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Subject: Memo - Cambie Street Bridge Seismic Upgrades and Rehabilitation – Phase 2 construction start

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo regarding the Cambie Street Bridge Seismic Upgrades and Rehabilitation – Phase 2 construction start. Key points of this work are:

- Cambie Bridge Seismic Upgrades and Rehabilitation – Phase 2 is scheduled to start in January 2025. Construction is anticipated to take up to 2 years and 4 months to complete.
- Construction is to perform seismic upgrades to selected areas of the bridge and install an innovative climate-resilient shoreline along a portion of Coopers' Park.
- Construction will be delivered by Pomerleau Inc.
- On-bridge traffic will not be impacted, but below the bridge on non-major roads can expect traffic impacts, pedestrian and cycling detours.
- A comprehensive public communications plan is in place and includes on-site signage, web updates at vancouver.ca/cambie-upgrades, letters to local residents and businesses, and more.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca.

Thanks,

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MEMORANDUM

December 23, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Lon LaClaire
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SUBJECT: Cambie Street Bridge Seismic Upgrades and Rehabilitation – Phase 2
construction start

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In January 2026, the City will begin the second phase of seismic upgrades and rehabilitation program on the Cambie Street Bridge. This work will be delivered by an external contractor, Pomerleau Construction, and is anticipated to be complete by April 2028. Construction will take place underneath the bridge deck, in Coopers' Park and in areas within and adjacent to False Creek as highlighted in the map in Appendix A.

Background

The Cambie Street Bridge was constructed in 1985 and requires seismic upgrades to improve the bridge's seismic resilience in the event of an earthquake. In 2018, the City began a multi-phase, multi-capital program to seismically upgrade the bridge to meet modern code standards, and to address the bridge's other rehabilitation needs. The first phase of the program was completed in 2022 which included foundation upgrades on the south side of the bridge, expansion joint repairs, concrete repairs, and stair repainting.

The phase two works include seismic upgrades to the piers and footings located underneath the bridge deck in sections of Coopers' Park and False Creek. This work will also deliver Coopers' Tidal Terrace pilot project, an innovative climate-resilient shoreline. Future phases of this program will include additional rehabilitation and seismic upgrade work on the other piers, foundations, and bridge deck.

Construction

Construction will mostly occur below the bridge deck, in Coopers' Park, and along Marinaside Crescent, Cooperage Way and areas north, south and within False Creek. Construction will generally take place from Monday to Saturday, between 7 am to 5 pm, with some extended hours and weekend work as needed.

Sport court and playground closure

Coopers' Park sport court and playground will be closed during construction. Before and during construction, signage will be installed at these facilities to notify users of these closures and alternative recreation sites nearby. The washroom and dog off-leash area at Coopers' Park will remain open throughout construction.

Traffic Impacts

Cambie Street Bridge will remain open with minimal traffic impacts. There will be occasional overnight closures on the bridge deck, for which the City will issue traffic advisories on social media as required. Local road closures and parking restrictions on Marinaside Crescent and Cooperage Way will be in place at times. Primary access to residences and businesses will be maintained as much as possible, with efforts to minimize disruptions. Pedestrian and cyclist detours will be in place along the seawall. The marine navigational channel under Cambie Street Bridge will remain open.

2026 FIFA World Cup Coordination

During the matches hosted in Vancouver for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, all bridge construction activities will be temporarily suspended. There will be no traffic impacts on the bridge during this period. Areas where work has been paused, as well as contractor zones, will be secured with hoarding or screened fencing.

Please note that detours may be in place along the seawall through Coopers' Park, using a route similar to the existing pathway.

Public Communication

Consistent with our protocol for major construction projects, local residents and businesses will be notified of this work via 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 and key updates through the project webpage (vancouver.ca/cambie-upgrades).

If you have any questions or would like more information on this project, please contact me directly.



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Appendix A – Map of construction area

