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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached Council Memo from Lon LaClaire regarding **South Granville Bus-Priority and Curbside Changes**. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- A first phase of bus-priority improvements are being installed the South Granville retail area (Granville St between 5th to 16th Ave). Several bus stops were relocated and the new stops were in effect since June 24, 2024.
- The changes will support businesses more parking and loading, and opportunities for curbside patios.

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) City Manager City of Vancouver



The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəỷəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətal (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



MEMORANDUM

July 11, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

- CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager Armin Amrolia, Deputy City Manager Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager Sandra Singh, Deputy City Manager Katrina Leckovic, City Clerk Maria Pontikis, Chief Communications Officer, CEC Teresa Jong, Administration Services Manager, City Manager's Office Mellisa Morphy, Director of Policy, Mayor's Office Trevor Ford, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
- FROM: Lon LaClaire General Manager, Engineering Services
- SUBJECT: South Granville Bus-Priority and Curbside Changes
- RTS #: N/A

This memo provides an update on bus speed and reliability improvements along Granville St, in response to the Council Members' Motion approved on October 4, 2023, <u>Advancing Rapid</u> <u>Transit and Priority RapidBus Upgrade Projects in Vancouver to Support Complete</u> <u>Communities, Livability and Growth.</u>

In July 2024, changes to the curbside regulations on Granville St between 5th Ave to 16th Ave were made to improve bus travel times and reliability, while also creating opportunities for curbside patios and more parking and loading for businesses in South Granville. The changes include (see **Appendix A**):

- Adjusting bus stops for more consistent spacing, in effect since June 24, 2024.
- Removing parking restrictions during the morning and afternoon peak periods, to allow parking and loading at all times of day on the east side of Granville St between 15th Ave and 5th Ave, and on the west side of Granville St between 10th Ave and 15th Ave.
- Extending and adding new loading zones for passenger and commercial loading.
- Extending the peak period bus lanes on Granville St from 16th Ave to 15th Ave, to better transition to and from the South Granville retail area.
- Reducing parking at some intersections to improve right-turns and reduce potential for bus delay.



The curbside regulation changes are a first phase to improve access to businesses this summer, while staff advance the designs for other bus-priority improvements.

In partnership with TransLink, and with funding from their Bus Speed and Reliability program, the improvements planned for 2025 include:

- Constructing four concrete bus bulbs on Granville St at the 12th Ave and 15th Ave bus stops (see **Appendix B**). The wider sidewalks at the bus stops will include improved seating and public realm amenities, and will allow buses to stop without pulling over to the side and merging back into traffic. This work will be coordinated with the permanent plaza upgrade at Granville and 14th Ave.
- Adjusting bus stop spacing and extending hours of bus lanes along Granville Street south of 16th Ave.

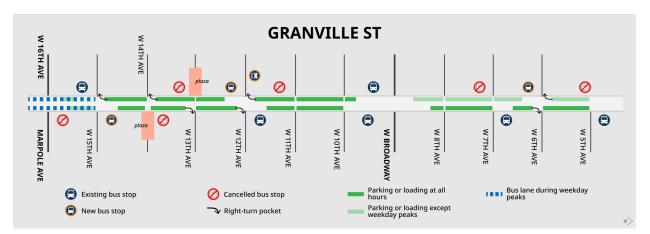
Staff have worked closely with the South Granville Business Improvement Association, and notified businesses and residents of the curbside changes this summer. Further information is available on the City's webpage (<u>vancouver.ca/improve-bus</u>) and members of the public, businesses and stakeholders can contact project staff via email (<u>buspriority@vancouver.ca</u>).

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

Sincerely,

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Appendix A: Summer 2024 Curbside Regulation Changes on Granville St (5th Ave to 16th Ave)





Appendix B: Bus Bulbs and Sidewalk Widening on Granville St Planned for 2025