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May 13, 2019

Dear Resident/Business:

RE: Upgrades to Richards St. protected bike lane

The City of Vancouver is upgrading and extending the Richards St. protected bike lane to provide better cycling access in the downtown area, and a safer and more comfortable cycling route for people of all ages and abilities. We expect construction to begin in fall 2019, targeting completion at the end of 2020. We will follow up with more details as construction proceeds.

Background

In 2013, the City converted sections of Richards St. to include a protected bike lane. However, the City heard feedback during consultations in 2016 that the narrow width of the bike lane and the painted separation between people cycling and parked vehicles created uncomfortable interactions.

Based on this feedback, potential upgrades to the Richards St. bike lane were identified to:

- Improve safety by reducing conflicts at intersections, driveways and parking spaces
- Provide high-quality protected two-way north-south cycling connections between Waterfront Station and Gastown, and Yaletown and the Seawall.

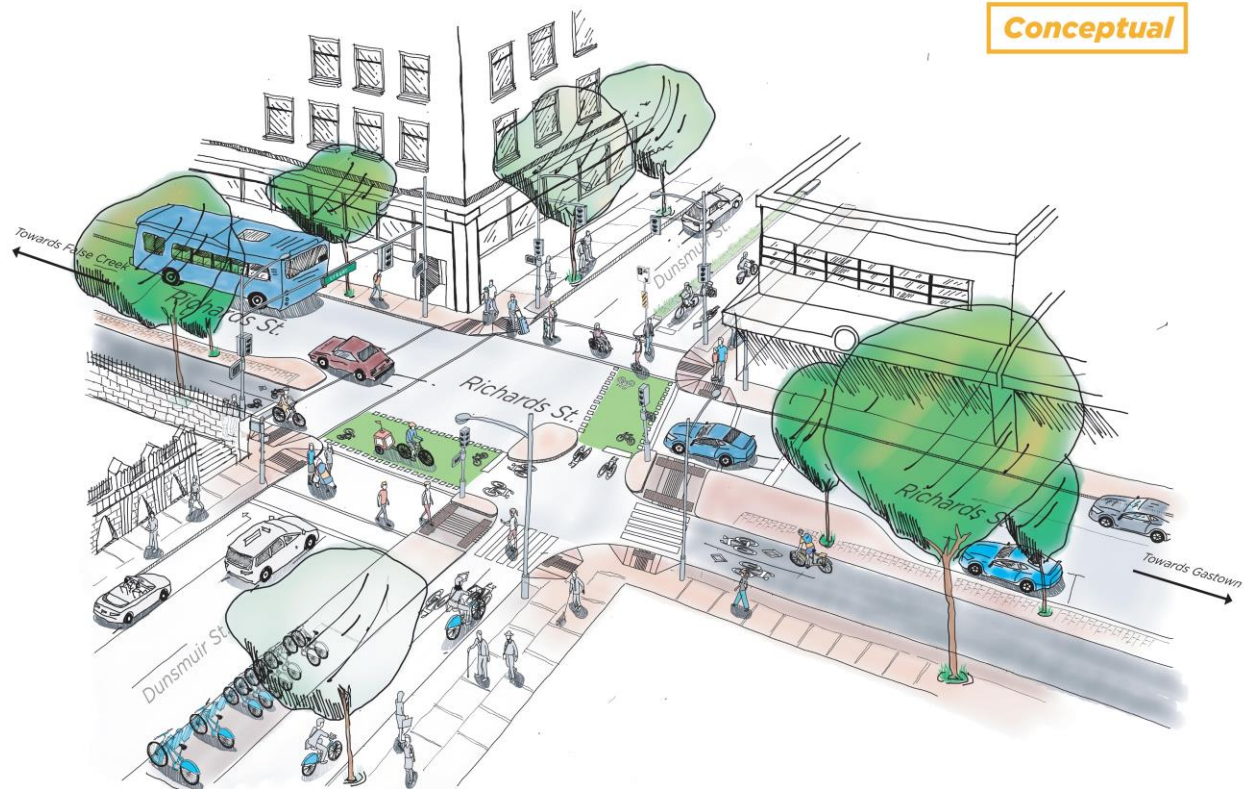
In late 2018, initial designs were shared with stakeholders, businesses, residents and the broader public. Staff received feedback from over 700 people, both in-person and online. This included door-to-door to talks with businesses on the street, multiple meetings with key stakeholders, a public open house at the Vancouver Public Library on Dec. 6, 2018 and an on-line survey.

Overall, there was support for the upgrades to the Richards St. bike lane and, in particular, for a two-way and fully protected all-ages and abilities cycling facility. Some people, however, had concerns about the impacts to parking and loading, safety at intersections, and the potential impact to traffic flow on Richards St. Staff have been working to modify the designs where possible to address this feedback, including working directly with impacted businesses to ensure loading and access needs are maintained.

