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Subject: ENG - Memo - Drake Street Upgrades Project Phase 2 – Hornby to Granville

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached Memo from Lon LaClaire regarding **Drake Street Upgrades Project Phase 2 – Hornby to Granville**. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- This memo pertains to the Drake Street Upgrades Phase 2 (Hornby to Granville), which will build a two-way protected bike path along Drake Street from Hornby to Granville, along with traffic signal upgrades at the Howe intersection.
- Phase 1 (or early works) was completed in 2022, covering the stretch from Burrard to Hornby. Phase 2 will span from Hornby to Granville, and Phase 3 will extend from Granville to Pacific.
- The work for Phase 2 will be delivered by contractor Pomerleau, who are the contractor completing construction on the Granville Connector. Construction is scheduled to begin in early February 2025, and expected to be complete by Spring 2025.
- There will be traffic disruptions (such as full closures), but access to businesses and residences will be maintained throughout.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca

Best,

Paul

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MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Lon LaClaire
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Drake Street Upgrades Project Phase 2 – Hornby to Granville

RTS #: N/A

Starting February 2025, construction will begin on phase 2 of the Drake Street Upgrades Project between Hornby Street and Granville Street. Upgrades include the construction of a two-way protected bike lane, repaving of select road sections and traffic signal upgrades at the Howe Street intersection. Work is scheduled to be complete by late Spring 2025 to coordinate with the opening of the Granville Connector.

The new road network at the north end of the Granville Bridge can be opened about a month before the Granville Connector. This new road network will reinstate the previous "loop function", provide new local accesses, and will ease traffic congestion in the north bridgehead area.

The work will be delivered by contractor Pomerleau, who are the contractor completing construction of the Granville Connector. Pomerleau will closely coordinate construction activities on both projects.

Background

A protected bike lane on Drake Street will address a critical east-west gap in the active transportation network. Drake Street connects the Burrard Bridge, Granville Bridge, Pacific Boulevard and the Seawall. Currently, there is one block of dedicated bike lane on Drake Street between Burrard and Hornby Streets.

The new design reallocates a westbound travel lane and parking lane to create more comfortable sidewalks and a two-way protected bike lane on the south side of the street. The new design will be one-way eastbound for motor vehicles and include on-street parking, turn lanes and corner bulges to shorten crosswalk distances. This project was approved for construction by Council in fall 2020 following extensive community engagement.

This project is being delivered in three phases:

Phase	Scope	Status
Phase 1: early works	Burrard St to Howe St	Completed in 2022
Phase 2	Hornby St to Granville St	Current phase – starting February 2025
Phase 3	Granville St to Pacific Blvd & Burrard/Drake intersection	To be delivered in 2025-2026

Please see **Appendix A** for a graphic with the new road network, the project area and the phasing.

Construction

The overall duration for the Drake Street Project Phase 2 construction is anticipated to be about 16 weeks. Work will typically occur Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 pm, with some extended hours and weekend work as necessary. While efforts will be made to minimize noise, especially during early hours, some noise and dust are to be expected due to the nature of the work.

Traffic Impacts

Due to the limited size of the road and work area, full closures of Drake will be necessary to perform certain construction tasks. To reduce disruptions, the main strategy will involve redirecting traffic before it reaches the work zone. The traffic management plans for both projects are being coordinated and closely monitored to ensure safe navigation around the construction site and to maintain access for local businesses and residences.

Public communication

Public communication activities will be coordinated within the existing communication strategy for the Granville Connector to ensure residents in the area can easily access information on both projects happening simultaneously in their area. The project webpage (vancouver.ca/drake-upgrades) will also be updated with information on the current work.

If you have any questions or would like more information on this project, please contact me directly.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lon LaClaire'.

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Appendix A

