



Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane on Park Drive - 2021

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MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

WHEREAS:

1. On January 17, 2019, the City of Vancouver declared a climate emergency. To avoid catastrophic climate change, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warns that we must limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. This means slashing carbon pollution globally by 45% below 2010 levels by 2030, and reaching net zero by 2050.
2. City of Vancouver Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability department reports that nearly 40% of Vancouver's carbon pollution comes from gasoline and diesel-powered motor vehicles. On November 17, 2020, Vancouver City Council approved the Climate Emergency Action Plan, which sets targets for 2030 including two-thirds of trips in Vancouver to be by active transportation and transit and to encourage more walking, biking and transit use.
3. The Park Board passed a motion on June 8, 2020, to study the long-term feasibility of reducing vehicle traffic in Stanley Park (now referred to as the Stanley Park Mobility Study). Staff reported that this process will take place over the next two years, and will include a broad data gathering and full public engagement process.
4. Between April 8 and September 26 in 2020, there was some form of space dedicated to bicycles on Park Drive to help facilitate safe physical distancing on the Stanley Park seawall.
5. From April 8 to June 22 in 2020, Park Drive was closed to all vehicles and cycling volume increased by 180% compared to the same time period in 2019. Park Drive was reopened to one lane of vehicle traffic on June 22, 2020. Bicycle ridership remained high through the park from that date to the removal of the temporary bicycle lane in late September, despite a massive drop in tourism to Vancouver in that same time frame.
6. On November 23, 2020, a staff presentation was provided to the Park Board on the "[Stanley Park Mobility Study: Survey Results, Data Analysis and Next Steps](#)". Survey Results showed that the majority of the respondents supported the temporary changes that had been implemented in 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to plan for and implement a temporary bike path on Park Drive in Stanley Park dedicated to cyclists, with an aim to have it in use as soon as is operationally reasonable, and to remain in place until approximately October 31, 2021.



- B. THAT staff work closely with park stakeholders, communicate and consult with the appropriate City of Vancouver advisory committees including but not limited to the Seniors Advisory Committee and the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, implement improvements and innovations, and apply learnings from the 2020 temporary traffic management plan in Stanley Park, and that the temporary changes in 2021 be observed as a case study as part of the Stanley Park Mobility Study and support the Beach Avenue Interim Design.
- C. FURTHER THAT the Board direct staff to report back with a summary of the data, outcomes, and observations of the 2021 measures.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Barker and Coupar opposed)