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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- The memo provides an overview of the public engagement plan that will inform the design of Bute Greenway and a permanent design for Bute-Robson plaza.
- Phase 1 engagement will commence Monday, November 15, 2021. Subsequent engagement phases are as follows;
  - Phase 2 – Reviewing Initial Concepts (Spring 2022)
  - Phase 3 – Reviewing Recommended Design (Summer 2022)
- Bute Street is a key shore-to-shore connection in the City's 2020 Downtown Public Space Strategy, which had previously been identified by the West End Community Plan and Public Benefits Strategy. In 2020, Council also adopted foundational policy to accelerate active transportation through the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

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

Best,  
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## MEMORANDUM

November 10, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager  
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FROM: Lon LaClaire  
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Bute Greenway Public Engagement

RTS #: N/A

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### Purpose

This memo provides an overview of the public engagement plan that will inform the design of Bute Greenway and a permanent design for Bute-Robson plaza.

Bute Street is a key shore-to-shore connection in the City's 2020 Downtown Public Space Strategy, which had previously been identified by the West End Community Plan and Public Benefits Strategy. In 2020, Council also adopted foundational policy to accelerate active transportation through the Climate Emergency Action Plan, and set a target for road space reallocation with an emphasis on public space and greenways.

Staff are exploring ideas to improve and prioritize Bute Street for walking, rolling, and cycling for people of all ages and abilities while providing public spaces for various community activities. As part of this project, we will also advance a conceptual design for a permanent Bute-Robson plaza. A map of the project area can be found in *Appendix A*.

The vision for the Bute Greenway will be implemented over a number of years. In the short term, there's an opportunity to advance the permanent design for the Bute-Robson plaza. In addition, there may be opportunities to advance related improvements at the Bute-Robson

intersection, as well as targeted improvements in other priority areas identified through Phase 1 engagement.

The engagement process will help inform recommended design option(s) to be brought forward in late 2022/early 2023. Phase 1 engagement will commence Monday, November 15, 2021.

## **Stakeholder Engagement**

Targeted engagement will take place with key stakeholders starting fall 2021. These include groups such as the Robson, West End and Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Associations, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, Tourism Vancouver and tour bus operators, TransLink, HUB, emergency services providers, transportation and public space groups, West End Seniors Network as well as nearby community, and resident associations. Relevant Council-appointed citizen advisory committees will also be included. The Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations will be invited to engage in this process.

## **Public Engagement Process**

By engaging with key stakeholders and the public in 2019 through the Places for People Downtown Strategy, and consultation on nearby projects, we have heard the interest in and potential for pedestrian and public space improvements along Bute Street.

Building on community working sessions from fall 2019 focused on public realm improvements, the Bute Greenway engagement will take place throughout late 2021 and 2022 in three phases as described below. Efforts will be made to ensure an inclusive engagement that reaches a broad and diverse audience.

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### *Phase 1 – Discussing Goals and Ideas (Fall 2021)*

- Discuss the draft goals for Bute Greenway and provide opportunities for early creative thinking on how people use the street, public spaces, and surrounding network connections.
- Based on previous public engagement, staff have prepared a draft concept design for feedback of a permanent Bute-Robson plaza.

### *Phase 2 – Reviewing Initial Concepts (Spring 2022)*

- Report back on Phase 1 findings, provide an opportunity to review conceptual design options and enable input on ideas for improvements.

- Staff will share recommended design for a permanent Bute-Robson plaza as part of this phase and coordinate implementation following water main upgrades to minimize disruption. Plaza construction is expected to begin in 2022.

### *Phase 3 – Reviewing Recommended Design (Summer 2022)*

- Report back on outcomes of previous phases, and provide a detailed overview and rationale of recommended design. The community will be invited to share their feedback, which will help further refine the recommended design(s).

## **Policy Alignment**

The project complements new housing options, community facility and public realm projects and aligns with Parks Board initiatives such as Imagine West End Waterfront, all the while helping meet our Climate Emergency Action Plan targets.

In addition, Bute Street has been identified as a key walking, rolling and cycling route with additional pedestrian priority measures and public realm improvements in the:

- 2013 West End Community Plan and Public Benefits Strategy
- 2020 Places For People: Downtown Public Space Strategy
- 2018-2022 Five-Year Cycling Network
- 2019-2022 Capital Plan

## **Next Steps**

The broad public launch will commence Monday November 15, 2021. Engagement tactics will adhere to COVID safety protocols and include in person and online meetings/workshops with key stakeholders and a public survey (paper and online). In addition, the community can provide feedback via email at [butegreenway@vancouver.ca](mailto:butegreenway@vancouver.ca).

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any further questions about this initiative.

Sincerely,



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# Appendix A - Map of the project area

