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To: "[Direct to Mayor and Council - DL](#)"
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Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: Granville Bridge north end to reopen on Monday with priority for transit into downtown (September 13, 2024)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City plans to issue the below info bulletin this afternoon regarding the reopening of north end of the Granville Bridge as part of the Granville Connector project. The bulletin includes details on transit and pedestrian improvements, along with information on closures and impacts for the next phase of construction.

Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account later this afternoon.

Maria will reply to this email with the relevant vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱m̱ ḵ y̱ m̱ (Musqueam), S̱ wxw̱7mesh (Squamish), and s̱ lilw̱ ta̱ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

City of Vancouver
Information bulletin
September 13, 2024

North End of Granville Bridge to reopen on Monday with priority for transit into downtown

Next week, the north end of the Granville Bridge reopens with priority access for transit headed downtown. The newly constructed, elevated roadway section of Granville Street, north of Pacific Street, replaces the former north loops and a section of bridge structure, as part of the [Granville Connector](#) project.

To help provide faster and more reliable bus service into downtown, only transit vehicles, taxis, and cyclists will be able to travel northbound through the intersection of Granville St at Drake St – all other vehicles will be required to turn onto Drake St.

Vehicles accessing downtown can continue to use Seymour St, the main northbound route from the Granville Bridge. The blocks of Granville St between Drake St and Smithe St will continue to be accessed by all vehicles from east-west streets. All vehicles will be able to travel southbound through the intersection of Granville St and Drake St onto the bridge. View a map for details.

The Granville Connector is a \$50 million capital project creating a safe and accessible crossing for walking, rolling, and cycling. Construction continues this fall with work expected to be complete by early 2025.

Construction next steps

In addition to continued work on the north end's new local road network, construction work will now start on the west side of the bridge. Upgrades will provide safe, accessible pedestrian crossings,

more space and safety for those walking, cycling and rolling across the bridge.

Construction includes installing:

- traffic signals, traffic islands, and gravity barriers
- bicycle friendly expansion joint cover plates
- paint markings and signage to guide pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles

During this time, the west side of the bridge will be primarily closed to pedestrians to allow for safe construction. Pedestrian access across the bridge will be retained on the east sidewalk.

The Howe Street on-ramp will also be closed overnight from 9 pm to 7 am for approximately eight weeks to accommodate line removal/painting and other lower noise activities.

[View a map of traffic impacts.](#)

Traffic tips:

- If you are travelling in and around the area, plan ahead and expect delays.
- Please abide by “No Parking” signs and “Pedestrian Detour” signs in the area
- To stay ahead of road closures throughout the city, visit our [road closures page](#) or download the Van311 app for information on the go.
- Follow #VanTraffic or [use our traffic cameras](#) to check traffic conditions along your commute.
- Visit [translink.ca/alerts](#) for changes to your bus service.

Background

Constructed in 1954, Granville Bridge was originally designed for freeways that were never built. Its current form is not accessible and presents a number of challenges for people who want to walk, bike or roll across the bridge.

In September 2020, Council endorsed the long-term design concept for the Granville Connector and directed staff to proceed with the interim Granville Connector construction which began in February 2023.

Construction includes the installation of new, protected pedestrian and cyclist connections across the Granville Bridge and replacement of the north Granville loops to create a standard street grid layout. This work will transform the way we use the bridge by creating safer, more convenient access to active transportation and transit while enabling future improvements.

Learn more about the [Granville Connector project](#).

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