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Subject: Memo - 10th Ave Hospital Zone Street Improvements Phase 2 (Willow St. - Cambie St.)

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Dear Mayor and Council,

This memo provides an overview of Phase 2 of the 10th Ave Hospital Zone Street Improvements project, which is scheduled to start construction this summer 2020 and finish by early 2021.

- This Phase 2 work will complete the upgrades of the 10th Avenue Hospital Zone, making it safer, convenient, and comfortable for patients and people with accessibility needs to access the area's health services and for people of all ages and abilities to travel along the corridor.
- The Project Team is planning to reach out to residents with a general project update and notify them of upcoming pre-construction works for the project.
- Pre- construction works, including replacing trees and relocating a fire hydrant, are anticipated to take place over the next couple months leading into construction.
- Project work hours are anticipated to be Monday to Friday, 7 am to 5 pm, with work on evenings and weekends if required.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2020

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: 10th Ave. Hospital Zone Street Improvements Phase 2 (Willow St. - Cambie St.)

This memo provides an overview of Phase 2 of the 10th Ave Hospital Zone Street Improvements project, which is scheduled to start in the summer of 2020 and finish by early 2021.

The Project Team will reach out to residents with a general project update and notify them of upcoming pre-construction works for the project. Pre-construction works, including replacing trees and relocating a fire hydrant, are anticipated to take place over the next couple months leading into construction. Project work hours are anticipated to be Monday to Friday, 7 am to 5 pm, with work on evenings and weekends if required.

Background

10th Avenue through the Hospital Zone between Oak Street and Cambie Street serves as a critical access point for Vancouver General Hospital and other health institutions, including emergency department access. It is also a busy walking street and the second busiest local street bike route in the city. In recent years, the experience for all users of 10th Avenue has declined as the street has gotten busier with more people walking, cycling, and driving in the area.

Following three years of extensive public and stakeholder engagement, the final design of the 10th Avenue Health Precinct Street Improvements was approved by Council and supported by many stakeholders including the Health Precinct Partners (Vancouver Coastal Health and the

BC Cancer Agency), and the City's Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and Seniors Advisory Committee. In July 2018, the City of Vancouver completed Phase 1 of the project between Oak Street and Willow Street, as well as interim changes between Ash Street and Cambie Street. Following completion, City staff established the 10th Avenue Evaluation Committee to monitor the results of Phase 1, which comprised representatives from key stakeholder organizations. A report summarizing this work is now available on the website. The results have informed some spot improvements to the Phase 1 work as well as the detailed design of Phase 2.

Scope and Schedule

This Phase 2 work will complete the upgrades of the 10th Avenue Hospital Zone, making it safer, convenient, and comfortable for patients and people with accessibility needs to access the area's health services and for people of all ages and abilities to travel along the corridor. The upgrades to 10th Avenue between Cambie Street and Willow Street will include widening and replacing ageing sidewalks and pedestrian ramps, improving lighting, installing an accessible traffic signal at Ash Street, adding 5 accessible parking spaces, installing green infrastructure, and installing protected bike lanes. This final phase of the project will also involve completing the Hospital Zone signage, coordinating with important upgrades to the existing sewer infrastructure on 10th Avenue between Heather Street and Ash Street, and addressing deficiencies in Phase 1 work. See Figure 1 for project scope and location;

