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Subject: Council Memo - Response to Council Motion - Urgent Pedestrian Safety Action at West 16th Avenue and Willow Street - RTS# 18284

Dear Mayor and Council,

This email is in response to the Council Motion from October 21, 2025 titled "Urgent Pedestrian Safety Action at West 16th Avenue and Willow Street".

Following the serious collision on October 14, 2025, staff undertook an evaluation of the intersection, which included site observations and which built off of previous reviews and improvements.

The northeast corner of the intersection has a corner bulb to improve visibility of pedestrians and the southwest corner of the intersection had an extended corner clearance installed in the last few years to improve visibility. The southeast corner has an extended clearance for the bus stop, which also helps visibility. Three of the 4 corners also have curb bulbs extending onto Willow St.

In advance of larger upgrades to the intersection, staff plan to do the following:

- Tree trimming: City crews will trim nearby trees to improve visibility of pedestrians and signage.
- Crosswalk ahead signage: Additional warning signage will be installed to better alert drivers approaching the crossing.
- Additional corner clearance: Staff will add additional parking restrictions on the north side of the street on both sides of the intersection to improve visibility.

Staff are investigating how to expedite the installation of the flashing beacon, as well as updating the crossing study to confirm that it is still the best device for the crossing. Staff expect the installation to be complete by the end of 2026, but are looking at opportunities to accelerate both design and construction.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca

Thanks,

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