For a **complete summary of the stakeholder and public engagement**, as well as a description of how the designs have been modified as a result, please visit:

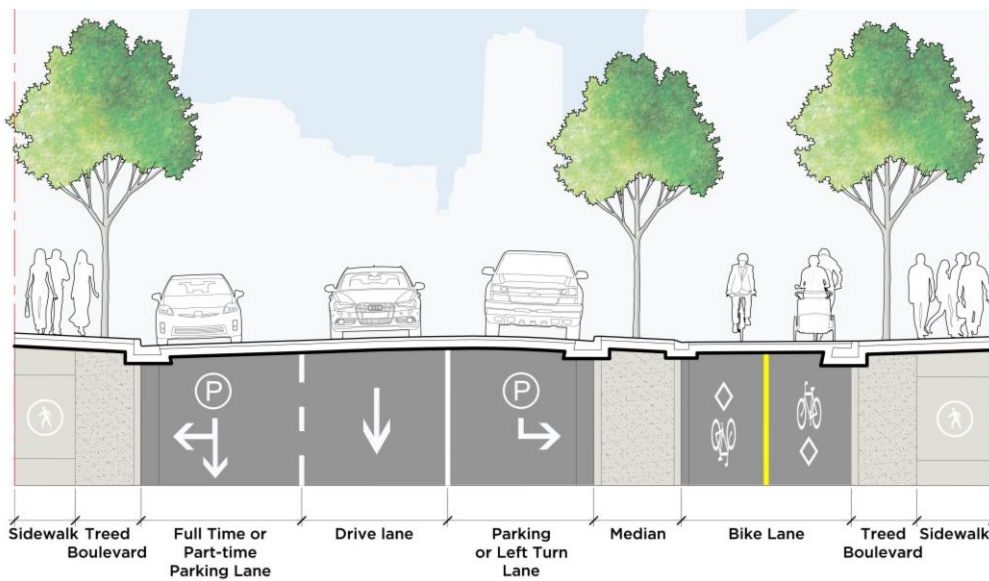
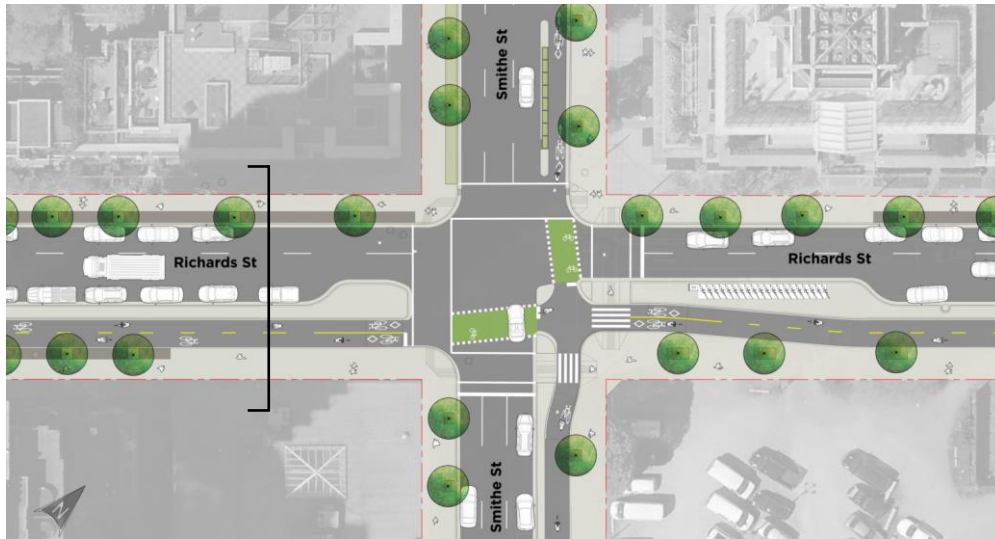
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Richards St design upgrades



- Install the protected bike lane on the east side of Richards St. to avoid conflicts.
- Improve northbound connections by making the protected bike lane two-way.
- Create protected intersections to connect east-west cycling routes and reduce conflicts.
- Add trees and raise the bike lane to provide an improved streetscape.
- Retain capacity for current motor vehicle volumes, with one through lane plus turn lanes. and rush hour parking restrictions between Dunsmuir St. and Nelson St.
- Retain most parking spaces (approximately 85%) while adding physical separation to address conflicts with parked cars.
- Relocate four existing Mobi bike share stations and install two new Mobi stations.

An example of a typical intersection design and a cross-section is illustrated below:



If you have any questions or comments related to these changes, please visit the project website at vancouver.ca/downtown-bike-network, or contact our team by email at downtownbikenetwork@vancouver.ca, through Online Services in VanConnect app, or by calling 3-1-1.

Sincerely,

Transportation Design Branch
Engineering Services, City of Vancouver