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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Acting GM Margaret Wittgens on **Update on 'Prioritizing Commercial Drive as a Pedestrian-First High Street'**. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- The memo highlights some upcoming work related to the Sidewalk widening on Commercial Dr at bus stops at E 3rd Ave
- a relocated bus stop to be installed in the coming weeks, starting mid-July 2023.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Margaret Wittgens at 604-673-8227 or margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca.

Best,
Paul

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wəx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

July 7, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Lon LaClaire
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SUBJECT: Update on 'Prioritizing Commercial Drive as a Pedestrian-First High Street'

RTS #: 14558

This memo provides an update on the sidewalk widening at bus stops along Commercial Dr south of E 1st Ave as identified in the Memo to Mayor and Council dated October 3, 2022 [CM Council Memo - RTS 14598 and 13319 - Prioritizing Commercial Drive as a Pedestrian-First High Street \(vancouver.ca\)](#)

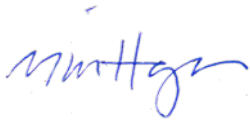
Several changes are planned to be installed over the next several weeks, starting in mid-July 2023:

- The southbound bus stops on Commercial Dr at E 2nd Ave and at E 4th Ave will be cancelled and a new southbound bus stop will be launched at E 3rd Ave. This stop consolidation will match bus service in the northbound direction, improve bus travel times, and create new curbside opportunities.
- The sidewalks will be widened on Commercial Dr at both the existing northbound bus stop at E 3rd Ave, and the new southbound bus stop at E 3rd Ave. The sidewalk widenings at bus stops (i.e. bus bulbs) will be installed using interim materials and are funded by TransLink's Bus Speed and Reliability cost-sharing program.

Staff have engaged and notified the Commercial Drive Business Society, businesses and residents. Further information is available on the City's webpage (vancouver.ca/improve-bus) and members of the public, businesses and stakeholders can contact project staff via email (buspriority@vancouver.ca).

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Wittgens".

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