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Subject: Memo - South Granville Bus-Priority and Curbside Changes

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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 5<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwəxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

## MEMORANDUM

July 11, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

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

SUBJECT: South Granville Bus-Priority and Curbside Changes

RTS #: N/A

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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, [Advancing Rapid Transit and Priority RapidBus Upgrade Projects in Vancouver to Support Complete Communities, Livability and Growth](#).

In July 2024, changes to the curbside regulations on Granville St between 5<sup>th</sup> Ave to 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Ave and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, and on the west side of Granville St between 10<sup>th</sup> Ave and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Extending and adding new loading zones for passenger and commercial loading.
- Extending the peak period bus lanes on Granville St from 16<sup>th</sup> Ave to 15<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Ave and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Adjusting bus stop spacing and extending hours of bus lanes along Granville Street south of 16<sup>th</sup> 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 ([vancouver.ca/improve-bus](https://vancouver.ca/improve-bus)) and members of the public, businesses and stakeholders can contact project staff via email ([buspriority@vancouver.ca](mailto: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 'Lon LaClaire', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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# Appendix A: Summer 2024 Curbside Regulation Changes on Granville St (5<sup>th</sup> Ave to 16<sup>th</sup> Ave)



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

