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Subject: Memo - Hastings Bus-Priority Improvements

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire regarding the Bus-Priority Improvements on Hastings Street. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- In 2026, bus lanes are planned on Hastings St between Renfrew St / Kaslo St and Boundary Rd. Staff are focusing on this area to meet timelines for transit service increases from the FIFA Fan Festival and R2 Rapidbus extension.
- Stakeholder, public and business engagement will begin in January 2026, and staff will mitigate parking impacted by the bus lanes through feedback received.
- The project also includes bus stop balancing and minor intersection improvements on Hastings St between downtown and Renfrew St. However, further study of the benefits and trade-offs of bus lanes and business parking impacts will be assessed in 2026, before any engagement or implementation in 2027.
- This project advances Council's October 2023 direction to improve bus travel times and reliability, and is funded through TransLink's 2024 Investment Plan.

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,

Karen

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## MEMORANDUM

December 23, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Lon LaClaire  
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SUBJECT: Hastings Bus-Priority Improvements

RTS #: N/A

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Public engagement for bus-priority improvements on Hastings Street is planned to begin in January 2026. The project advances [Council direction from October 2023](#) to work expediently with TransLink to plan and deliver Bus Speed and Reliability projects. This memo describes the proposed bus-priority measures, parking impacts, project timelines and engagement plan.

### Background

Hastings is one of the busiest bus corridors in the region, with buses scheduled every 90 seconds in some segments and over 68,000 transit riders affected by bus delay every day. Fifteen bus routes operate on various sections of Hastings St, including the R5 RapidBus and route 14 running the full corridor between downtown and Boundary Road. Additionally, many North Shore and Burnaby routes use Hastings St to access Kootenay Bus Loop or Burnaby Transit Centre depot (see **Appendix A**). The R2 RapidBus extension from the North Shore to Metrotown is planned to launch in 2027 and is expected to increase transit frequency on Hastings St between Cassiar Connector and Boundary Road.

Funding for near-term bus speed and reliability improvements on Hastings St was approved through TransLink's [2024 Investment Plan](#). TransLink funding has not yet been approved for Council's requested evaluation of longer-term capacity needs and rapid transit technology options on the corridor, including Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) identified in TransLink's 10-Year Priorities.

## Project Overview

Staff have been working with TransLink and Coast Mountain Bus Company (CMBC) to plan improvements that support more reliable bus service and shorter transit travel times on Hastings St. The project is being phased to focus on delivering key scope in summer 2026 to support timelines for the R2 RapidBus extension and increased bus service to the FIFA Fan Festival at Hastings Park.

The first project phase in 2026 includes (see **Appendix B**):

- Improving bus stop spacing along the full corridor (downtown to Boundary Rd)
- Implementing minor improvements at intersections along the full corridor such as signal timing or phasing changes, right-turn pockets and queue jumps
- Extending bus lanes to 24/7 between Renfrew / Kaslo St and Boundary Rd (currently only in effect in the peak period, peak direction) and removing HOV access to the lanes

There are over 600 buses per day on Hastings St near Renfrew St, and over 1,000 buses per day on Hastings St between Cassiar Connector and Boundary Rd. All-day bus lanes will help reduce transit travel times and maintain reliable transit service for thousands of riders.

Removing parking and loading on Hastings St is expected to be a concern to some businesses. Staff will engage with businesses and residents in early 2026 to understand potential issues, following which staff will look to mitigate impacts by adjusting regulations on side streets to better accommodate parking and commercial loading needs.

## Future Phases of Bus-Priority on Hastings

On Hastings St between downtown and Renfrew St, staff will undertake a more detailed evaluation of the benefits and trade-offs between expanding bus lane hours or other transit priority measures and the impacts to businesses from reduced parking and loading. Traffic safety in the Downtown Eastside and the longer-term vision for higher-order transit on the corridor will be considered in the assessment. The study will take place in 2026; engagement on potential bus priority improvements on Hastings St between downtown and Renfrew St is planned for 2027.

