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Este aviso contiene información importante que puede afectarle personalmente. Pídale a alguien que se lo traduzca.

Ce document contient des renseignements importants qui pourraient vous concerner. Veuillez demander à quelqu'un de vous le traduire.

December 19, 2019

Dear Resident and/or Business Owner:

RE: Richards Green Complete Street Improvements - Cordova Street to Pacific Street

As part of the upcoming Richards Green Complete Street Improvements, the City of Vancouver will be upgrading critical street infrastructure and extending protected bike lane network to provide better cycling access within downtown area, and a safer and more comfortable cycling route for people of all ages and abilities. This project also includes the introduction of green infrastructure to sustainably manage rainwater on the street. Sustainable management of rainwater is critical for water quality and adaptation to climate change.

This project will involve multiple upgrades to minimize long term disruptions:

- Construct protected bi-directional bike lanes between Pacific and Cordova to connect to Drake St. and Granville Bridge Connector
- Upgrade traffic signals to accommodate new bike route and improve the safety and comfort level for cyclists
- Improving lighting at all intersections to upgrade aging infrastructure as well as improving the safety and comfort level for all street users
- Added median to protect cyclists from adjacent vehicles
- Incorporate a new Electric Vehicle, (EV) charging station
- Install two new Public Bike Share, (PBS) stations along the corridor, as well as relocating the four existing PBS's
- Addition of new bike racks
- Spot sidewalk repair to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians
- Install 0.7km of storm water tree trenches to make better use of storm water run off
- Plant over 100 new trees and planter boxes on the corridor to manage water at the street level.
- Addition of silva-soil cells to minimize root damage to new and existing street infrastructure

Construction is anticipated to begin on January 6, 2020 at Cordova St., progressing south towards Pacific St. Construction will take place through a phased approach and completed in two phases.

Expected Duration:

- Phase 1 - Cordova St. to Nelson St. - January 2020 to Summer 2020
- Phase 2 - Nelson St. to Pacific St., from Seymour Mews to east of Richards St. - Summer 2020 to Summer 2021

Please refer to Figure 1 for a map of the project area.

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.

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 talks with businesses on the street, multiple meetings with key stakeholders, a public open house at the Vancouver Public Library on December 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 has 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: vancouver.ca/downtown-bike-network.

What to Expect During Construction

Construction Staging: Work in general will begin at Richards and Cordova St. and progress towards south. Construction will take place through a phased approach, typically along a four to five block segment. Please kindly be advised that construction may happen with a nonlinear sequencing, depending on weather, construction methodology, and coordination with other Downtown projects.

Property Access: Primary access to residences and businesses will be maintained as much as possible. Due to the work involved with construction, different access points may be temporarily impeded. We will work with you in advance to ensure that these impacts are minimized as much as possible.

Work Hours: Construction will generally take place, Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, with extended hours (up to 8:00 pm on weekdays) and weekends as needed.

Parking & Traffic Impacts: At least one lane of traffic in each direction will generally be maintained during active construction hours, and traffic control personnel will be on-site to help guide all road users. Parking restrictions will be in effect to accommodate construction and will be lifted as soon as they're no longer needed. Please be sure to watch for *No Parking* signs as work progresses.

Noise & Vibration: Efforts will be made to minimize noise, particularly during early hours. However, some noise and dust are expected during construction. Trucks and heavy machinery are required and will be sharing access roads.

In order to minimize compounding traffic issues with multiple projects in the Downtown Corridor, this project is coordinated with the watermain replacement project along W Georgia Street between Thurlow St. and Howe St. A separate notification letter was distributed to areas that may be affected during construction. For more information about this project, please visit: <https://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/georgia-water-main.aspx>

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we undertake these infrastructure upgrades. During construction, please feel free to discuss any immediate concerns you may have with the crew on-site, as they will be happy to assist you.

More information about Richards Green Complete Street Improvements is available:

- online at vancouver.ca/richardsupgrades
- by email at richardsupgrades@vancouver.ca
- by phone at 604-873-7307

Kind Regards,

Richards Green Complete Street Improvements Project Team
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City of Vancouver

Construction Area and Phasing



Figure 1; Project Location