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Subject: CORRECTION - Memo - ENG - Homer Street Upgrades - Start on Construction
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Dear Mayor and Council,

Further to my email sent yesterday, there was an error in the opening statement. The corrected statement is as follows:

Please see the attached Council memo from Lon LaClaire regarding **Slow Street November 2022 Update Homer Street Upgrades - Start on Construction**. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

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

Best,
Paul

From: Mochrie, Paul <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 5:45 PM
To: Direct to Mayor and Council - DL
Cc: LaClaire, Lon <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>; City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL
Subject: FW: Memo - ENG - Homer Street Upgrades - Start on Construction

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached Council memo from Lon LaClaire regarding Slow Street November 2022 Update. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- Starting in January, construction will start on the Homer Street Upgrades project
- Early works includes the removal of historic granite setts starting in January in advance of a water main replacement
- Street restoration on Homer Street, including the re-installation of a portion of the historic granite setts, will start in March after the water main work has been completed
- The overall project is scheduled to be completed October 2023

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

Best,
Paul

MEMORANDUM

January 18, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council

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

SUBJECT: Homer Street Upgrades – Start of Construction

RTS #: N/A

This memo is to update Mayor and Council on the Homer Street Upgrades (HStU) construction scheduled to begin January 2023 between Cordova Street and Pender Street. The work involves removal and reuse of existing historic granite setts (pavers), installation of utilities and signal upgrades, and rehabilitation of the street (including implementation of new tree planting and green infrastructure). Overall construction of the project is expected to be completed by October 2023.

The removal of the granite setts will commence January to prepare for construction beginning mid-February.

Background

This roadway segment of Homer Street is heavily used by Translink buses and over the years, the roadway has become a safety hazard for buses and other large vehicles, as the vehicles are slipping on exposed granite.

This ongoing safety issue has been mitigated for years by Street Operations crews by maintaining an asphalt overlay on the granite setts. Expensive, ongoing maintenance is required as the asphalt routinely breaks away from the granite setts, leaving them partially

exposed. The safety hazard and the deteriorating condition of the street has made this project a priority for 2023.

Project Impacts

During this project some sections of Homer Street will be fully closed in order to expedite construction and to allow for complex work such as full depth road restoration to take place.

Traffic will be restricted to buses only on Homer Street between Hastings Street and Cordova Street to ensure the safety of workers, expedite the construction and provide reliable service to transit users. The project team has been in discussions with Coast Mountain Bus Company (CMBC) to ensure impacts to their services are minimized throughout construction.

As a part of the project, overall parking will be reduced in order to expand the west boulevard. The Gastown BIA has been informed of the project and of the reduction to parking in these two blocks of Homer Street.

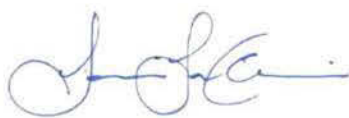
Public Communication

The Project Delivery Branch will coordinate communication for the project. Project impacts will be communicated to stakeholders according to the project Communication Plan.

Communication tactics for this project include:

- Advance notification letters to residents and businesses;
- Meetings/check-in sessions with the local neighborhood, residents, businesses, BIAs and key stakeholders along the project corridor as needed;
- Project signage for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers;
- Project website allowing for regular project updates;
- Day-to-day support of area businesses and residents provided by
- community/stakeholder liaison (Community Liaison, Do Nguyen do.nguyen@vancouver.ca); and
- Social media through the City's various channel

If you have any questions or would like more information on this project, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.



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Appendix 1 - Project Map