## Upcoming Engagement and Implementation

The following engagement and implementation milestones are planned:

January to February 2026	Stakeholder and public engagement, including meetings with the Hastings North BIA, PNE, Council Advisory Committees, and Movement YVR; notifications to residents and businesses; feedback survey and business door knocking
April to June 2026	Installation of bus lanes and curbside parking changes between Renfrew St / Kaslo St and Boundary Rd
May to June 2026	TransLink bus stop engagement and survey
September 2026	Bus stop spacing changes take effect

Further information about the project and a survey will be made available in January on the City's webpage ([vancouver.ca/hastings-transit](https://vancouver.ca/hastings-transit)). Members of the public, businesses and stakeholders can contact project staff via email ([hastingsbuspriority@vancouver.ca](mailto:hastingsbuspriority@vancouver.ca)).

Further information about TransLink's bus stop changes will be shared in spring 2026 on their webpage ([translink.ca/hastingstransit](https://translink.ca/hastingstransit)) and via email ([buspriority@translink.ca](mailto:buspriority@translink.ca)).

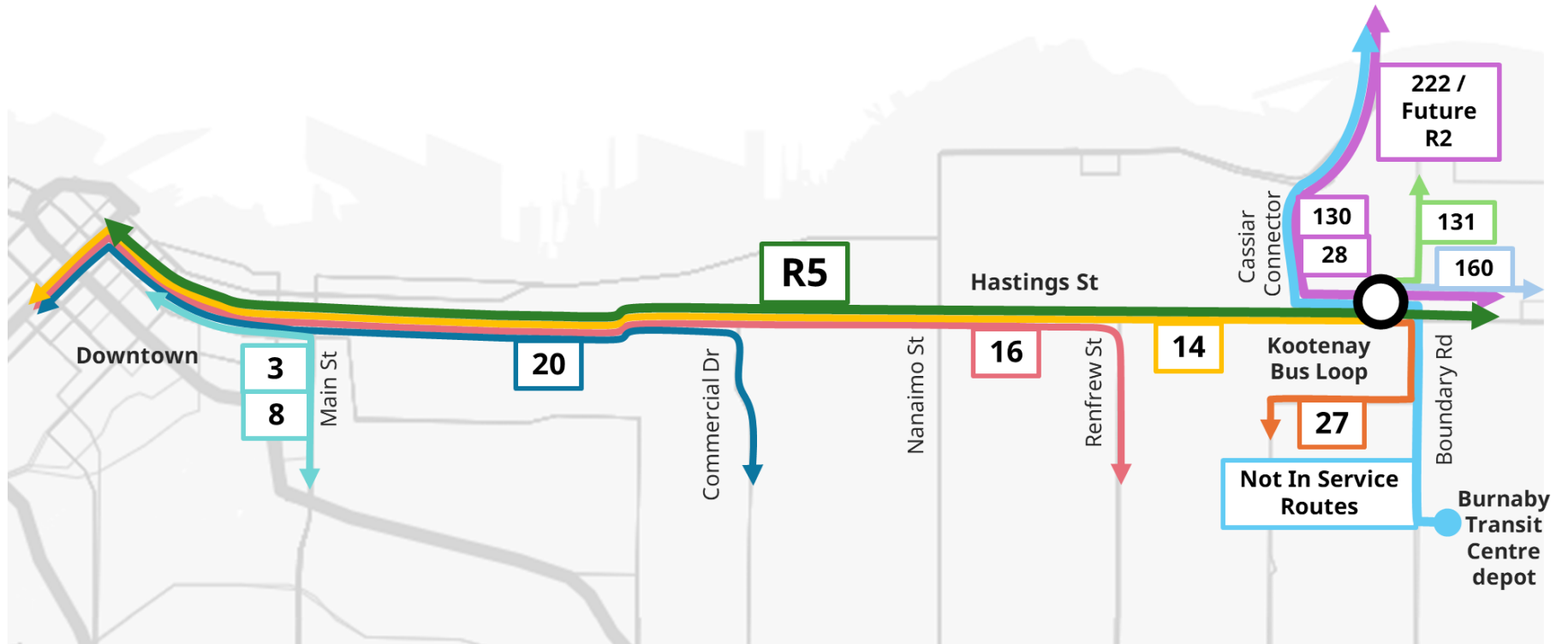
If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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Lon LaClaire, M.Eng., P.Eng.  
General Manager, Engineering Services

