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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached Council Memo from Lon LaClaire regarding **Marpole Traffic Calming**. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- There are longstanding traffic calming concerns in the Marpole Area, which increased during the Oak Street Sewer Separation Upgrades Project in 2024.
- This summer, staff are re-installing the traffic calming measures that were installed during construction
- Staff will be evaluating the measures based on traffic data and community feedback this fall -measures may be adjusted, removed, or additional measures added based on these findings

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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## MEMORANDUM

June 13, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Lon LaClaire  
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Marpole Traffic Calming

RTS #: NA

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This memo provides an update on the implementation of interim traffic calming measures in the Marpole Neighbourhood to address longstanding shortcutting concerns on local streets in the community related accessing the Oak Street Bridge.

### **Background**

Staff delivered notification letter (see Appendix A) about the re-installation of interim traffic calming measures (one-way streets) on seven streets in the Marpole area in May 2025.

The longstanding traffic concerns in the Marpole area increased during the Oak Street Sewer Separation Upgrades Project construction in 2024. To mitigate increased shortcutting during construction, staff implemented temporary one-way streets to limit access from local streets onto Oak St. and W 70<sup>th</sup> Ave. These measures were in place for approximately three months (October-December 2024).

When the Oak St construction was completed, the City received a number of comments from residents interested in keeping the traffic calming measures longer-term. The traffic calming is consistent with the goals and directions of the community plans in this area, namely the Marpole Plan and the Cambie Corridor Plan, which had extensive community engagement and data analysis. Related to traffic calming, the plans note:

- The Marpole Plan includes goals to *“Monitor and review traffic calming measures to limit short-cutting on local streets between Granville Street and Oak Street”* and *“Continue to work with the community to address neighbourhood traffic concerns as they arise”*.
- The Cambie Corridor Plan includes as policy to *“Address traffic calming issues through spot improvements as part of existing city-wide programs, focusing on speeding and shortcutting on local streets, bike routes, and near schools and parks. Longer distance vehicular traffic should be encouraged to travel on arterial streets, away from areas where impacts to the safety and comfort of walking and biking occur.”*

There are also two existing local street bikeways in the project area (67th Ave and Heather St) – these measures would provide an opportunity to both protect the neighbourhood from shortcutting and lower vehicle volumes on bikeways to improve safety and comfort for people cycling and walking. Reducing the number of interactions between vehicles and people cycling is an important part of improving safety and comfort.

### **Community Communications and Feedback**

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, staff sent out a notification letter to 7,879 addresses in the Marpole Area. Staff have been tracking and responding to emails and will continue to collect community feedback. To date, we have received 123 messages from community members, representing 56 unique senders. Of the unique senders, the messages were 57% negative or concerned about the measures, 23% positive, and the remainder mixed or neutral.

Based on community feedback regarding from those living south of West 70<sup>th</sup> Ave and east of Oak St. we have decided to pause the install of the one way on Fremlin St between W 70<sup>th</sup> Ave & W 71<sup>st</sup> Ave. Given the limited access to this area and the signal at Fremlin St & 70<sup>th</sup> Ave, installing this measure would limit options for residents leaving the neighbourhood. An update to the community about this change in forthcoming.

### **Next Steps**

Following installation, we plan to evaluate the interim measures by collecting traffic data on affected and nearby streets and laneways and inviting community members let us know how the measures are working for them. Based on that we will determine if the measures should be adjusted, removed, or if additional measures should be added to meet the goals of reducing shortcutting vehicles on these streets - and in particular on the bikeways – while providing reasonable access for residents and businesses.

Staff are now preparing a second community notification that will be shared in June 2025 and will provide an update on pausing the installation on the south side of Fremlin St and provide more details on evaluation and feedback next steps.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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May 2, 2025

**RE: Marpole Area Traffic Calming - One-Way Streets Implementation**

Dear Community Member,

The City of Vancouver is addressing traffic issues on local streets in the Marpole area. We will do this by implementing one-way streets and turn restrictions (see map, page 2) to discourage people driving from using local streets to access the Oak Street Bridge.

In 2024, the City of Vancouver completed the Oak Street Sewer Separation Upgrades Project, which increased vehicle shortcutting issues in the Marpole neighbourhood. To address resident concerns during construction, we implemented temporary one-way street measures. These measures were removed in December 2024 following completion of this project.

Residents provided positive feedback about the one-way streets and many expressed concern when they were removed following construction. We will be reinstating the measures on seven streets in the Marpole area based on this feedback and ongoing concerns about shortcutting traffic. The measures will use durable interim materials like concrete blocks and provide a longer-term solution to the area's traffic management challenges. Staff will revisit the measures if we receive feedback from the community regarding significant issues.

