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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire regarding the Implementation timing of bus-priority improvements on 49th Avenue . A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- Bus lane installation on 49th Ave is coordinated with repaving works associated with other projects. Some sections will be in effect sooner, which will benefit transit sooner and minimize potential re-work.
    - Between Cambie St and Fraser St – bus lanes will be installed using interim pavement markings and signage in June 2026, earlier than communicated to residents. Final bus lane installation is planned in 2027 after full street restoration.
    - Between Knight St and Killarney St – bus lanes will be installed as sections are repaved from July to October 2026.
    - Between Fraser St and Knight St, and Killarney St to Boundary Rd – bus lanes are planned to be installed in 2027
- Residents are being notified of the updated timing.

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

Thanks,
Donny

Donny van Dyk (he/him)

City Manager

City of Vancouver

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MEMORANDUM

June 4, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: City Leadership Team
Donny van Dyk, City Manager
Jason Twa, City Clerk
Mellisa Morphy, Acting Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office

FROM: Lon LaClaire
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Implementation Phasing of 49th Avenue Transit Improvements

RTS #: N/A

This memo provides an update on implementation phasing of bus-priority improvements on 49th Avenue. The project advances Council direction from October 2023 to support more reliable bus service and shorter transit travel times in partnership with TransLink.

Bus lanes are planned in both directions on 49th Ave between Cambie St and Boundary Rd, during the following times:

- Cambie St to Tyne St – 7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday
- Tyne St to Boundary Rd – 7am to 7pm, all days

As utility and roadway construction projects are underway on 49th Ave, bus lane installation (pavement markings and signage) is being phased in coordination with road repaving in the different sections of the corridor. Relative to implementing the full corridor in a single phase, this allows for some sections of bus lanes to be in effect sooner, for transit riders to benefit from faster and more reliable trips sooner, and eliminates potential need for re-work.

The anticipated timing of bus lane installation along 49th Ave is as follows (see **Appendix A**):

- **Cambie St to Fraser St** – The watermain and sewer upgrades on 49th Ave are nearly complete. The roadway is being restored to an interim condition in June 2026 with the new bus lanes using interim pavement markings and signage. Temporary traffic changes may still occur as several developments are still under construction. The bus lanes are being installed earlier than the fall 2026 timing previously communicated to residents. A notification letter is being distributed to provide an update on the revised schedule.

Changes to side-street parking are planned in late 2026, subject to the outcome of permit parking surveys.

Full street restoration is planned for 2027, following completion of development offsite works. This phase includes the final bus lane installation with more prominent pavement markings and signage.

- **Fraser St to Knight St** – Bus lane installation is planned in 2027.
- **Knight St to Killarney St** – Street rehabilitation and bus stop upgrades are underway until fall 2026. Bus lane installation (pavement markings and signage) is planned to follow repaving and will occur in several sections from July to October 2026. Side-street parking changes are planned in late 2026 and early 2027, based on the engagement feedback currently being reviewed.
- **Killarney St to Boundary Rd** – Bus lane installation is planned in 2027.

The City's webpage (vancouver.ca/49ave-transit) is being updated to reflect the installation timelines. The engagement report for the bus lanes on 49th Ave between Fraser St and Boundary Rd is planned to be published in June. Members of the public, businesses and stakeholders can also contact staff via email (49buspriority@vancouver.ca).

Implementation of bus stop spacing on Route 49 is planned to take effect on June 8, 2026. Further information can be found on TransLink's webpage (translink.ca/route49).

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



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Appendix A – Implementation Phasing of Bus Lanes on 49th Avenue