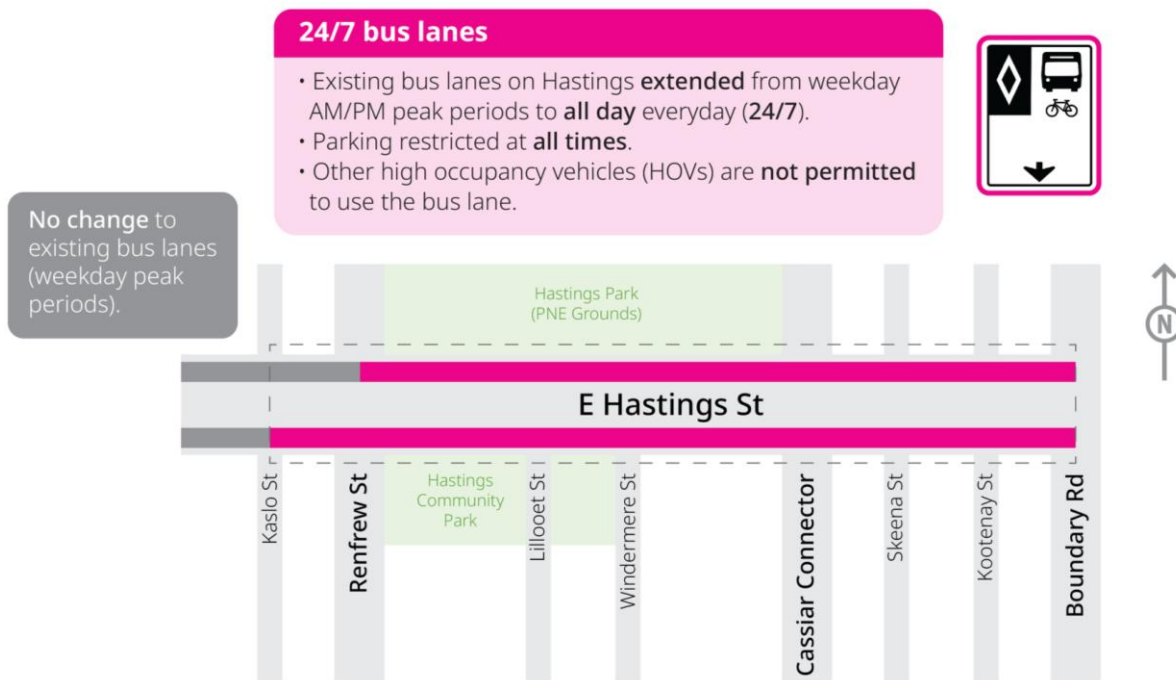
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# Appendix A – Bus Routes on Hastings Street



## Appendix B – Proposed Bus-Priority Improvements on Hastings

The **bus lane changes** on Hastings St between Renfrew St / Kaslo St and Boundary Rd are as follows:



The **impacted parking and loading spaces**, and the available parking on side-streets and nearby off-street lots are as follows:

Section on Hastings St	Parking spaces impacted		Nearby parking spaces retained
	Current parking restrictions	Spaces removed	
Kaslo St to Renfrew St	3-7 PM weekdays	12	42 in surface parking lots
Renfrew St to Cassiar Connector	3-7 PM weekdays	42	509 in EasyPark lots
Cassiar Connector to Boundary Rd	3-7 PM weekdays	36	63 on various side streets
	6AM-7PM every day	7	
	6-10AM & 3-7PM weekdays	18	
<b>Total</b>		<b>115</b>	<b>614</b>

The **intersection improvements** on Hastings St are as follows:

- Adding right-turn signals at Burrard St, Nanaimo St, Renfrew St, and Boundary Rd to clear queues of vehicles turning right.
- Adjusting signal timing and installing right-turn pockets at various minor street intersections corridor-wide

Further details of proposed **bus stop changes** will be provided by TransLink in spring 2026.