# Seaside Greenway Completion and York Bikeway

Phase 1 of Point Grey-Cornwall Active Transportation Corridor



### **Presentation Overview**

- Top Transportation 2040 priority
- Key Goals:
  - Complete the Seaside Greenway, Coal Harbour to Spanish Banks
  - Provide a direct commuter cycling route
  - Address safety and comfort issues
- Six months of consultation
- Changes to manage arterials
- Phased implementation
  - Co-ordinate with Park Board and Utilities capital projects



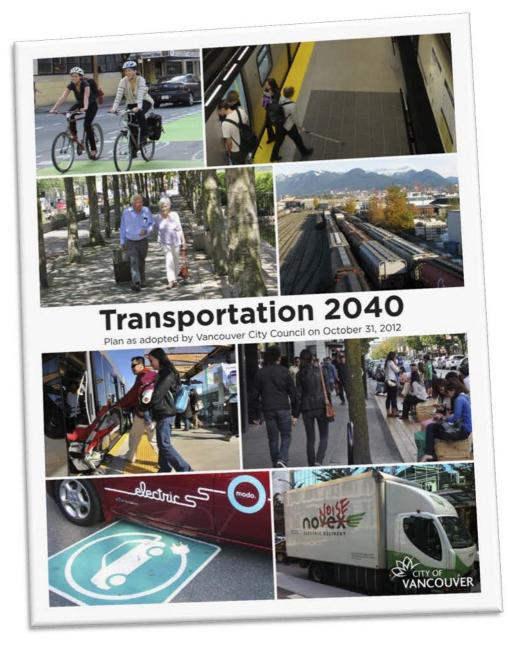
# **Project Context**



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# **Transportation 2040**

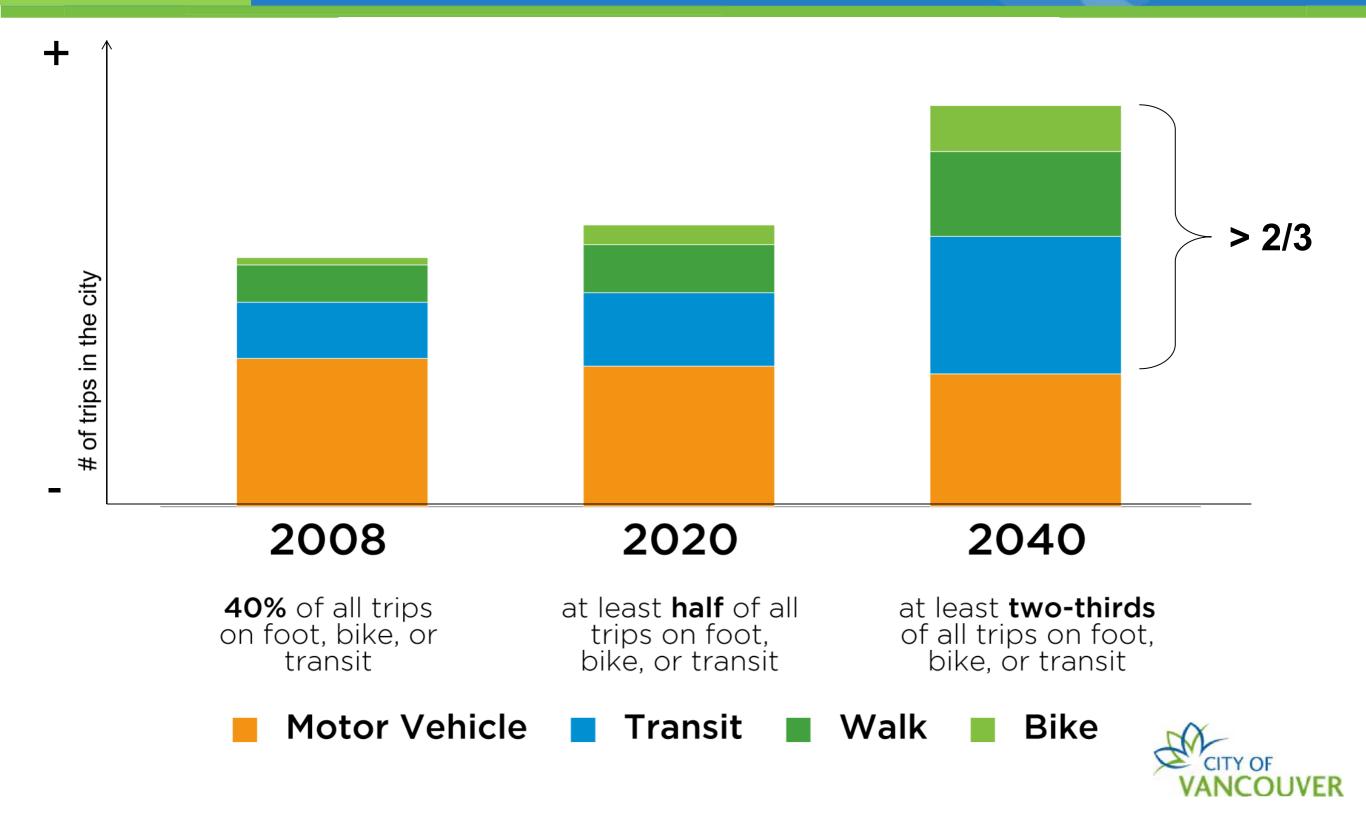
- Raised the bar for all ages and abilities walking and cycling
- Focused on making streets safe, comfortable, and enjoyable
- Set mode share targets for walking and cycling, aim for zero fatalities
- Prioritized Point Grey-Cornwall on the 5-year cycling priorities map







