



49th Ave (Cambie Street to Fraser Street) Transit Improvements

Public Engagement Report

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About the Project

The City of Vancouver and TransLink are adding new bus lanes, extending bus lane hours, and improving bus stop spacing along 49th Avenue from Cambie Street to Fraser Street to help buses move smoothly through traffic and stay on time. This work is part of a broader 49th Avenue transit improvements corridor project.

These upgrades will help to improve accessibility and reliability for over 35,000 daily trips on bus routes 49 and 430. Route 49 is the third busiest bus route in the region. This project is part of the city-wide [Bus Priority Program](#) directed by City Council that aims to improve bus speed and reliability across nine key corridors in Vancouver.

About the Engagement

What we engaged on

In February 2026, the City asked the public for feedback on proposed changes along 49th Avenue between Cambie and Fraser Streets. The proposed changes include adding bus lanes in both directions on 49th Avenue between Cambie Street and Fraser Street from 7am to 10pm, seven days a week.

How we engaged

We gathered feedback through an online survey between February 9 – March 2, 2026. We promoted the survey through the following activities and platforms:

- Project webpage with up-to-date information
- Over 3400 letters with surveys sent to residents and businesses
- 5 meetings with interest groups and City Advisory Committees
- 1 meeting with Fraser St BIA
- A public pop-up event at Sunset Community Centre for direct information sharing and Q&A
- Digital outreach via Facebook, X, Instagram, and Threads

Who we heard from

We heard from over 350 people through:

- 338 survey responses
- 40+ email inquiries

What We Heard

We asked the broader public to share feedback on the proposed changes, recognizing that residents and commuters may have perspectives to share.

To understand how the proposed changes would impact businesses along 49th Avenue, we asked questions about their operations – including parking needs, loading requirements, and potential challenges arising from the changes. The following summarizes feedback from both, with details in appendices A and B.

Public

Many respondents support the bus lane changes and transit prioritization, particularly to improve speed and reliability. Some had concerns about the impact of less parking.

Key themes

Parking Concerns: Many respondents noted concerns about parking impacts on residents, the ability to get deliveries, and access for taxi or ride share vehicles.

Extend Bus Lanes: Some respondents noted the desire to extend the bus lanes beyond the proposed segment between Cambie Street and Fraser Street.

Accessibility Concerns: Some respondents expressed accessibility concerns with the proposed design due to the removal of parking and lack of pick-up/drop-off locations near their homes.

Slow and Overcrowded Bus Service: Some respondents shared that the current Route 49 service does not work well for them and that they would be more likely to take the bus if service was faster and more reliable.

How this feedback will be used

Community feedback affirms a strong desire for bus priority measures and concern about removing parking. Recognizing these competing needs, the plan has been adjusted to balance transit improvements with curbside access.

Adjustments include:

- Adjusting the bus lane hours to 7am – 7 pm, Monday to Saturday
- Adding loading zones next to 49th Avenue on side streets:
 - Most streets between Cambie Street and Fraser Street will have one loading zone on each side that can be accessed from 49th Avenue
 - Loading zones can be used for up to 3 minutes to load and unload passengers or up to 30 minutes to load and unload goods
 - Surveying residents on 49th Avenue and surrounding blocks about creating permit parking zones. The permit parking zones will be implemented if most responses are in favour.

Businesses

49th Avenue between Cambie Street and Fraser Street is predominantly a residential corridor, which resulted in limited participation from businesses. A small number of businesses completed the survey and had mixed reviews on the project.

Some businesses do not expect the bus priority measures to affect their operations and welcome better bus access, but a few raised concerns about parking removal, loading access, and impacts to their businesses.

Next Steps

Public input helps us understand community concerns and is one of several data sources we use. We combine this feedback with technical studies, safety data, and engineering requirements to create balanced transportation designs. Community input helps us identify key issues to address.

City staff will reach out to impacted businesses and community members with information on planned mitigation measures. Installation of the bus lane is anticipated to begin in Fall 2026. For information on bus stop changes, please refer to TransLink's [website](#).

Appendix A: Survey responses – public

1. Do you have any feedback to share about the 49th Avenue Bus Priority changes?

# of mentions	Theme
112	Dislike loss of parking
40	Extend bus lanes
36	Accessibility concerns
35	General support
32	Will increase number of parked cars in area/side streets
32	Shorten bus lane hours
28	Lack of alley way parking/access
20	Will decrease delivery/ride share/taxi accessibility to homes
20	Other/out of scope
19	Will decrease safety
16	Supportive of bus stop spacing
15	Reconsider or delay project
14	Changes needed for other streets/laneways
14	Dislike bus stop removal
13	Supportive of reduced parking
11	Changes unnecessary
10	Will increase traffic congestion
10	Will reduce traffic congestion
9	General negative
8	Extend bus lane hours
7	Implement permit parking for residents
7	Will not work without enforcement
7	Make #49 bus a rapid bus
6	Will improve commute to Langara College

*all mentions above 5

Appendix B: Survey responses – businesses

49th Avenue between Cambie Street and Fraser Street is predominantly a residential corridor, which resulted in limited participation from businesses. A small number of businesses completed the survey, their feedback is summarized below.

1. **What is your role in relation to the business?** *(select one)*
 - 50% - Business owner
 - 33% - Property owner
 - 17% - Business manager
2. **What is your business type?** *(select all that apply)*
 - 50% - Retail store
 - 17% - Food dealer (e.g. grocery store, convenience store, supermarket, bakery, deli)
 - 17% - Financial services
 - 17% - Other
3. **What is the primary mode of service to your business?** *(select all that apply)*
 - 75% - In-store
 - 75% - Pick-up (curbside or walk-in)
4. **Do your customers have access to off-street parking?** *(select all that apply)*
 - 80% - No access to off-street parking
 - 20% - Underground parkade
5. **Select all the locations where your business loading and unloading occurs**
 - 60% - On-street (front) including parking spaces or designated loading zones
 - 60% - Lane (rear)
 - 40% - On-street (side) including parking spaces or designated loading zones
 - 20% - Underground parkade
 - 20% - Other

6. **Considering the bus lane changes on 49th Avenue, do you anticipate that there will be any new challenges to accessing your business's loading area on 49th Avenue? (select one)**

- 75% - Yes
- 25% - No

7. **Is there any other feedback that you would like to share about the 49th Avenue Bus Priority Project, including regarding general access and circulation for staff, customers, and delivery vehicles?**

# of mentions*	Theme
3	Loss of street parking - customers/clients/patients
2	Impact on business revenue

**all mentions above 1*