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Subject: Memo - West End Community Plan Implementation - Davie Village Update

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire on **West End Community Plan Implementation: Davie Village Update**. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- This memo provides an update on the Davie Village: Space For People Project, which proposes widening sidewalks on three blocks of Davie St between Jervis and Burrard Street. Through engagement with business and community in 2023, staff have heard support for prioritizing wider sidewalks to provide for better walking, improved patios, increased accessibility, healthier street trees and improved transit.
- The proposed design has been refined in close dialogue with the West End BIA, individual businesses, community organisations and City Civic Advisory Committees. Staff are now seeking broader public feedback on the proposal and have a variety of in-person and online engagement activities scheduled between February 7 – 29, 2024.
- After this phase of engagement, staff will integrate feedback into a final design and advance to implementation. The project is expected to be delivered in two phases starting with two blocks between Jervis and Thurlow Street.

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

Best,
Paul

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MEMORANDUM

February 5, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Lon LaClaire
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SUBJECT: West End Community Plan Implementation: Davie Village Update

RTS #: N/A

Purpose

This memo provides an update on the **Davie Village: Space For People Project**, including an overview of upcoming public engagement on a proposed design. This public realm project aims to deliver more space to stroll, support local businesses and create a more welcoming and vibrant street and recognizing the 2SLGBTQ+ history of Davie Village.

Policy context

The [West End Community Plan](#) and associated Public Benefits Strategy (PBS) directs long-term planning in the West End. Within the 2023-2026 Capital Plan period, staff are focusing on key West End retail corridors that serve community and visitor needs, starting with Davie Village (Burrard St to Jervis St). This focus aligns with [Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities 2023 – 2026](#), which highlights widening sidewalks in Davie Village as an opportunity to deliver on *Strategic Objective No. 1 - Vibrant and Diverse*.

Proposed Design Development

Building off of public, business and stakeholder engagement, staff have refined a proposal to widen sidewalks along all three blocks of Davie St in the Davie Village (see Appendix A). This would significantly increase space for people walking and using transit, particularly improving conditions for those with accessibility needs. The widened sidewalks create potential for more outdoor patios, decorative visual features and healthier street trees with integrated green rainwater infrastructure. The design allows for curbside pick-up and drop-off spaces to be used more efficiently, accommodating changing business and visitor needs. More accessible parking spaces would be provided for persons with accessibility needs.

This design was based on community and business engagement, supported by a visitor survey, spatial analysis and modelling studies. The West End BIA (WEBIA) has been instrumental in providing feedback and connecting the design team with the business community. In October/November 2023, the design team reached out to all businesses in Davie Village and connected with interested businesses to test and refine the draft design. The draft designs have also been shared with the following City Civic Advisory Committees for their input: Transportation Advisory Committee, Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee, Renters Advisory Committee, and the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee.

Upcoming Community Engagement

Staff are seeking feedback on the proposed design between February 7 – 29, 2024. Engagement activities include an interactive design overview on Shape Your City, a public survey, three drop-in sessions and meetings with businesses, local community organizations and other stakeholders. Area residents and businesses will receive a postcard in the mail and the City's social media channels will promote the opportunity to residents across the city.

The detailed information is on shapeyourcity.ca/west-end-streets

Next Steps

After this phase of engagement, staff will integrate feedback into a final design. The project is expected to be delivered in two phases starting with two blocks between Jervis and Thurlow Street. A phased project delivery approach aligns with the available capital budget, minimizes construction impacts around large events like FIFA World Cup 2026 and allows for further technical studies in the Thurlow St to Burrard St block.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions with respect to this information.

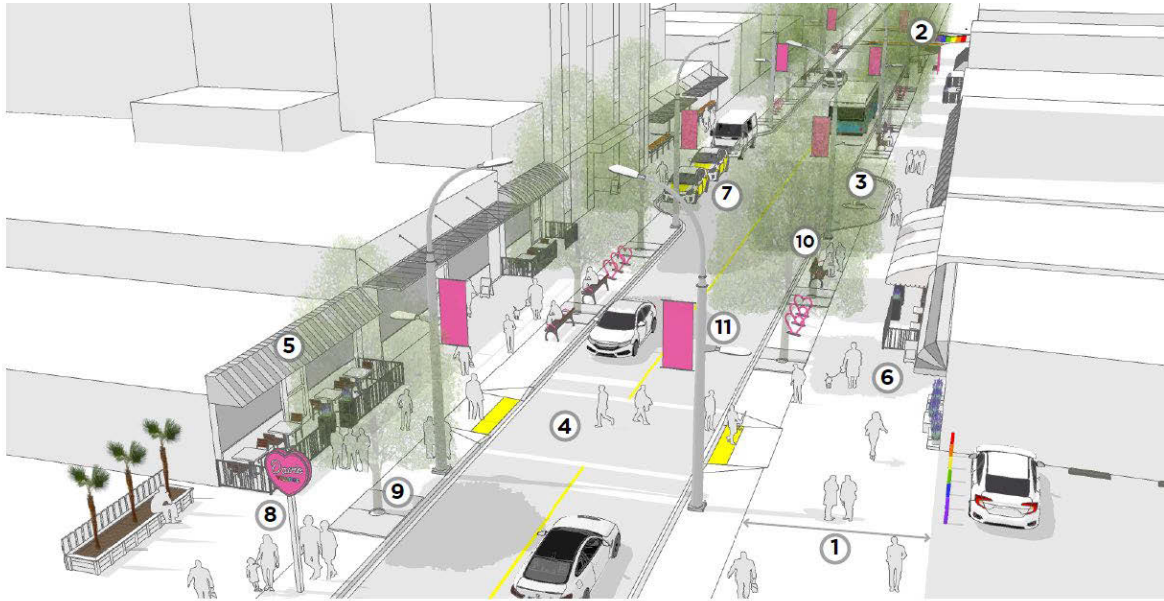


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Appendix A: Concept design for Davie Village

This three-dimensional sketch shares a vision of what Davie Village could look like in future.



- ① Sidewalks are wide and smooth, so people can walk together side by side
- ② Bus stops have more space to wait, and to stroll past
- ③ Accessible parking spot
- ④ Safe place to cross mid-block
- ⑤ Outdoor patios are up on the sidewalk, a more comfortable spot to eat together
- ⑥ Patios and displays have more room and don't block walking space
- ⑦ Curbside spots for quick stops, where passengers can be picked up or dropped off
- ⑧ The Heart of Davie sign is out on the street, recognising community work on 2SLGBTQ+ visibility and rights
- ⑨ Under our sidewalks, trees have more space to grow, rainwater is collected and cleaned
- ⑩ Evenly spaced benches provide rest spots
- ⑪ Sidewalk space is well lit