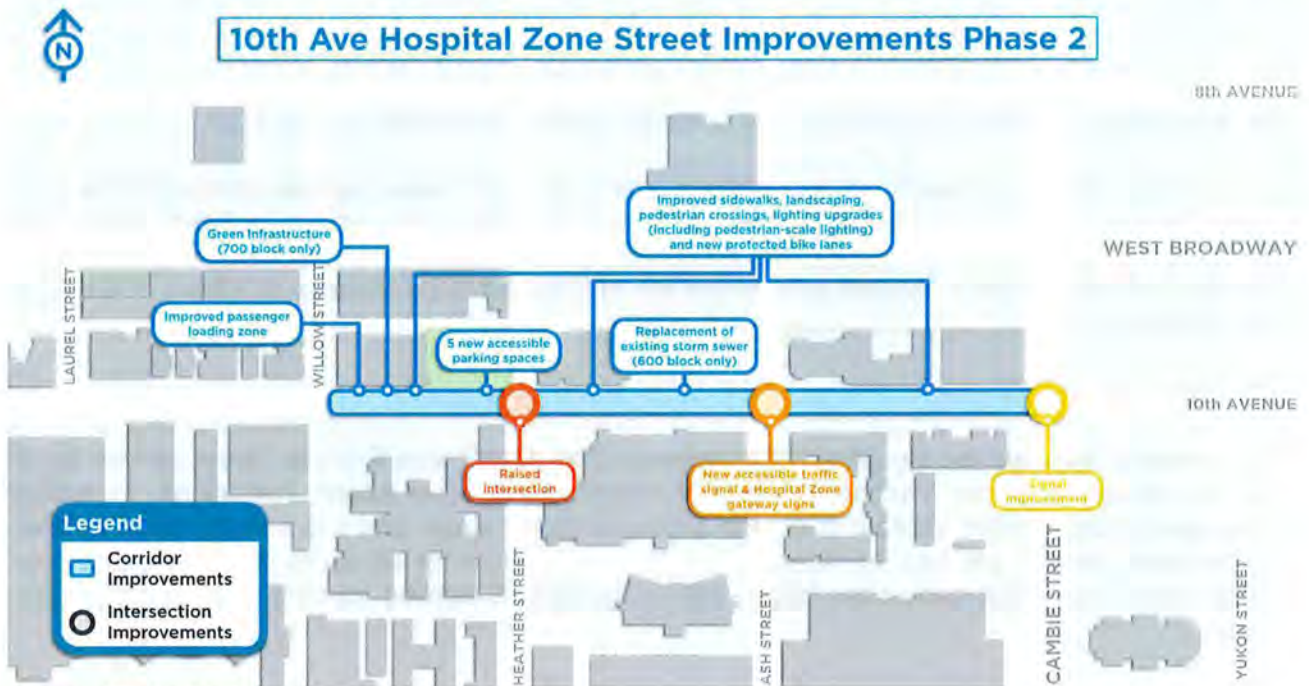


Figure 1: Project Scope and Location

Detailed design is currently in progress with our external consultant. An Invitation to Tender will be posted approximately March/April 2020, to hire an external contractor to deliver the works.

Pre-Construction Works and Tree Replacements

It is anticipated that some trees will require replacement during the construction of this project at a ratio of at least one for one. Replacement of trees will take place in phases, with the intention of retaining existing trees as long as possible until replacement is required due to construction. The first stage of tree replacements is expected to begin in February/March for pre-works such as water valve and hydrant relocations.

Traffic Management

A traffic management strategy is being developed to minimize the impact of construction on the Hospital Zone and the neighborhood. During construction, patient access to health facilities will remain the top priority. Pedestrian access and two-way bicycle traffic will be maintained, however, cyclist dismounts may occasionally be required in construction zones. Access to residences and local businesses will be maintained at all times.

The City will maintain as much on-street parking as possible during construction, prioritizing accessible parking close to health care facilities for patients with limited mobility. There are approximately 4,400 existing parking stalls located in parkades and parking lots within the Hospital Zone, which will not be impacted by construction of this project.

Communications

A communications plan to support public awareness of construction has been developed and includes project signage, e-newsletters, notification letters, social media and project webpages featuring construction updates and stakeholder resources. Monthly stakeholder meetings will be held to provide updates to key stakeholders along the project corridor. Community Liaison Officer, Emma Mendoza, will provide day-to-day support to area businesses and residents.

If you have any questions or would like more information on this project, please contact me directly.



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