sidewalk improvements, street repaving, one block of sewer upgrades and two new Mobi bike share stations.

The transportation upgrades include [building a new bike lane](#) along Richards St. to improve cycling access in the downtown area, and a safer and more comfortable cycling route for people of all ages and abilities. The improvements will close major gaps in the existing bike network by providing a north-south connection to Gastown and False Creek, enhance cycling connections with east-west routes, and create safer navigation at intersections for everybody.

The new design is based on extensive public feedback gathered in 2018 on-line and in person. It maintains current motor vehicle volumes and approximately 85% of the street parking. The improved separation and two-way bike operation responds to specific requests we heard regarding the existing bike lane during engagement in 2016.

**What to expect during construction:**

- To minimize traffic impacts, the work will be done in four to five-block segments over two phases, starting in sections between Cordova and Nelson. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in the area of construction.
- Access to residences, businesses, and most sidewalks will be maintained throughout construction. Detours around active construction areas may be in effect for people walking.

For more information, visit [vancouver.ca/richardsupgrades](http://vancouver.ca/richardsupgrades). Road users are encouraged to plan ahead by checking road closures at [vancouver.ca/roadwork](http://vancouver.ca/roadwork) or connecting on the go through [VanConnect](#).

The City extends its thanks to residents and businesses for their patience while this work is completed.

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