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June 7, 2024

Dear Resident and/or Business Owner,

RE: Final Stages of Maple Tree Square Repairs and Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot Coming Soon

Construction in Maple Tree Square is nearly complete. We thank all of the Gastown businesses and residents for your patience and understanding during these critical repairs.

Following the completion of construction, preparations will begin to transform Water Street and Maple Tree Square into a vibrant pedestrian zone with more space for walking, local businesses, culture, community-building, biking and rolling.

Maple Tree Square Repairs: Mid-June Completion

Construction in Maple Tree Square has progressed well and, weather dependent, we expect all brick paver repair and deficiency work to be completed by mid-June. The construction fencing will remain in place for about one week after completion of the repair work to allow enough time for the new road surface to cure/set, address any outstanding deficiencies, and site cleanup. Curing is an important step to ensure that the concrete, mortar and grout in the road can develop sufficient strength and durability. The longer the road cures, the more durable it becomes.

In line with this schedule, we expect the fencing to be removed during the week of June 10-14. To allow the brick roadway sufficient time to cure and set, the roadway will remain closed to vehicular traffic for the short period of time between the completion of construction and the installation of the upcoming Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot. The area will be cleaned and open to the public.

Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot Roll-out: Late June

City crews will begin on-site preparations for the pilot starting June 17, including surveying, installation of signage, and minor repairs. The following week of June 24, the traffic

management plan and key design components of the pilot will be installed. Please see page 4 for a table of the week-by-week transition plan between construction and pilot in June. Please refer to page 5 for a map illustrating the traffic circulation for the Water Street Pedestrian Zone. For the latest Water Street Pedestrian Zone maps, please visit vancouver.ca/gastown.

As shared in a recent update, the pilot will include expanded patios and merchandise displays, furniture (both moveable and fixed seating), planters, placemaking and wayfinding elements, as well as storytelling boards featuring art from Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. We are also working with Destination Vancouver and the Gastown Business Improvement Society to support the installation of a tourism kiosk and promote the area to cruise ship visitors and tourists.

We have developed an enhanced sanitation and stewardship plan to keep the pedestrian zone area clean and inviting. Existing City street cleaning services (nightly flushing, sweeping and litter collection) will be supplemented with additional enhanced daytime litter pick up and sidewalk cleaning once construction is complete. Existing micro-cleaning will also be supplemented during the pilot with additional micro-cleaning, power washing, and feces collection starting on June 28. Staff are also developing a holistic approach to community safety including daily peer ambassador support, and additional peer initiatives to support nighttime and gender safety.

Full Closure of Water Street for Special Events during July and August

To support special events and Open Street Days, all of Water Street will be converted to a “car-free” zone on the following four dates:

- Wednesday, July 10 – Gastown Grand Prix
- Saturday, August 3 – Open Street Day
- Thursday, August 15 – Meet Me in Gastown
- Saturday, August 31 – Open Street Day

Open Street Days are days where we will be exploring and learning from different levels of programming and small-scale activations.

The new Open Streets permitting process designed for the pedestrian zone will further enable community-led events and flexible activations for businesses, like temporary market stalls and live music for patios throughout the pilot. Applications for the pedestrian zone "Open Streets Permit" are now open and available to local businesses, organizations and residents at no cost.

Learn more, get involved and apply now at vancouver.ca/open-streets-permit.

Learning from the Pilot: Gastown Public Spaces Plan

This summer’s pedestrian zone pilot provides an opportunity to learn about people’s experience of the Water Street pedestrian zone. These lessons will inform future pedestrian zone planning and the approach to pedestrianizing Water Street in the Gastown Public Spaces Plan. Staff will gather feedback from the many different users of Gastown, including residents, businesses, visitors, and tourists.

During July and August, staff will be monitoring public life on Water Street, including how many people are visiting and how people are using the space using survey and observation methods. Staff will also be monitoring changes in traffic patterns in the neighbourhood, and communicating directly with businesses and residents to respond to any issues as they may arise. This data will help inform future pedestrian zone pilot planning, the overall approach to pedestrianizing Water Street in the Gastown Public Space Plan, and improvements to permitting processes to better support business. Staff will also respond to issues received through site visits, emails and 3-1-1 cases to make adjustments, where possible.

Learn more about the Gastown Public Spaces plan at a pilot pop-up this summer. All engagement opportunities for this summer and fall, will be posted at shapeyourcity.ca/gastown-public-spaces-plan.

Questions?

Have a question or feedback to share? Get in touch with our team at gastownpublicspaces@vancouver.ca.

If you need language interpretation services, please call 3-1-1.

