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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am writing to give you an update on Oak Street Sewer Separation project and to inform you that the contractor will be back on site from March 15 - 30 to complete final restoration and paving work.

Major traffic impacts are anticipated along Oak Street during this period. At times, traffic will be reduced to one lane each way on Oak Street while crews complete the work, and there will be a closure of W70th Ave eastbound with a detour implemented at Granville St. Travel delays are anticipated. A detailed schedule of where these works will occur is enclosed below.

The City will take steps to alert the public ahead of and during these lane closures through:

- Traffic advisories on social media
- Proactive outreach to media outlets with local traffic radio coverage
- On-site signage and digital messaging boards to advise drivers of impacts prior to and during the work
- Updates on the project webpage – [vancouver.ca/oakstupgrades](http://vancouver.ca/oakstupgrades)

The City has already notified Marpole BIA, YVR, MOTI, the City of Richmond, CMBC, and TransLink of upcoming work and traffic impacts.

### Traffic Management Strategy for Construction

The temporary neighbourhood traffic calming measures, introduced during sewer installation work last year to discourage residential shortcutting, will be reinstated for the duration of the work on Oak St. Recognizing that it is not possible to eliminate the impacts, the project team is taking the following additional steps to support traffic flow and residents to be implemented by March 15, 2025:

- Implementing new directional closures at some key egress points along W 70th Ave and Oak St to reduce congestion and minimize shortcutting;
- VPD presence will be on site to manage traffic flow through affected signalized intersections including the detour at Granville St.;
- Installing a bus queue jumper lane for Oak St from Park Drive to support transit flow and reliability;
- Coordinating with CMBC for pole pullers to facilitate trolley bus movement through the work zone;
- Expanding signs to cover more adjacent routes alerting the public of road closures further away from the project area;
- Posting traffic advisories about the work on X and will be tagging key stakeholders so that they can amplify the messaging.

### Schedule:

Below is an outline of the work and anticipated traffic impacts.

1. March 15-16: Paving – Oak St and W 70th Ave Intersection
  - a. Anticipate major daytime traffic impacts with four lanes of Oak St closed simultaneously to facilitate paving activities. Minimum one lane NB and one lane SB of Oak St open at all times
  - b. Reduced lanes of W70th Ave both EB and WB through the intersection of Oak St.

2. March 17-23: Milling and Paving – Oak St between W 64<sup>th</sup> Ave and W 71<sup>st</sup> Ave
  - a. Anticipate major traffic impacts 24 hrs to facilitate paving activities. Minimum two lanes NB and one lane SB of Oak St open during the daytime (7am-7pm); minimum one lane open NB and one lane open SB during the nighttime (7pm -7am)
  - b. Closure of W70th Ave EB through the intersection of Oak St. Traffic detour will be implemented at Granville St.
3. March 22-23: Milling and Paving – Oak St between W 64<sup>th</sup> Ave and W 71<sup>st</sup> Ave
  - a. Anticipate major traffic impacts 24hrs with four lanes of Oak St closed simultaneously to facilitate paving activities during daytime and nighttime. Minimum one lane NB and one lane SB of Oak St open at all times.
  - b. Closure of W70th Ave EB through the intersection of Oak St. Traffic detour will be
4. March 24-28: Development Service Connection Installation – Oak St between W 64<sup>th</sup> Ave and W 70<sup>th</sup> Ave
  - a. Anticipate major daytime traffic impacts with three lanes of Oak St closed simultaneously to facilitate paving activities. Minimum two lanes NB and one lane SB of Oak St open at all times.
5. March 29-30: Final Paving and Line Painting - Oak St between W 64<sup>th</sup> Ave and W 71<sup>st</sup> Ave
  - a. Anticipate major traffic impacts with four lanes of Oak St closed simultaneously to facilitate paving activities and line painting during daytime and nighttime. Minimum one lane NB and one lane SB of Oak St open at all times.
  - b. Closure of W70th Ave EB through the intersection of Oak St. Traffic detour will be implemented at Granville St.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please reach out to Lon LaClaire.

Thanks,

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