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 Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: Traffic impacts coming to Cambie Street Bridge this week (November 19, 2024)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin today to inform the public about upcoming traffic impacts on the Cambie St Bridge, as deck joint repair work gets underway. Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account this morning.

Further details and scope for this construction project ("Cambie Street Bridge Expansion Joint Repairs Project") were shared with you in a Memo to Council on October 29. Provided below, for your information, is a response from staff to Cllr Bligh's question about this work (received November 1). This response was included in the Council Q&A distributed yesterday.

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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Councillor's inquiry

Q: Noting completion of the Granville Bridge repairs in Spring 2025 is still six months away, should we not be waiting to complete upgrade/repairs on one bridge before starting another? Naturally additional traffic is diverting to Cambie and Burrard during Granville upgrades.

A: Thanks for your inquiry about works taking place concurrently on the Cambie St Bridge and Granville St Bridge. When scheduling the upcoming Cambie St Bridge expansion joints repair work, staff considered several options that balance the importance of the repair work, overall traffic impacts, and the goal to complete bridge deck work prior to the FIFA World Cup 2026.

Cambie St Bridge work: As detailed in the October 29 Memo to Council, consultants have recommended the Cambie St Bridge expansion joint repair work be completed as soon as possible, as prolonged exposure to salts and winter weather could increase the rate of structural deterioration of the bridge. It is a high priority to complete this work ahead of next winter (2025/26). Please note that the Cambie St Bridge expansion joints repair work is estimated to finish in Spring of 2025.

A separate project to rehabilitate the south ramps (Hemlock, Fir and 4th Ave) on the Granville St Bridge is scheduled to start in Spring 2025, with a completion date of March 2026. This project is being funded in part by TransLink, and a requirement of this funding agreement is that the work must be completed by the end of 2026. Goal is to have all projects with traffic impacts on the bridge deck prior to the FIFA World Cup.

Granville St Bridge work: As construction work on the Granville Connector progresses, traffic impacts will continue to lessen on the Granville St Bridge. Staff review projects which may have overlapping traffic impacts to ensure that the transportation network impacts are manageable. In the case of the Cambie work happening at the same time as the Granville work, the planned overlap isn't expected to affect travel in the same direction at the same time, which will limit traffic impacts.

**City of Vancouver
 Information bulletin
 November 19, 2024**

Traffic impacts coming to Cambie Street Bridge this week *Construction work on bridge deck until spring 2025*

The City is advising the public to be prepared for delays and walking and cycling detours around the Cambie Street Bridge, starting this week.

Traffic impacts are anticipated until spring 2025, while the City's contractor completes rehabilitation work on the bridge deck. People are encouraged to plan ahead, expect delays, and use alternate routes where possible.

Two-way vehicle traffic will be retained across the bridge at all times. The number of lanes open will vary as work progresses, with at least one lane always open in each direction. The City will notify drivers of key traffic changes via on-site electronic signage and traffic advisories on the [City's X account](#) as work progresses.

The bridge will remain open to pedestrians and cyclists. To allow for safe construction, bike lanes and sidewalks on one side of the bridge will be closed for periods, with users detoured to the opposite side. Watch for detour signage to keep everyone safe.

Traffic tips

The City thanks everyone for their patience while this work takes place. If you plan to travel in and around the area, consider the following before making a trip:

- Open your map app, [use our traffic cameras](#), or search for #VanTraffic on X to check traffic conditions along your commute.
- Visit translink.ca/alerts for changes or disruptions to your bus service.
- Stay ahead of road closures throughout the city by visiting our [road closures page](#) or using the Van311 app for information on the go.

Bridges are critical infrastructure that facilitate the movement of people and goods in and around Vancouver. Maintaining them regularly is important. For more information on this rehabilitation work, visit vancouver.ca/cambie-upgrades.

Construction of the [Granville Connector](#), on the neighbouring Granville Street Bridge, will continue while this work takes place. Traffic measures will be coordinated between the two projects to minimize impacts.

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