While most locations will have the same one-way configuration as during sewer construction (see map, page 2), two locations have been adjusted:

- **W 67<sup>th</sup> Ave (east side of intersection)** – To accommodate two-way vehicle access to the gas station, but to discourage shortcutting through the neighbourhood, staff have adjusted the design to include a closure at the laneway east of Oak Street.
- **W 64<sup>th</sup> Ave (east side of intersection)** – Once construction is complete at the development site on the southeast corner of 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Oak Street (988 West 64<sup>th</sup> Ave & 8030-8130 Oak St) staff will install an eastbound one-way street from Oak Street to the laneway.

Staff are also considering measures on the Heather Street Bikeway. Heather Street currently has high vehicle volumes for a bikeway. It also has the most upgrade requests of any bikeway over the past year. Proposed locations are shown on the map (page 2). The final locations will be confirmed by Fall 2025 based on vehicle volume data and community feedback.

Installation will take place in May/June over approximately one week with minimal impacts anticipated for local traffic. There will be minor changes to parking as a result of the measures.

**Questions?**

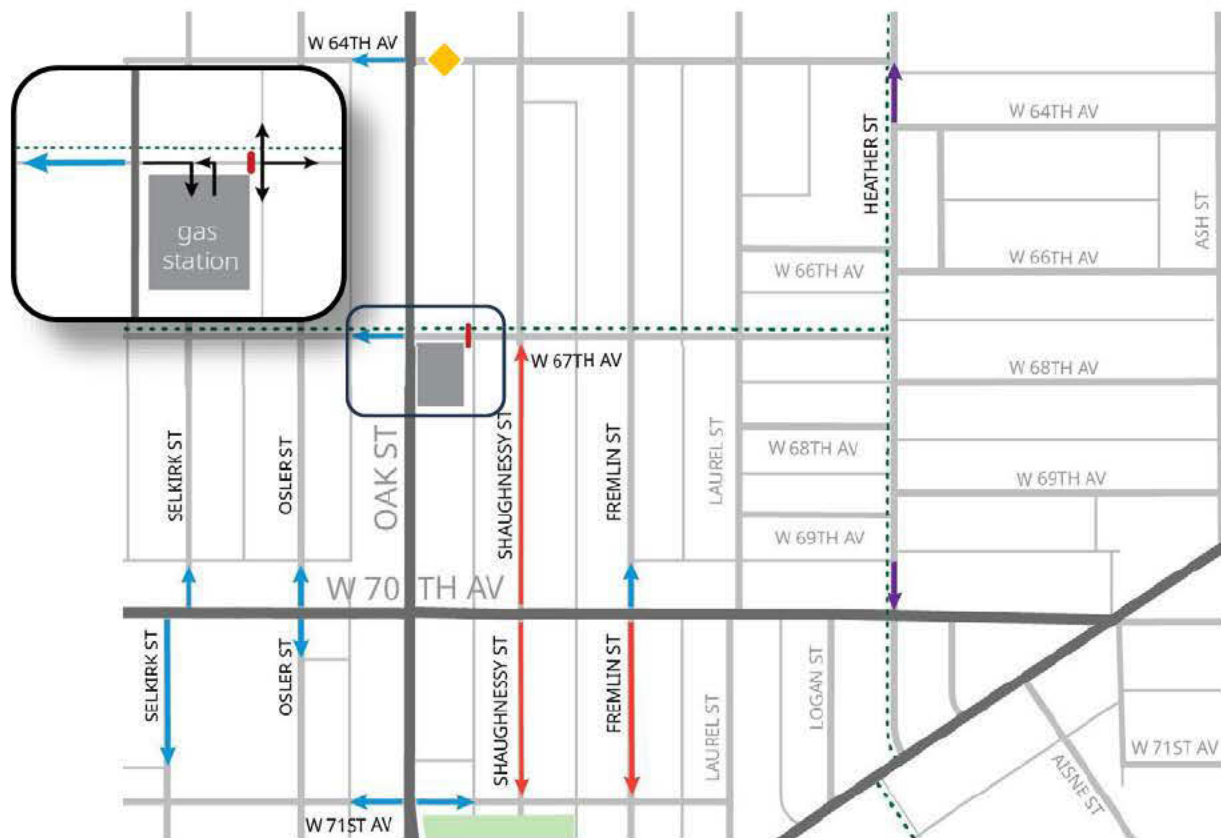
If you have any questions about the Marpole One-Way Streets project, please email our team at [trafficalming@vancouver.ca](mailto:trafficalming@vancouver.ca). If you need language interpretation services, please call 3-1-1.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Engineering Services  
City of Vancouver

## Map of One-Way Street Traffic Calming Locations in Marpole Neighbourhood



### Legend

-  One-way street extends to laneway
-  One-way extends along full block
-  Potential one-way on Heather Street Bikeway
-  Road closure
-  One-way street installation pending completion of development construction
-  Local street bikeway