



March 22, 2019

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Stanley Park Cycling Plan Implementation Update – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide Commissioners with an update on the 2019 implementation of the [Stanley Park Cycling Plan](#).

Background

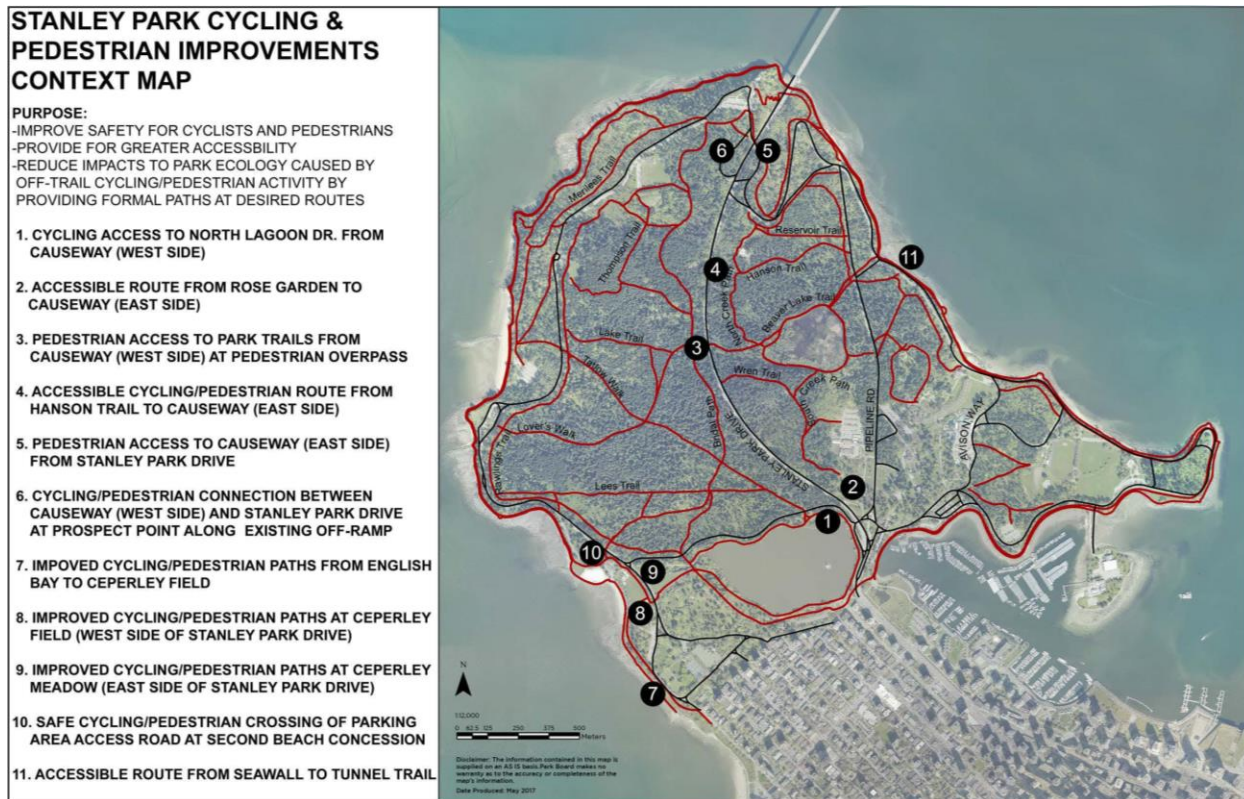
In October 2012, the Park Board adopted the Stanley Park Cycling Plan and implementation strategy. The Stanley Park Cycling Plan is a comprehensive document containing over 60 recommendations that address a wide range of concerns around cycling and pedestrian experiences in the park. Many of the recommended improvements have been implemented, including:

