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Subject: Granville Bridge Interim Connector and North Loops Reconfiguration Project Update

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire regarding Granville Bridge Interim Connector and North Loops Reconfiguration Project. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- In Oct 2021, Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) was released to pre-qualify a pool of contractors. City received much lower market participation due to a variety of factors including extensive and immediate work available due to flash floods in BC and along with other more lucrative work available in less urban areas of the province. Aggressive project schedule is also another reason that some contractors did not express interest. As a result of insufficient response, the City's procurement process was collapsed.
- Staff are in the process of initiating a new RFEI with a less aggressive schedule.
- This delay in pre-qualifying contractors has resulted in the anticipated construction start date shifting from a planned Q2 2022 to late 2022/early 2023.

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

February 17, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Lon LaClaire  
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SUBJECT: Granville Bridge Interim Connector and North Loops Reconfiguration Project

RTS #: N/A

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This memo is to update Mayor and Council on the progress and changes to construction timelines of the Granville Bridge Interim Connector and North Loops Reconfiguration Project.

In October 2021, a two-stage procurement process to hire a contractor was initiated. In the first phase, a "Request for Expressions of Interest" (RFEOI) was released to pre-qualify a pool of contractors to deliver the project. Market participation was much lower than expected due to a variety of factors including contractors bidding on extensive and immediate work available due to flash floods in BC along with other more lucrative work available in less urban areas of the province. As a result of insufficient response, the City's procurement process was collapsed. The schedule that the City had provided was also aggressive and may have been a reason some contractors did not express interest in the project.

Staff are in the process of initiating a new RFEOI with a less aggressive schedule. This delay in pre-qualifying contractors has resulted in the anticipated construction start date shifting from a planned Q2 2022 to late 2022/early 2023.

### **Background:**

Council approved the design and construction of the Granville Interim Connector and Interim Drake Street Bike Lane Projects on September 29th, 2020 (RTS 12873).

In 2010, Council adopted the Granville Loops Policy Plan (RTS # 7591 - amended in 2018), which included replacing the freeway-style on- and off-ramps connecting the north end of the Granville Bridge to/from Pacific St with a "H-network" configuration of new streets. The reconfiguration of the street network is intended to improve the public realm, improve transportation connections, and upgrade the viability of the area. The deconstruction of the Granville (North) Loops and construction of a new street network is also an integral step in the creation of parcels, held in the Property Endowment fund (PEF), for future development.

Additional details were also communicated to Mayor and Council in a previous memo from Nick Kassam, General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management, on October 22, 2020.

Council awarded the Contract for "Consultant Services for the Granville Bridge Connector Design and North Loops Removal – RTS 14371" in March 2021.

Please see Appendix A for more details on scope of the project.

### **Project Progress**

The detailed design of the Interim Connector and North Loops Reconfiguration Project is nearly complete, involving structural modification, north loop deconstruction, road and utility construction, ramp signalization, lane reallocation for separated cycling and walking, and other key work to carry out the project. It will be ready for release of an Invitation to Tender (ITT) once potential contractors are pre-qualified.

### **Next Steps**

The detailed design will be completed shortly and a new RFEOI will be issued in February/ March 2022 to pre-qualify a pool of contractors. If successful, it will be followed by an ITT, following which a recommendation on a contract award is expected to be brought to Council for decision in Q3 2022.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me directly.



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# APPENDIX A

