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Subject: ENG - Memo - Kent Avenue Greenway Upgrades - Phase 1

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached Memo from Lon LaClaire regarding **Kent Avenue Greenway Upgrades - Phase 1**. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- This memo provides an update on the Kent Avenue Upgrades Project – Phase 1, which proposes a series of improvements along Kent Avenue between Victoria Drive and Elliott Street.
- The project includes building a new sidewalk and widening the existing shared-use path between Victoria Drive and Portside Drive, new sidewalks along Kent Avenue, and intersection improvements including curb bulges and green infrastructure. To accommodate these improvements and address resident concerns over vehicles shortcutting along Kent Avenue, this section will be converted to one-way westbound-only for vehicle travel.
- Public engagement activities, scheduled between July 2 and 28, 2025, will focus on area residents and businesses to address safety issues along Kent Avenue. Feedback submitted during engagement will be used to modify the design in advance of construction, anticipated in 2026.
- Phase 2, between Ash Street and Victoria Drive, will require public engagement with industrial businesses along Kent Avenue and in the industrial area that have been impacted by the tariffs and ongoing trade war between Canada and the US. The situation continues to be monitored and Phase 2 engagement timing will ensure that businesses are able to fully participate in the engagement process.

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

Best,

Paul

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

## MEMORANDUM

June 24, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager  
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FROM: Lon LaClaire  
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Kent Avenue Greenway Upgrades – Phase 1

RTS #: N/A

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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this memo is to provide an overview of the **Kent Avenue Greenway Upgrades Phase 1** project, including upcoming public engagement on a proposed design.

### **Background**

The Kent Avenue Greenway Upgrades project will be completed in two phases: Phase 1 will add permanent infrastructure improvements between Victoria Drive and Elliott Street and begin public engagement in June 2025. Phase 2 will consider cycling improvements from Ash Street to Victoria Drive anticipated to begin public engagement in 2026/2027. A project map is provided in Appendix A.

This project will close a gap in the active transportation network, by providing an All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling route along Kent Avenue. It improves connectivity across South Vancouver, creating better connections to the Canada Line Bridge and the Fraser River Trail.

Dividing the project into two phases allows the permanent transportation infrastructure improvements between Victoria Drive and Elliott Street to advance quickly. Phase 2 of the project, between Ash Street and Victoria Drive, requires significant public engagement with industrial businesses along Kent Avenue. Many of these businesses have been directly impacted by the ongoing trade war and tariffs between Canada and the United States. Public

engagement will resume once these stakeholders are able to fully participate in the public engagement process.

### **Proposed design**

The proposed design between Victoria Drive and Elliott Street will feature permanent materials and include:

- Upgrades to the existing shared-use path in the car-free portion of East Kent Avenue North between Victoria Drive and Portside Drive that will separate people walking and cycling;
- Converting East Kent Avenue North between Gladstone-Riverside Park and Elliott Street to one-way westbound vehicle travel only;
- Converting East Kent Avenue South between Victoria Drive and Gladstone-Riverside Park to one-way westbound vehicle travel only; and,
- Building a new sidewalk on the north side of Kent Avenue North between Victoria Drive and Elliott Street where no sidewalk exists today and removing parking along Kent Avenue.

The proposed one-way vehicle travel section was developed to balance vehicle access needs for residents within the project area, address resident concerns regarding vehicles using Kent Avenue as a shortcutting route, and improve safety and comfort for people walking and cycling along Kent Avenue. The design will allow Kent Avenue to function as a local street that maintains residential access and is safe and comfortable for people walking and cycling of all ages and abilities. A project map is provided in Appendix B.

Phase 1 of the project has an estimated budget of \$2.5 million and is included in the current capital plan. Staff are engaging with stakeholders and the public in June 2025 and Phase 1 project construction is anticipated to begin in 2026.

### **Partnership with the Nations**

The project team met with xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) in March 2025 to discuss capacity funding opportunities to support cultural visibility in the project area. An update letter outlining additional details on the cultural visibility process was sent June 15, 2025. Notification letters have been sent to Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations advising of project progress. Staff will continue to work with Indigenous Relations on the referral process.