- Installation of a set of stairs from the Seawall up to Park Drive south of Beaver Creek (Recommendations 1b, 1c and 11a);
- Bicycle parking at Third Beach (Recommendation 3d);
- Relocation of site furnishings at pinch points (Recommendation 4a);
- New stenciling on the seawall (Recommendation 6a);
- Removal of a pathway at the south end of Lost Lagoon to eliminate a confusing intersection with the bike path. (Recommendation 6c);
- Improvement of the connection between the Causeway and the Coal Harbour seawall with directional signage, stencils and a curb ramp (Recommendation 12a);
- Installation of a connection for westbound bikes from Stanley Park Drive to access Bridle Path and the forest trail system (Recommendation 14a);
- Designation of Hanson to a shared use pathway for access improvements to Northbound Lions Gate (Recommendation 18e);
- Installation of yellow finger blade directional signs and stencils (Recommendation 20c);
- Installation of a raised boardwalk on Cathedral Trail (Stanley Park Ecological Action Plan 4.3.1 and 4.3.5);
- Bike gates on the east sidewalk, north and south of the Comox Street entrance to the park, have been installed to prevent cyclists from riding that sidewalk, reducing conflict with pedestrians on that thoroughfare (Response to public concerns in this area).

Cycling Improvements

The detailed design of eleven (11) of the recommended priority improvements was initiated in 2014. As the design work progressed, additional time was needed to address important archaeological protection concerns and integrate new improvements with the causeway cycling improvements that were implemented by the provincial Ministry of Transportation in 2016.

The following map shows where the eleven (11) sites are located within the park, with the specific improvements that staff will be implementing in 2019 outlined below:



Causeway Related Improvements (Sites 1 – 6)

The Causeway Expansion project improved access to and from the North Shore; however improved access to the Causeway from Stanley Park is still needed. In this section, the focus of the improvements are access to and from the Causeway at key locations for both pedestrians and cyclists.

- Site 1: Cycling link from west side of Causeway to North Lagoon Drive;
- Site 2: Pathway from Stanley Park to east side Causeway sidewalk;
- Site 3: Connection from west side of Causeway to pedestrian bridge;
- Site 5: Formalizing the existing path from east side of Causeway to Park Drive (at overpass);
- Implementation of Sites 4, 6 is to be confirmed at a future date due to the complexity of the projects.

English Bay to Ceperley Field Improvements (Sites 7 – 11)

In this section, the Seawall is pedestrian only and bike pathways are located off the Seawall. The focus of the work in this section is improved navigation, connectivity and increased capacity for both pedestrians and cyclists.

- Site 7: Reconstruction of the pedestrian path from Beach Avenue entrance to Ceperley Meadows;



- Site 8: New pathway from Second Beach to Ceperley Playground;
- Site 9: Park Drive at Ceperley Meadows – new sidewalk adjacent to on-street parking + new bike path from cross walk at Lagoon Drive to Lost Lagoon Path (tunnel);
- Site 10: Connection from 2nd Beach Concession access road to existing cross walk;
- Site 11: The Burrard Inlet side of the park is a much needed link for bicycles and people in wheelchairs to connect from the seawall to the forest trails and to the north shore via the Causeway and requires additional design work, so will be implemented in the future.

First Nations Collaboration

Stanley Park is within the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations and these lands are the site of villages, whose inhabitants are the near ancestors to many Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh people today. The living memory of the City's and Park Board's removal of those families from their homes ensures that our activities in Stanley Park have a high risk of inflicting trauma on Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh people.

The Stanley Park Cycling Plan was shared with the Nations in 2011 and discussions ensued. Park Board staff have now received feedback from all three First Nations indicating that work should proceed with established archaeological protocols: i.e., that First Nation Archaeological permits are obtained and a professional archaeologist and First Nations archaeological monitors are present for any ground disturbing activities.

Implementation

Construction drawings have been completed and staff are preparing tender documents with the goal of issuing the works for tender by early summer 2019. Construction will begin in late fall 2019 and is anticipated to take approximately 3-6 months to complete. Cycling and pedestrian visits to and around Stanley Park continue to increase and staff are keen to see these improvements underway and completed to ensure safe and enjoyable park experiences. Staff will continue to update the Board as the project proceeds.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malcolm Bromley".

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