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Subject: Memo - Portside Greenway - Public Engagement Phase 2

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached Memo from Acting GM, Jimmy Zammar regarding Portside Greenway - Public Engagement Phase 2. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- This memo provides an update on the Portside Greenway Project. Following Phase 1 public engagement in 2023, staff have developed two design approaches for the Wall Street segment, and continue to advance studies and analysis for the remaining segments, including along Powell Street.
- The two design approaches for the Wall Street segment advance project goals and respond to phase 1 input, specifically safety concerns for people cycling and walking on Wall Street. Staff are seeking public feedback on both approaches and have a variety of in-person and online engagement activities scheduled between October 21 – November 22, 2024.
- After this phase of engagement, staff will integrate feedback into a preferred option that will be presented back to the community for refinement in 2025. Implementation will be coordinated with planned sewer renewal and other road updates anticipated in 2026/27.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jimmy Zammar at 604-871-6880 or jimmy.zammar@vancouver.ca.

Best,
Paul

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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 w̱ x̱ w̱ 7̱ mesh (Squamish), and s̱ ḻ i̱ ḻ w̱ ̱ ṯ a̱ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



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MEMORANDUM

October 18, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Jimmy Zammar
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SUBJECT: Portside Greenway: Project Update and Phase 2 Public Engagement

RTS #: N/A

The purpose of this memo is to provide an overview of the upcoming stakeholder and public engagement process planned for the Portside Greenway.

Background: The Portside Greenway is a 7 km route following the city's northern edge along the east Vancouver waterfront, spanning between the heart of Gastown and the city's eastern boundary where it links to Burnaby and the North Shore. While much of the Portside Greenway already exists as a bike route, there are four unique segments, each with its own challenges and opportunities. A context map is in *Appendix A*.

Staff first engaged with the community in Spring 2023 to gather input on how the greenway is used today as well as community hopes, concerns, and feedback on project goals. The engagement summary for Phase One is now available: shapeyourcity.ca/portside-greenway. Greenway improvements are planned to be spread across multiple capital plans.

Project Update: Staff are now advancing engagement (Phase Two) and design on the **Wall Street Segment** of the project, to coordinate implementation with upcoming sewer upgrades and associated road work anticipated in 2026/2027. This area has been identified as having high vehicle volumes and speeds (that exceed our "All Ages and Abilities" design guidelines) and blocks without sidewalks which create safety and accessibility concerns for people walking, cycling, and rolling. Two design options have been prepared for the Wall Street Segment:

1. **Car-Light Street Option:** A quiet two-way shared street with parking on one or more sides, and space for sidewalks and new street trees. Road closures and traffic diversions lower vehicle volumes and speeds, so people cycling, and vehicles can share the road.
2. **Protected Bike Lane Option:** Protected bike lane with two-way vehicle traffic and parking on one side for most blocks. Vehicle access would remain as it is today. There is limited space for sidewalk widening and street trees.

Staff continue to study options for the **Powell Street Segment**, with a focus on transit and traffic impacts, deliveries, and business operations. This analysis is incorporating other network changes related to the Gastown Public Space Plan as well as improving bus speed and reliability between Downtown to the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge as well as Hastings Street. Further engagement on this segment will take place after this analysis is complete.

Some improvements to the **Alexander and Bridgeway Segments** may be straightforward, 'quick wins' that can be implemented with local stakeholder engagement and public notifications. Staff will also be scoping these improvements following public engagement.

Partnership with the local Nations: A meeting with Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) was held in August 2023 where the Nation expressed interest in the use of native species and support Indigenous art and visibility across the greenway. A project update letter will be sent to the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations advising of project progress and continued engagement and capacity funding opportunities.

Community engagement: Engagement on the Wall Street Segment is scheduled to launch late October 2024. Staff will connect with stakeholders in the area, focusing on residents and community groups close to Wall Street, including the Burrardview Community Associations. We will also meet with Council-appointed citizen advisory committees representing transportation, seniors, and persons with disabilities.

The broader public will be invited provide feedback on the benefits and trade-offs of both design options on Shape Your City or at in-person events. Input will be used to create a preferred option for this segment that will be shared with the public for refinement in Spring 2025.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any further questions about this initiative or if you would like to meet to discuss this project.

Sincerely,



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Appendix A – Context Map



Portside Greenway Context Map

Legend:
— Wall Street Segment
- - - Greenway Gap
— Alexander, Powell, Bridgeway Segments

Scale: 0 to 1 km
North arrow