### **Public engagement**

Staff will notify residents and businesses within the Phase 1 project area of the planned design. Targeted surveys will be distributed, focused on addressing safety issues along Kent Avenue, and residential access to the project area. Public engagement will run from July 2 to 28, 2025.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any further questions about this project.

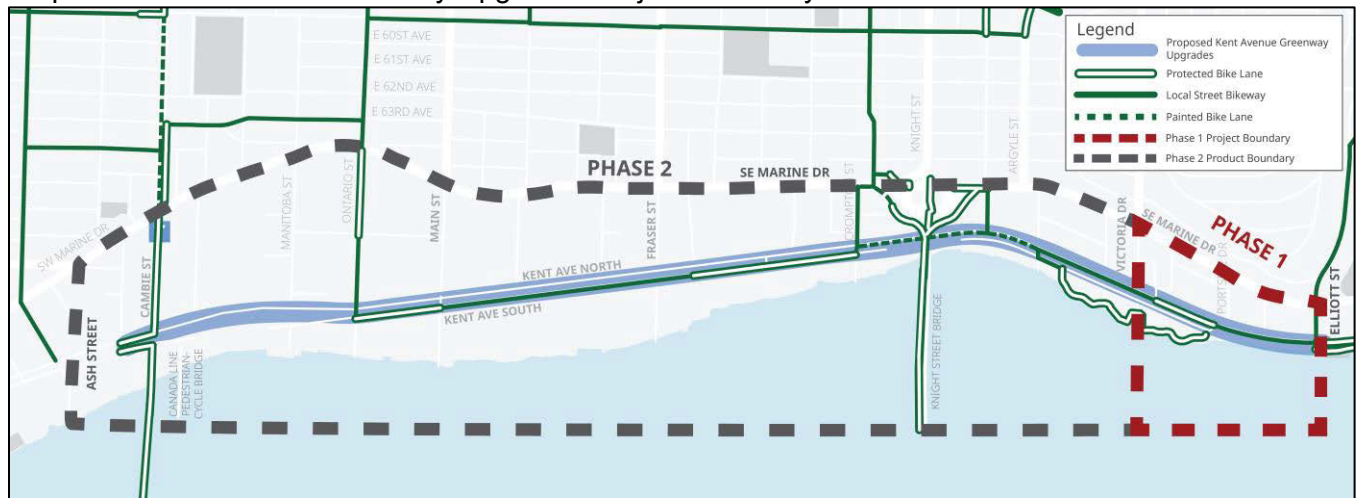
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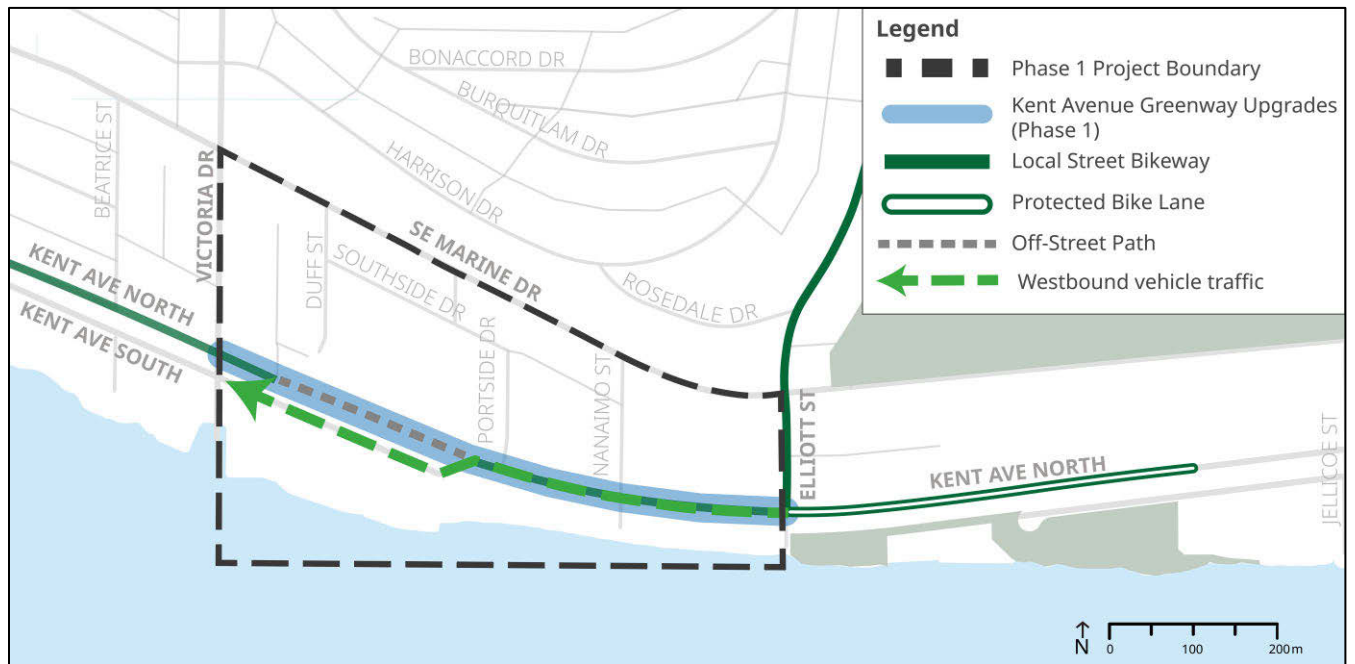
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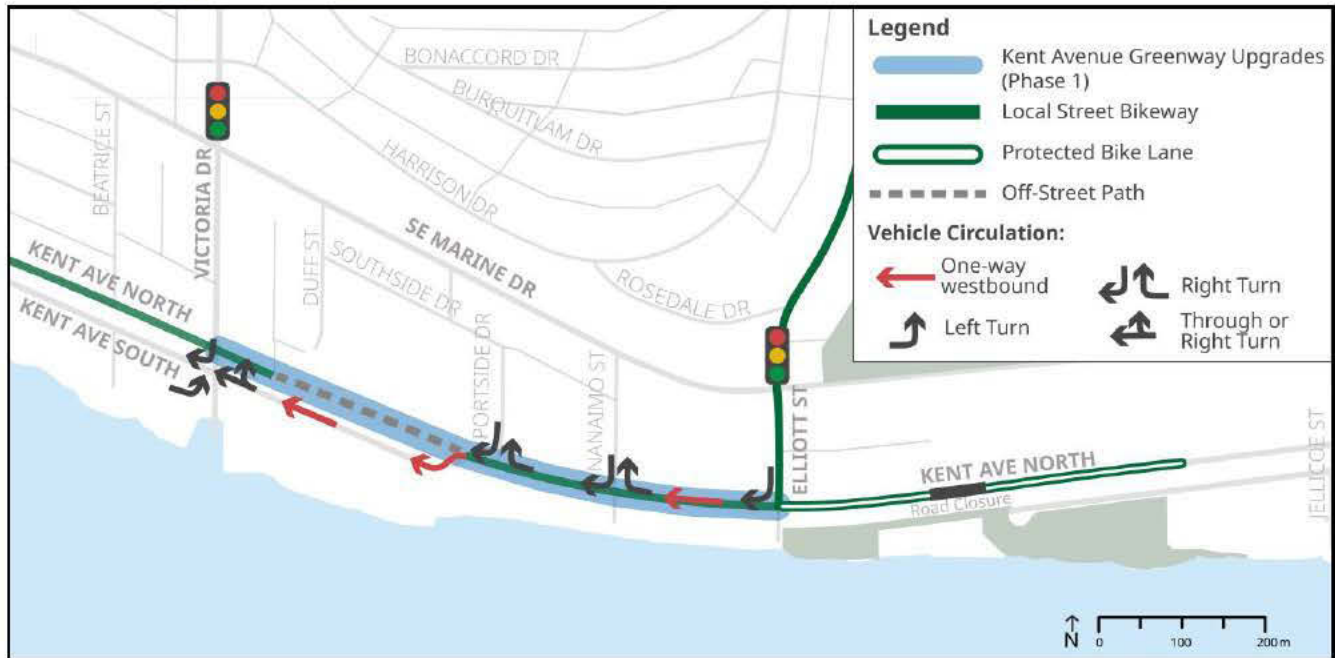
# Appendix A: Proposed Kent Avenue Greenway Upgrades Project Boundary



# Appendix B: Proposed Kent Avenue Greenway Upgrades Phase 1



## Appendix C: Vehicle Circulation Map



## Appendix D: Project Sections

