

### Engineering Services Community Transportation

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March 28, 2024

Dear Community Member:

## **RE: Ontario Street Upgrades**

The City of Vancouver plans to upgrade the Ontario Greenway along Ontario Street between Walter Hardwick Avenue and Second Avenue (see Figure 1). The Ontario Street upgrades will provide safer and more comfortable travel options for people of all ages and abilities while maintaining access for nearby businesses and residents. Construction is anticipated to begin in **fall 2025**.

These upgrades will also improve the connection between three of Vancouver's most popular walking and cycling routes: <u>Ontario Greenway</u>, <u>Central Valley Greenway</u>, and the <u>Seaside</u> <u>Greenway</u>.

### Ontario Street Upgrades

Key changes along Ontario Street between Walter Hardwick and Second Avenue (see Figure 2) include:

- A two-way protected bike lane on the east side of Ontario Street
- A new protected intersection at Ontario Street and First Avenue
- Ontario Street becoming a one-way southbound street for vehicles
- On-street parking spaces maintained on the west side of Ontario Street

If you have any questions about the Ontario Street Upgrades, please visit <u>vancouver.ca/ontario-greenway</u> or email <u>bikeupgrades@vancouver.ca</u>

# **Connection with East Park Engagement**

East Park is a new park in Olympic Village, located on the ancestral and unceded territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əỷəm (Musqueam), the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and the səlilwəta<del>l</del> (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples.

We are working with Parks and Recreation staff who are seeking your feedback on two preliminary designs for the south side of East Park, between the Seaside Greenway and First Avenue. The designs are shaped by input from the local Nations and the community during the first round of engagement, held in fall 2022.

Through the design of East Park, we are also **exploring closing Ontario Street to vehicles between Walter Hardwick Avenue and Athletes Way** to increase future park space (see Figure 1).

The proposed one-block road closure would be installed in coordination with East Park. It could:

- Transform this block into more green space, contributing to urban biodiversity and space for bioretention (nature-based stormwater management).
- Provide traffic calming by reducing vehicle volumes.
- Require the removal of six metered parking spaces along the west side of Ontario Street between Walter Hardwick Avenue and Athletes Way.

Please share your feedback on the East Park design options and the potential Ontario Street closure through the second round of East Park Engagement at <u>shapeyourcity.ca/east-park</u> from March 26 – April 16, 2024.

More information about the Ontario Street Upgrades and East Park is available:

- online at East Park | Shape Your City Vancouver
- by email at <u>east-park@vancouver.ca</u>
- in-person at the East Park open house event on April 13, from 11 am 3 pm at the Creekside Community Centre

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

Thank you,

Transportation Design Branch Engineering Services, City of Vancouver

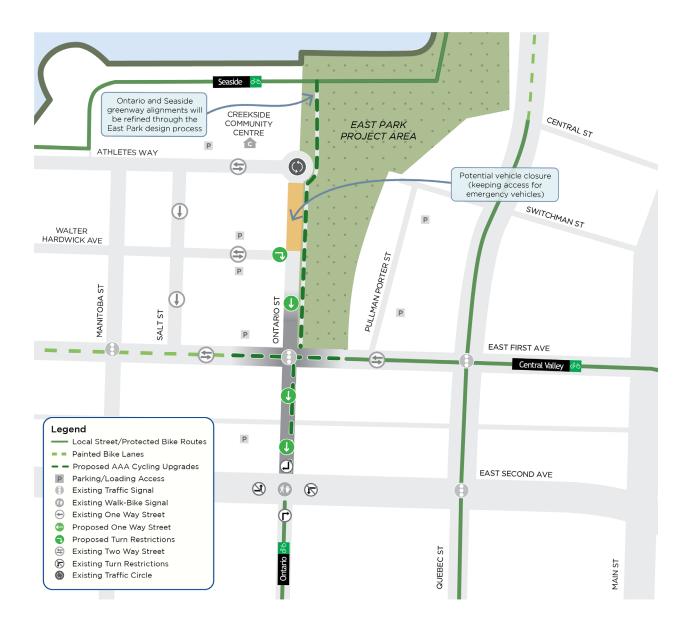


Figure 1 - Planned Ontario Street Upgrades (showing greenway connections).

#### **ONTARIO STREET UPGRADES Key Design Features** A new protected intersection at Ontario Street and First Avenue. Two-way protected bike lane on Ontario Street between First and Second Avenue. Interim bike connection to existing multi-use WALTER HARDWICK AVE path. G 🥽 EAST PARK **Other Design Features** One-way southbound travel for motor vehicles on Ontario Street between Walter Hardwick and Second Avenue. F ONTARIO ST Dedicated southbound left turn lane to reduce turn conflicts. Retain on-street parking on west side of Ontario Street between Walter Hardwick and Second Avenue. FIRST AVE Maintain access to all parkades and laneways. т ( A New Mobi Public Bike Share station. Interim concrete barriers and improvements to the centre median west of Ontario Street at First Avenue. East Park (2026-2033) B ÷ G East Park is a new park in Olympic Village, G located on the ancestral and unceded territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əýəm (Musqueam), the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and the səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples. Transportation upgrades will be delivered in coordination with the East Park project in 2026-2033: Upgrade the existing multi-use path with SECOND AVE separate walking and biking paths between First Avenue and the Seaside Greenway. A one-block vehicle closure is being explored between Walter Hardwick Avenue and Athletes Way to increase park space.

Figure 2 – Planned Ontario Street upgrades.