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Subject: REVISED Memo - Hastings Bus – Priority Improvements Update

Attachments: Revised Memo - Hastings Bus-Priority Improvements Update.pdf

Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached is a Revised Memo from Lon LaClaire on Hastings Bus-Priority Improvements Update. Please disregard the previous version.

Thanks,

Donny

Donny van Dyk (he/him)
City Manager
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From: van Dyk, Donny
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2026 5:16 PM
To: Direct to Mayor and Council - DL
Cc: City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL
Subject: Memo - Hastings Bus – Priority Improvements Update

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- Proposed bus lane extensions on Hastings east of Renfrew Street are paused and will be included in a broader Hastings corridor consultant study.
- This change responds to concerns raised by the public, the BIA, and stakeholders.
- The study will assess transit improvements alongside economic and business impacts.
- TransLink will continue bus stop balancing with engagement in May and implementation in September.
- Public feedback showed some support for transit improvements alongside concerns about parking, access, and businesses impacts.

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

April 10, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Donny van Dyk, City Manager
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FROM: Lon LaClaire
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Hastings Bus-Priority Improvements Update

RTS #: N/A

Staff, in coordination with TransLink, are planning adjustments to the Hastings Bus Priority work timelines. Previously, staff were planning to extend bus lanes in the section of the Hastings corridor east of Renfrew (phase 1) prior to the FIFA World Cup, followed by undertaking a consultant study to look at options for the rest of the corridor.

Given some of the issues that have been identified in the Hastings phase 1 area, including by the public, businesses, the BIA and stakeholders, staff have decided to pause the work east of Renfrew and include that section in the planned Hastings Corridor Study (phase 2). The study will undertake technical analysis of bus speed and reliability interventions and look at broader economic and business impacts. This is intended to support better-informed decision-making prior to project implementation. The BIAs along the corridor will be engaged as the study moves ahead.

TransLink will continue to advance bus stop balancing along the entire Hastings corridor, with engagement planned in May and implementation scheduled for September 2026. Separate from the bus priority project, some parking near Kootenay Street will be removed to accommodate new bus stops for the R2 extension. These changes are necessary to support a major transit connection along the corridor and across the region.

Staff are continuing to implement the rest of the Bus Speed and Reliability work on Granville St, 49th Avenue, and Kingsway/Main St, and will continue to update Council on the status of the work, including the Hastings Corridor study.

Bus Lane Background and Engagement Summary

The City has been advancing the proposed bus lanes on Hastings St between Boundary Road and Renfrew Street to improve reliability, travel times, and overall network efficiency. This project is in response to Council direction from October 2023 and July 2024 to improve bus speed and reliability on nine key corridors.

In January 2026, the City sought public feedback on proposed changes along Hastings Street from Kaslo Street to Boundary Road, including extending bus lane hours to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and associated parking and loading changes in both directions. Engagement was conducted between January 19 and February 9, 2026, through an online survey, direct mail to over 2,300 nearby businesses and residents, in-person outreach to businesses, meetings with interest groups and advisory committees, and digital channels.

The City heard from more than 1,300 participants, including over 1,200 community members and more than 40 business representatives. Feedback reflected a range of perspectives. While some respondents supported bus priority measures to improve transit reliability, some - particularly businesses - raised concerns about parking removal, loading access, and potential economic impacts. Common themes included concerns about customer and delivery access, potential revenue impacts, and operational challenges related to loading. Broader public feedback similarly highlighted concerns about parking impacts alongside some general support for transit improvements.

Next Steps

Staff will notify the East Village Business Improvement Association at the earliest opportunity and will inform businesses and residents along the corridor through a notification letter in mid-April.

Further information about the project and the engagement summary will be made available in mid-April on the City's webpage (vancouver.ca/hastings-transit). Members of the public, businesses, and stakeholders can contact project staff via email (hastingsbuspriority@vancouver.ca).

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lon LaClaire'.

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