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To: **"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**

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Subject: Memo - Bute-Robson Plaza Construction Start

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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:

- Construction on the permanent Bute-Robson Plaza project will start the week of July 2nd and will be complete within 12 to 15 months.
- Construction will occur on Bute Street between Eihu Lane and Haro Street and the two half-blocks of Robson Street east and west of the intersection.
- Traffic impacts will be managed by the Contractor (Lafarge Construction) with a City-approved traffic management plan and traffic control plans.
- The project team will be meeting with the Robson Street Business Association (RSBA) monthly to provide regular updates on construction impacts.

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

Best,
Paul

Paul Mochrie (he/him)
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MEMORANDUM

June 28, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Lon LaClaire
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SUBJECT: Bute-Robson Plaza Construction Start

RTS #: N/A

This memo is to inform Mayor and Council that construction on the permanent Bute-Robson Plaza will soon be starting. The external contractor, Lafarge Canada, is scheduled to start the project the week of July 2, and is anticipated to complete the work in 12 to 15 months. The work area will include Bute Street between Haro Street and Eihu Lane, and the two half-blocks of Robson Street east and west of the intersection (see Appendix A).

Background

Bute Street was identified in both the West End Community Plan (Nov 2013) and Downtown Public Space Strategy (Jun 2020) as a key shore-to-shore greenway connection for walking, cycling, and gathering. In 2017, a pilot plaza was installed at Bute and Robson and quickly became a very successful public space. This project will make the Bute-Robson Plaza permanent, extend the design to support an improved experience on Robson Street, and create connections to adjacent blocks of the Bute Greenway.

Key features of the new plaza include:

- New seating areas
- Weather-protected structures
- Programmable space
- Green rainwater infrastructure

- Landscaping (new trees and plants)
- Separated bike path
- Widened sidewalks and a raised intersection on Robson Street
- Improved bus shelters on Robson Street
- Upgraded traffic signal at Bute/Robson intersection
- New street lighting
- Relocated Mobi station

Construction

The overall project duration is expected to take approximately 12 to 15 months.

The project will be sequenced as follows:

1. Starting on the north side of Robson Street, moving to the south.
2. Bute Street south of Robson Street to Haro Street.
3. Bute Street between Robson Street and Eihu Lane.

Traffic will be managed by the contractor during construction (in consultation with CMBC and TransLink) based on a City-approved traffic management plan with a goal of maximizing both business access and transit reliability.

The Robson Street Business Association (RSBA) have been informed of the construction start date and apprised of the initial traffic management plan. The project team will hold monthly meetings with the RBSA to update them on construction activities and address any issues. Signs will be installed along Robson Street to let the public know that businesses are open.

If you have any questions or would like more information on this project, please contact me directly.



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Appendix A – Project Map

