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Subject: ENG - Memo to Mayor and Council - Drake Street Upgrades - Phase 3 - June 18 2025

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- Phase 3 of the Drake Street Upgrades Project begins July 2025 and runs until Spring 2026, covering Granville Street to Pacific Boulevard and the Burrard/Drake intersection.
- Key upgrades include a new protected bike lane, conversion of Drake Street to one-way eastbound (with some exceptions), traffic signal improvements, and road repaving.
- Construction will be coordinated with the Granville Connector project to minimize disruptions, with work mostly on weekdays and some weekend activity; temporary closures are expected.
- Public communication efforts include direct notifications, signage, a community liaison, and updates on the city's project webpage.

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

Best,

Paul

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MEMORANDUM

June 18, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Lon LaClaire
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SUBJECT: Drake Street Upgrades Project Phase 3 – Granville Street to Pacific Boulevard

RTS #: N/A

Starting July 2025, construction will begin on Phase 3 of the Drake Street Upgrades Project, covering the section between Granville Street and Pacific Boulevard, as well as the Burrard Street/Drake Street intersection. Work is scheduled to be completed by Spring 2026.

This phase will:

- Continue construction of a new protected bike lane on the south side of Drake Street. It will be two-way between Granville Street and Hamilton Street, and one-way (eastbound) from Hamilton Street to Pacific Boulevard.
- Convert Drake Street to a one-way (eastbound) street for vehicles between Granville Street and Pacific Boulevard (the block between Hamilton Street and Pacific Boulevard will remain two-way); and,
- Include traffic signal upgrades, road repaving, and intersection improvements (e.g. improved pedestrian ramps).

This work will also support the new road network at the north end of the Granville Bridge, which improves local access in the north bridgehead area.

The work will be delivered by Crown Contracting. Construction activities will be closely coordinated with the Granville Connector to minimize disruptions and ensure efficient delivery.

Background

A protected bike lane on Drake Street addresses a critical east-west gap in Vancouver's active transportation network. Drake Street connects the Burrard Bridge, Granville Bridge, Hornby and Richards Bikeways, Pacific Boulevard, and the Seawall. Currently, a two-way protected bike lane has been completed from Burrard to Granville Street (Phases 1 and 2).

The final phase reallocates a westbound travel lane and parking lane to extend the two-way protected bike lane to Pacific Boulevard. The design maintains one-way eastbound vehicle traffic and includes on-street parking, turn lanes, and corner bulges to improve pedestrian safety. This project was [approved by Council in September 2020](#) following extensive public engagement.

This project is being delivered in three phases:

Phase	Scope	Status
Phase 1: early works	Burrard St to Hornby St	Completed in 2022
Phase 2	Hornby St to Granville St	Current phase – expected completion July 2025
Phase 3	Granville St to Pacific Blvd & Burrard/Drake intersection	July 2025 – spring 2026

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

Construction

Phase 3 construction is expected to last approximately 8–10 months, with completion anticipated by spring 2026. Typical work hours will be from Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and occasional extended hours or weekend work as needed. While every effort will be made to minimize noise and dust, some disruption is expected due to the nature of the work.

Traffic impacts

Due to the constrained work area, temporary full closures of Drake Street at certain locations will be required at times. Traffic will be redirected in advance of the work zone to minimize delays. Traffic management plans will be coordinated with the Granville Connector project to ensure safe and efficient movement for all users and maintain access to local businesses and residences. While construction work will generally take place on weekdays, traffic impacts and any detours will remain in place over weekends to ensure safety for all users.

Public communication

Local residents and businesses will be notified of this work via letter and project updates. Background information will be provided on the existing project webpage (vancouver.ca/drake-upgrades). A community liaison officer is assigned to support inquiries from the public and stakeholders. Other activities to support public communication include on-site pedestrian and driver signage, and sharing traffic advisory information with the media and public.

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

