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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached Memo from Lon LaClaire regarding Kent Avenue Greenway Upgrades - November 2025. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- *This memo provides a project update and overview of upcoming engagement for the first phase of the Kent Avenue Greenway*
- *Staff have updated the Phase One design based on community feedback and direction from Council on use of the CPKC right-of-way (September 2025).*
- *Some traffic calming and safety measures will be implemented in 2026, while improvements with more permanent materials will be delivered in 2027. Staff plan to provide an update to Council on the CPKC discussions in early 2026.*

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)

Thanks,  
Donny

Donny van Dyk (he/him)  
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## MEMORANDUM

November 17, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: Kent Avenue Greenway Upgrades – November 2025

RTS #: N/A

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### Purpose

This memo provides an update on the Kent Avenue Greenway project. It includes details of the updated Phase One design that reflects public engagement feedback and direction from Council on use of the CPKC railway right-of-way.

### Background

The Kent Avenue Greenway aims to address a key gap in our active transportation network by providing an All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling route along Kent Avenue. This priority route will connect south Vancouver neighbourhoods to Richmond (via the Canada Line Bridge), Burnaby (via the River District), and the rest of Vancouver, improving safety and comfort for people walking and cycling.

The project was previously divided into two delivery phases to:

- 1) expedite permanent infrastructure improvements on the predominantly residential section between Victoria Dr and Elliott St (**Phase One**); and
- 2) allow time for more extensive engagement with businesses along the predominantly industrial section between Ash St and Victoria Dr (**Phase Two**).

## **Project Update**

The proposed Phase One design was shared with the community this summer (June 30-July 28 2025). Engagement included a pop-up information session (July 26, with over 250 attendees) and an online survey (321 responses), supplemented by email feedback.

While many respondents agreed changes are needed to improve safety and comfort for people walking and cycling, two primary concerns arose during public engagement:

1. The proposed one-way westbound for vehicles between Victoria Dr and Elliott St could create neighbourhood access challenges, particularly in winter; and
2. Additional opportunities to reduce vehicle shortcutting had been missed: specifically on the block between Argyle St and Victoria Dr.

Additionally, in September 2025, Council directed staff to initiate discussions with CPKC, TransLink, and the Musqueam Indian Band to incorporate the railway right of way along Kent Avenue for active transportation.

## **Updated Phase One Design**

In response to community feedback and Council direction, staff have developed an updated Phase One design. The measures aim to maintain reliable access for residents, mitigate short-cutting, and improve safety and comfort for people walking, cycling, and driving. Additional details on these measures, including anticipated installation timelines, are outlined in Appendix A. A neighbourhood-wide map is shown in Appendix B.

## **Next Steps**

Staff plan to provide an update to Council on the CPKC discussions in early 2026. The updated Phase One design is advancing as these discussions begin. Quick-build approaches will be used to address the known short-cutting issues quickly while allowing for the permanent design to consider using rail right-of-way.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly.



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## **Appendix A – Updated Phase One Design**

The updated Phase One design will:

- **Not proceed** with the proposed one-way for vehicles between Elliott St and Victoria Dr;
- **Propose** new traffic calming on E Kent Ave S between Argyle St and Victoria Dr by installing:
  1. A short, **partial closure** to eastbound vehicles, east of the 1728 E Kent Ave S parking lot, close to the Fraser River Trail entrance.
  2. Six new **speed humps** on this block.

We heard about neighbourhood access challenges in winter. The partial closure will be opened for two-way vehicle movement between Nov 15 and Feb 28 each year to facilitate adequate access during snow and ice events. We will monitor safety and operations after it is installed, and make adjustments or changes as required.

The following measures are proposed to supplement these features:

3. **Painted crosswalk** at Elliott St and E Kent Ave N to make pedestrians crossing the intersection more visible to drivers;
4. Removal of 9 on-street **parking spots** next to the partial closure to allow space for vehicles and cyclists to pass;
5. **Left-turn restrictions** (7am-10am, Mon-Fri) from SE Marine Dr onto Nanaimo St, Gladstone St and Duff St; and
6. New **30km/h speed limit** signs installed at entrances to residential streets.

Together, measures 1-6 can further reduce vehicle short-cutting through the neighbourhood and reduce vehicle speeds. We anticipate installation of these measures will start in early 2026 and continue through the summer.

