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Dear Mayor & Council,

Please find attached memo from Lon LaClaire with updates on the Arbutus Greenway and W 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue Intersection Improvements Project in the Kerrisdale neighbourhood. A brief summary of the memo is outlined below:

- Construction of the Arbutus Greenway and W 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue Intersection Improvements project is expected to begin in January 2026, and be completed by Fall 2026.
- Traffic restrictions will be in place along W 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, West Boulevard, and East Boulevard during construction. No traffic impacts are expected on W 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue during the FIFA window.
- Notification letters will be mailed to residents and businesses in the area ahead of construction.

Thanks  
Donny

Donny van Dyk (he/him)  
City Manager  
City of Vancouver



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## MEMORANDUM

December 17, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Donny van Dyk, City Manager  
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FROM: Lon LaClaire  
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SUBJECT: Construction Starting on the Arbutus Greenway and West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Intersection Improvements Project

RTS #: N/A

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The purpose of this memo is to provide a pre-construction update on the Arbutus Greenway and West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue Intersection Improvements project. Construction is expected to begin in January 2026.

### Context and Background

The Arbutus Greenway is an 8.5km long multi-use path between Fir Street and Milton Street in Vancouver. The greenway crossing at West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue is one of the least comfortable crossings on the Arbutus Greenway. West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue is part of the Major Road Network (MRN) which is co-managed by TransLink and is a major bus route, with both the R4 Rapid Bus and the #41 bus.

The Arbutus Greenway and West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue Intersection Improvements project aims to improve safety by realigning the greenway crossing at West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The approach to the intersection will be perpendicular, more direct, and users will benefit from increased sightlines. West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue sidewalk users will benefit from increased visibility and better delineation. Vehicle conflict movements will be restricted while still maintaining flow and access, and operation of West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue will be improved for all vehicles including buses. A summary of the improvements are illustrated in Appendix A.

The Project is funded through a combination of the 2023-2026 Capital Expenditure budget, and external sources, including \$1,754,500 from TransLink, and \$1,680,000 from the Federal Active Transportation Fund. Staff are also seeking additional funding from TransLink.

### **Construction and Schedule Impacts**

Construction will be carried out by All Roads Construction Ltd. Construction of the Project is expected to begin in January 2026 and will be complete in the fall of 2026.

As the Project will be under construction during FIFA, All Roads Construction Ltd. is contractually obliged to ensure there are no impacts to West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue between June 11 and July 19, 2026.

### **Traffic Management**

One lane of traffic in both directions will be retained on West 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, and on West Boulevard during the entire construction duration. East Boulevard may see full closures during working hours. The project team is coordinating with TransLink and Coast Mountain Bus Company (CMBC) to help minimize impacts to transit services during the construction work. Other users of the MRN, such as the BC Trucking Association have been advised to plan ahead, and Emergency Services will be notified.

Traffic advisory signage and traffic control personnel will be on-site to manage traffic and assist pedestrians around the construction site.

### **Public Communication**

Consistent with the City's protocol for major construction projects, two weeks before construction starts, local residents and businesses will be notified of this work via a notification letter. The project also has an assigned Community Liaison Officer to support inquiries from residents and businesses. This is supported by a comprehensive communications plan, which includes on-site signage, sharing traffic advisory information on social media and at [vancouver.ca/road-ahead](https://vancouver.ca/road-ahead), and key updates through the project webpage ([vancouver.ca/arbutus-41<sup>st</sup>](https://vancouver.ca/arbutus-41st)).

The project team will continue to liaise with key stakeholders on project updates including TransLink and the Kerrisdale Business Improvement Association. Ahead of any significant pedestrian detours or access restrictions, the City will liaise directly with any impacted business and stakeholders. To support business visibility during the construction period, the City will also display "Businesses are Open" signs within the project area.

Several letters have already been mailed to the community in the past year, with information on the Project. Letters were sent in August 2025, May 2025 and December 2024 advising of early construction works such as CMBC pole installations and vegetation clearing.

