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Feb 26, 2021

**RE: Ontario Greenway – Project Update and Upcoming Construction**

The City of Vancouver will begin upgrading the Ontario Greenway in March 2021, starting with changes at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue with upgrades at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to follow later in the year. This work encompasses transportation and public realm improvements to help make the Ontario Greenway more comfortable for walking, biking, rolling and gathering.

**Background**

Between August 2019 and March 2020, staff conducted a public engagement process to inform design upgrades for the Ontario Street Greenway, from 2nd Avenue to 16th Avenue. Upgrades in this area will help make the Ontario Greenway more comfortable for walking, cycling, and rolling and reduce motor vehicle short-cutting during construction of the Broadway Subway.

Since March 2020, staff have been supporting a variety of COVID-19 mobility response initiatives which has delayed the publishing of the public engagement summary and the construction timelines for these changes. Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation process. We appreciate your understanding in these unprecedented times.

A summary of the engagement is available at [vancouver.ca/ontario-greenway](https://vancouver.ca/ontario-greenway).

**Ontario Greenway Planned Upgrades**

*5<sup>th</sup> Avenue/7<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

In order to lower motor vehicle volumes on Ontario St, we will install diverters to create a closure for motor vehicles between 5th Ave and the lane north of 5th Ave (see Figure 1 on next page). Access to the lane will be maintained and Manitoba St will continue to provide north-south motor vehicle access.

Road space between 5th Ave and the lane north of 5th Ave will be repurposed to create a new public space (through the Pavement-to-Plaza program) which will maintain walking and cycling connections and access to the bike share station.

Traffic diverters are also planned to create a partial closure and a converging one-way street for motor vehicles heading north and south on Ontario St at 7th Ave. Lane access will be maintained.

Through the engagement process we heard support for:

- Reducing conflicts between all road users through traffic diversion for north and southbound motor vehicles
- A new Pavement-to-Plaza at 5th Ave
- Further reducing motor vehicle volumes on 5th Ave
- Continued consideration in our planning for truck movements and access in this light industrial/commercial area

Additionally, we heard some concerns about non-compliance by all road users on Ontario Street at 5th Ave and 7th Ave. The traffic diverters at 5th Ave and 7th Ave will reduce motor vehicle volumes overall and limit the number of conflicting movements between all road users. Staff will continue to monitor volumes and conflicts at these intersections after changes are implemented.

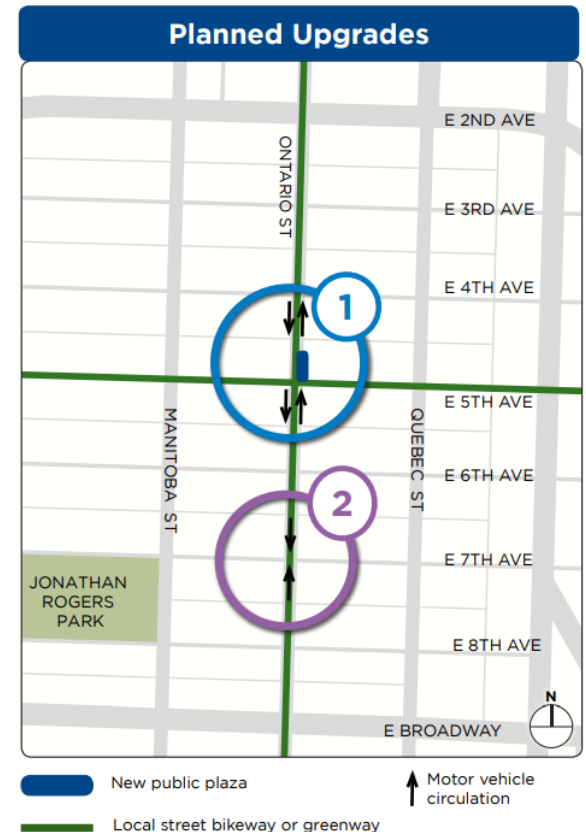
### 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue

The Ontario Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection will be redesigned with one-way streets (toward 16th Ave) to maintain circulation and access around Simon Fraser Elementary school while improving comfort and safety for people walking and cycling. During engagement, the majority of respondents were supportive of the planned intersection upgrades sighting confusion and near-collisions as common challenges with the existing conditions.

### *Broadway and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

During engagement we also gathered feedback about improving the Ontario Greenway between Broadway and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, staff will monitor the impact of subway construction on this area to determine any additional recommended changes. We will seek additional public input before making any changes.

**Figure 1:** Changes at Ontario St and 5th Ave and 7th Ave



### **What to Expect During Construction**

Businesses and residents adjacent to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue have received construction notices. An additional notice will be provided in advance of construction at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to adjacent residents.

Construction typically occurs Monday to Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Every effort will be taken by City staff to minimize interruptions to your daily routine.

Please watch signage for temporary changes to parking and traffic patterns, and plan ahead for alternate arrangements where possible. Access to laneways will be maintained and parking availability may be temporarily reduced during construction.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you in advance for your understanding and patience during construction.

If you have any questions or comments related to the Ontario Greenway, please contact our team by:

- By e-mailing [greenways@vancouver.ca](mailto:greenways@vancouver.ca)
- Through online services in the VanConnect app
- By calling 3-1-1

Yours truly,

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