Sincerely,

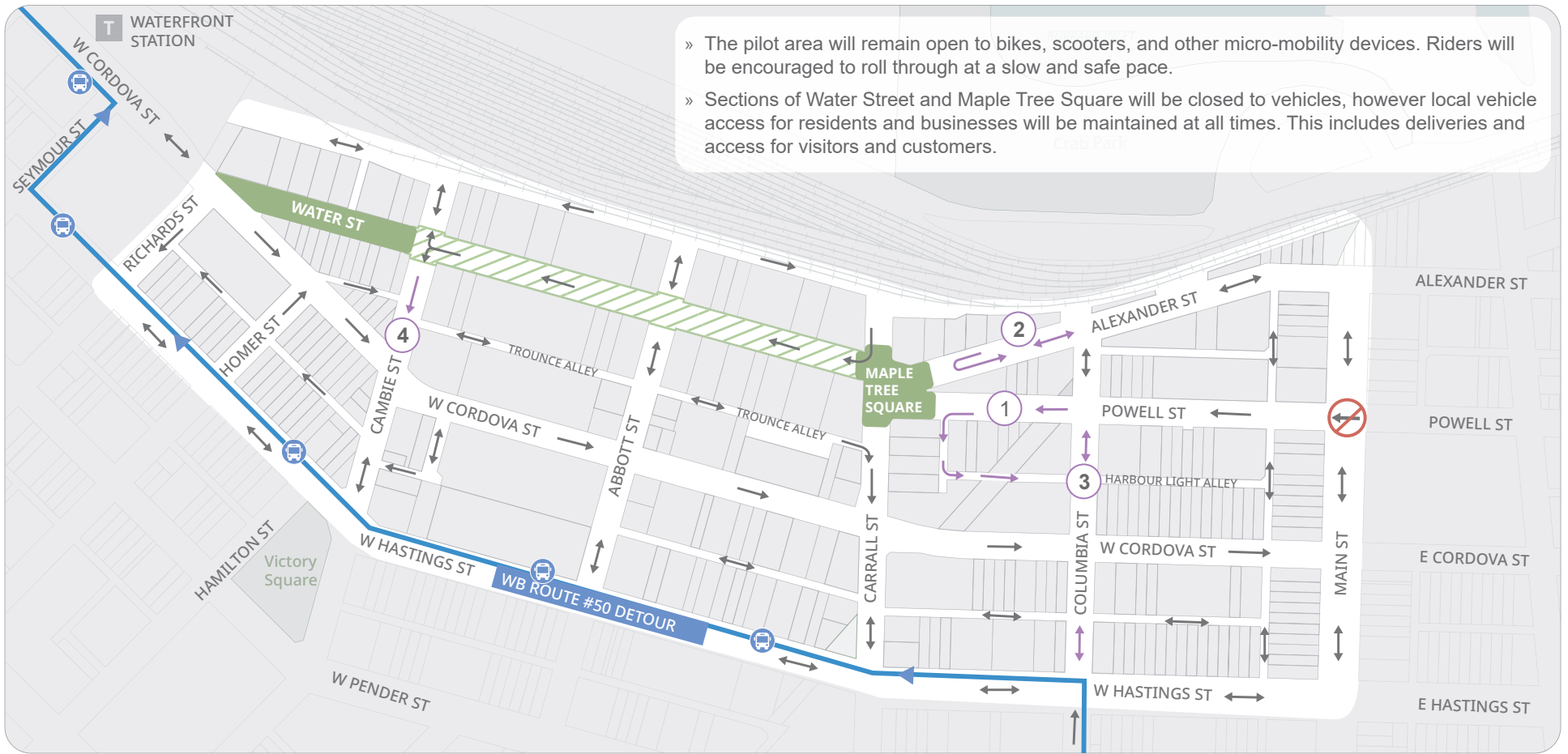


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Table 1. Transition plan between construction and pilot







Week	Details
June 3-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brick curing and deficiency work in progress; fencing still in place with signage explaining curing process
June 10-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and finalize remaining deficiency work • Fence comes down, site cleanup, power washing [Construction Complete] • Additional daytime litter pick-up and sidewalk cleaning begins
June 17-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site preparations begin for the pedestrian zone, including surveying, installation of traffic signage and minor repairs
June 24-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic management plan is implemented; pilot furniture is installed • June 26: earliest installation date for expanded pilot patios and merchandise displays • June 27-28: Pilot soft opening to the public • June 28: Additional micro-cleaning and peer services begin
July 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot official launch



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Traffic Circulation

-  Car-Free (emergency vehicle access only)
-  Car-Light (local vehicle access only)
-  Existing traffic circulation
-  Changes in traffic circulation

-  No westbound through traffic across Main St on Powell St
-  1 Powell St west of Main St limited to local traffic/deliveries
-  2 Alexander St converted to two-way traffic flow
-  3 Columbia St converted to two-way traffic flow
-  4 Cambie St converted to one-way southbound traffic flow
-  #50 Bus route detoured to Hastings St from Water St