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Subject: Oak St sewers project - update

Attachments: Oak & 70th progression.jpg

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

In follow up to neighbourhood concerns regarding traffic congestion associated with ongoing sewer separation project in Marpole, I can confirm that our Engineering team is exploring additional measures to mitigate traffic impacts. We will provide additional detail as those measures are evaluated.

On a positive note, I can confirm that our team, in collaboration with the contractor and other partners, was successful in avoiding significant traffic impacts from construction at the intersection of Oak St and 70th Ave. As you know, that intersection is one of the busiest intersections in the City. The sewer work in the intersection was anticipated to begin in September and would have entailed massive disruption for the community and commuters. However, staff proactively worked with the YVR, MOTI, the City of Richmond, CMBC, TransLink and the contractor Jacob Bros, to bring the start date forward ahead of Labour Day, and accelerate the construction schedule by working round the clock in a 'blitz' fashion.

As a result, and despite challenging weather, this work was completed and two traffic lanes were reopened in each direction on Oak Street by August 28, prior to the Labour Day long weekend. *See attached photo* that shows the progression across the intersection and the depth of the excavation

Several news outlets covered the works ahead of them taking place, and traffic impacts were covered on multiple radio traffic bulletins. Although we received some complaints from residents regarding traffic, the impact was significantly reduced by working continuously ahead of and through the weekend, to get the intersection work done as fast as possible.

Moving forward, we are now proceeding with work on Oak St between W 70th Ave and W 64th Ave until spring 2025. To minimize daytime traffic disruption, work will primarily occur at night, and Oak St will remain open with two lanes in each direction during the day. We will keep the public informed through traffic advisories on social media, on digital message boards, and on our website: vancouver.ca/oakstupgrades.

As indicated, we will keep you apprised of efforts to manage the impact of congestion on the surrounding neighbourhood. If you have any other questions at this point, please do not hesitate to connect with me or Jimmy Zamar, in Lon's absence.

Best,
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Oak/W70th Intersection Crossing



25th August →
Morning



← 26th August
Afternoon