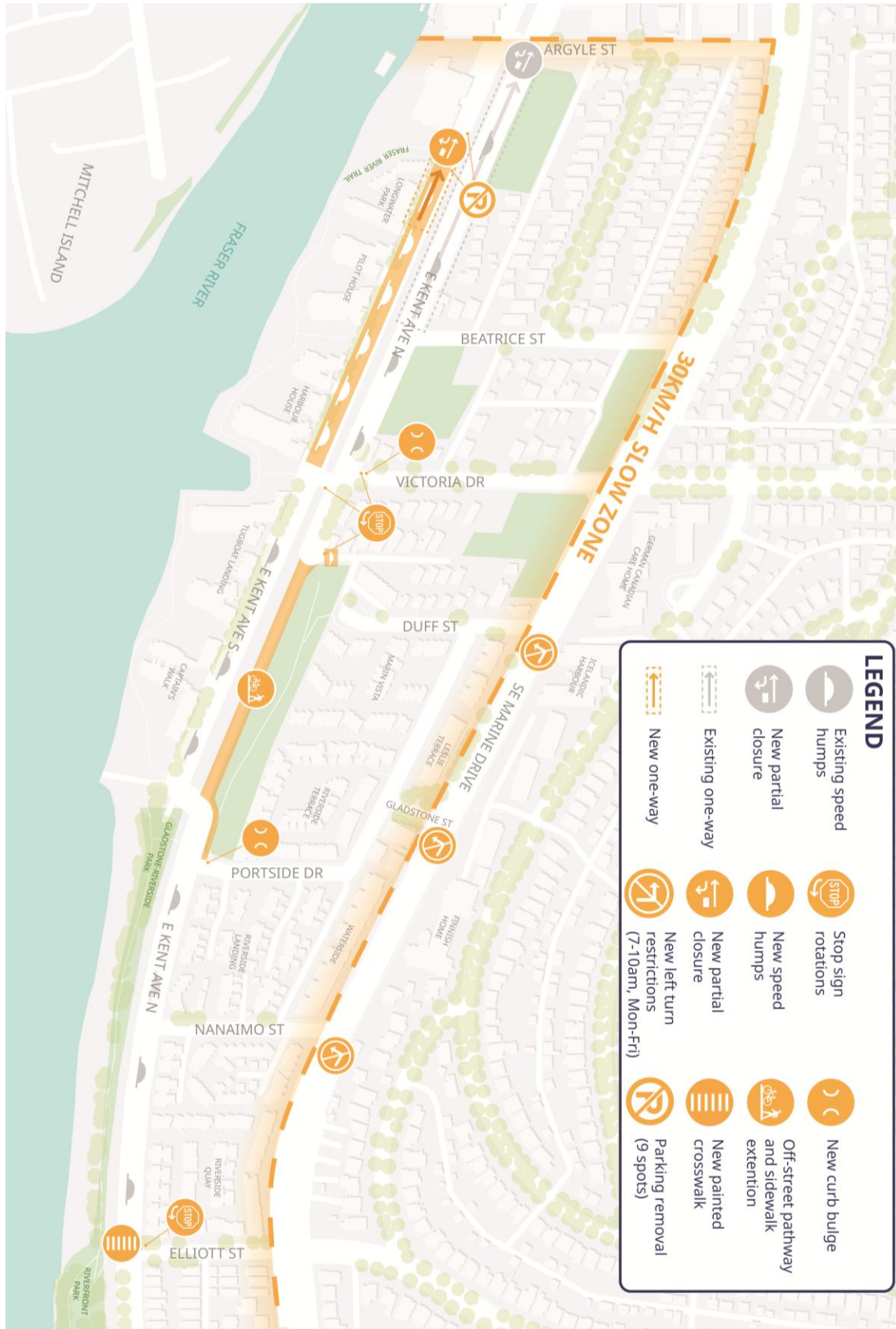
Three additional measures are proposed to improve safety and comfort for people walking, cycling and driving:

7. **Off-street path** re-surfacing: The pathway between Victoria Dr and Portside Dr will still be upgraded. The space will remain shared, pending discussions around the CPKC railway right-of-way.
8. **Rotated stop sign** orientation at Victoria Dr and the lane east of Victoria Dr so that vehicles on these streets must stop before entering E Kent Ave.
9. Interim **curb bulge** at Victoria Dr and E Kent Ave N to improve stop sign compliance.

Measures 7-9 have longer lead times. Subject to crew availability, installation is expected to start in 2027.

Note: new sidewalks outside 2025 and 2027 E Kent Avenue N and east of Portside Dr, proposed in the previous Phase One design, are not included in Phase One construction, as the walking path may be able to be incorporated into the rail right-of-way, should that discussion prove successful.

# Appendix B – Updated Phase One Design



**LEGEND**

	Existing speed humps		New partial closure		New speed humps		New curb bulge
	New partial closure		New speed humps		New partial closure		Off-street pathway and sidewalk extension
	New one-way		New partial closure		New painted crosswalk		New curb bulge
	Existing one-way		New left turn restrictions (7-10am, Mon-Fri)		Parking removal (9 spots)		New curb bulge
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