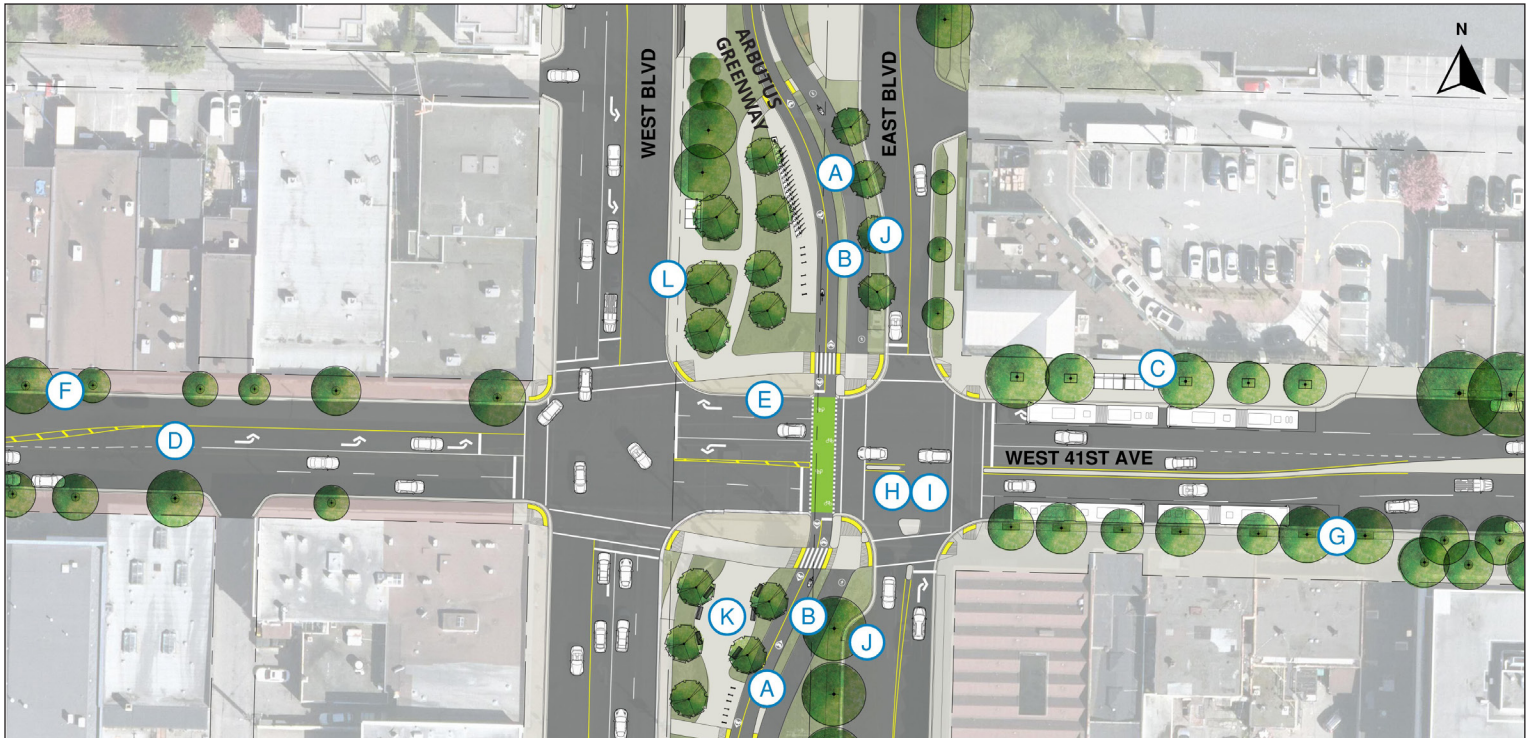
If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me directly by email at [lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca](mailto:lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca) or by phone at 604.873.7336.



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# Appendix A: ARBUTUS GREENWAY & WEST 41ST AVENUE Intersection Improvements



	Changes and improvements:	How will this improve people's experience?
<b>A</b>	Move the Arbutus Greenway to line up with the crossing of West 41st Avenue at East Boulevard.	This will provide a straight path for people crossing West 41st Avenue at East Boulevard and reduce conflicts with people walking along West 41st Avenue.
<b>B</b>	Widen and add physical separation between walking and cycling paths on the Arbutus Greenway between West 40th Avenue and West 42nd Avenue.	These changes will help separate people walking, biking and rolling.
<b>C</b>	Add a new bus bulb at the westbound bus stop at West 41st Avenue and East Boulevard.	A bus bulb will widen the sidewalk and waiting area for transit users. It will also improve bus speed and reliability because buses do not need to pull into and out of traffic.
<b>D</b>	Create a new eastbound left-turn lane on West 41st Avenue at West Boulevard.	This change will help with traffic flow on West 41st Avenue. It will also reduce transit delays, and improve safety for people crossing West Boulevard.
<b>E</b>	Designate the westbound curb lane as right turn only on West 41st Avenue at West Boulevard.	This change will create space for the eastbound left-turn lane on West 41st Avenue at West Boulevard.
<b>F</b>	Remove seven parking stalls. Move the north-side loading zone on West 41st Avenue further west, closer to Yew Street.	This change will help create a space for a new eastbound left-turn lane on West 41st Avenue.
<b>G</b>	Remove four parking stalls on West 41st Avenue between East Boulevard and Maple Street.	This change will help create space for the westbound bus bulb.
<b>H</b>	Restrict northbound and southbound vehicle traffic that crosses at West 41st Avenue on East Boulevard.	This update will simplify vehicle movements and improve safety for people walking and biking in the area. These changes will also reduce transit delays and help with traffic flow on West 41st Avenue.
<b>I</b>	Restrict eastbound, westbound, and northbound left-hand turns for vehicles at East Boulevard and West 41st Avenue.	
<b>J</b>	Add curb bulges on East Boulevard at West 41st Avenue.	Curb bulges shorten crossing distances and provide extra space for people to wait before they cross the street. Curb bulges also provide space for green rainwater infrastructure.
<b>K</b>	Create a space for sitting and gathering.	This space will include a seating area and other amenities with landscaping.
<b>L</b>	Replace sidewalks at the northbound bus stop at West 41st Avenue and West Boulevard.	Replacing the sidewalk will improve accessibility at the bus stop.