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- September 3 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:

- Public engagement (Phase 3) for the Wall Street segment of the Portside Greenway will launch on September 3, 2025 and run until September 24th
- This engagement builds off of previous engagement and presents a final plan for Wall Street and aims to receive feedback on design details
- The planned design is a quiet two-way street achieved through road closures and traffic diversions that includes design elements such as car-free greenspaces, seating and green rainwater infrastructure
- Following previous referral packages sent out, an update on the project progress and continued engagement opportunities will be sent shortly to the x m k y m (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and s lilw ta (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations
- Staff plan to report back to the community by the end of 2025 with an engagement summary

For further details, please refer to the link provided in the memo. If you have any further questions, please contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or [lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca](mailto:lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca).

Thanks,

Karen

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## MEMORANDUM

September 2, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Karen Levitt, Acting City Manager  
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FROM: Lon LaClaire  
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Portside Greenway – Public Engagement Phase 3

RTS #: N/A

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The purpose of this memo is to provide an overview of public engagement on the Wall Street segment of the Portside Greenway, which will launch on September 3, 2025.

### **Background**

The Portside Greenway is a seven kilometre route following the city's northern edge, spanning between the heart of Gastown and the Vancouver's eastern boundary. The project will create a high-quality greenway that prioritizes safe, comfortable walking, biking and rolling and new public spaces. Greenway improvements are planned to be spread across multiple capital plans.

There have been two previous phases of engagement:

- Phase 1 (spring 2023) determined project goals for all four segments of the greenway
- Phase 2 (fall 2024) presented two design approaches for Wall Street (Car-light Option or Protected Bike Lane Option)

Summaries of phase 1 and 2 engagement are available on the [project website](#).

## **Engagement Plan Overview**

Phase 3 public engagement for the Wall Street Segment will launch September 3<sup>rd</sup> and run until September 24<sup>th</sup>. Staff will gather feedback through a Shape Your City survey and two public in-person events held in the neighbourhood, as well as outreach to local organizations and presentations to Civic agencies. This engagement, which builds off of fall 2024 engagement, is intended to communicate the final plan for Wall Street and receive feedback on design details.

## **Design Overview**

Phase 2 public engagement findings, across all activities and demographic groups, showed high levels of support for the Car-Light Option. Accordingly, the planned design aims to provide a quiet two-way shared street greenway achieved through road closures and traffic diversions. The proposed design for Wall Street is shown in Appendix A and includes design elements such as sidewalk improvements, seating, green rainwater infrastructure, public bike share and scooter stations, and car-free green spaces to enable safer walking and biking routes.

The proposed design on Wall Street has been divided into three zones: the West Zone (Dundas Street to Nanaimo Street), the Central Zone (Nanaimo Street to Renfrew Street); and the East Zone (Renfrew Street to the Commissioner Overpass).

The West Zone is planned to start construction in 2027 and is planned to be funded through the 2023-2026 Capital Plan. Given the certainty of the budget for this section, all design elements proposed for this section are expected for construction.

The Central and East zones are scheduled for implementation in coordination with sewer upgrades along Wall Street that are anticipated to begin in 2028; however, the design and implementation of these zones may shift based on budget, resources, and sewer construction. Accordingly, most design elements in these sections are being presented as long-term visions, with the exception of continuous sidewalks on the north side of Wall Street which are expected to be delivered in any scenario.

As the Car-light Option may change travel behaviours within the neighbourhood, the design also includes a traffic calming and neighbourhood access plan.

## **Partnership with the Nations**

Referral packages were sent to all three host nations on April 18, 2023, February 20, 2024, and December 15, 2024. Staff met with Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) in August 2023 where the Nation expressed interest in the use of native species and support for Indigenous art and visibility across the greenway. In March 2025, staff met with səliiwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nation to discuss opportunities to centre Indigenous perspectives. An update on the project progress and continued engagement opportunities will be sent shortly to the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliiwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

## **Next Steps**

Following this phase of engagement, staff plan to report back to the community by the end of 2025 with an engagement summary, which will include the final design for the West Zone. Staff will then proceed to prepare a detailed design for this Zone in preparation for construction in 2027. For the Central and East Zones, staff will continue to refine the design and will contact affected residents as the design progresses.

Additionally, staff will continue to advance analysis and design options for other segments of the Portside Greenway.

Please contact me directly if you have any further questions about this initiative or if you would like to meet to discuss this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lon LaClaire', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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# Appendix A - Wall Street Design Overview & Construction Timing