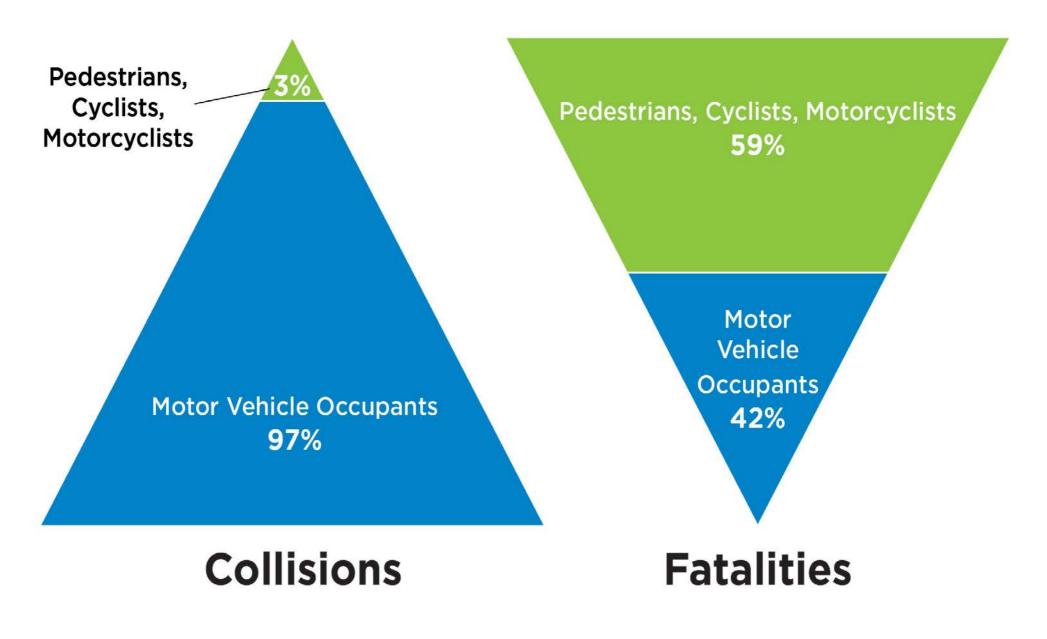
# Transportation 2040 Mode Share Targets



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# Transportation 2040 Zero Fatality Target





For City of Vancouver 2005-2010.

Sources: Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, Vancouver Police Department

# **Project Overview**





# **Study Area**





### **Transportation Goals**

### Seaside Greenway

- Completes 28km Seaside route, Coal Harbour to Spanish Banks
- Proposed Project:
  - Recreational waterfront seaside route with improved walking and cycling
  - From Burrard Bridge, along Chestnut, through Hadden and Kitsilano Beach Parks, out to entry of Jericho Park



### Seaside Greenway Gap

Key gap in the Seaside Greenway – completes a 28km walking and cycling route

### **Transportation Goals**

### **Seaside Greenway**

- Separate walking and cycling paths through parks
- Consolidate Volunteer and Tatlow Parks
- Daylight Tatlow Creek, with biodiversity enhancements and access to beaches
- Expand Point Grey Road Park at Trutch Street



### **Transportation Goals**

### **Commuter Route - York Bikeway**

- 6,000 cyclists/day ride Burrard Bridge during high season
- Safety issues at south end

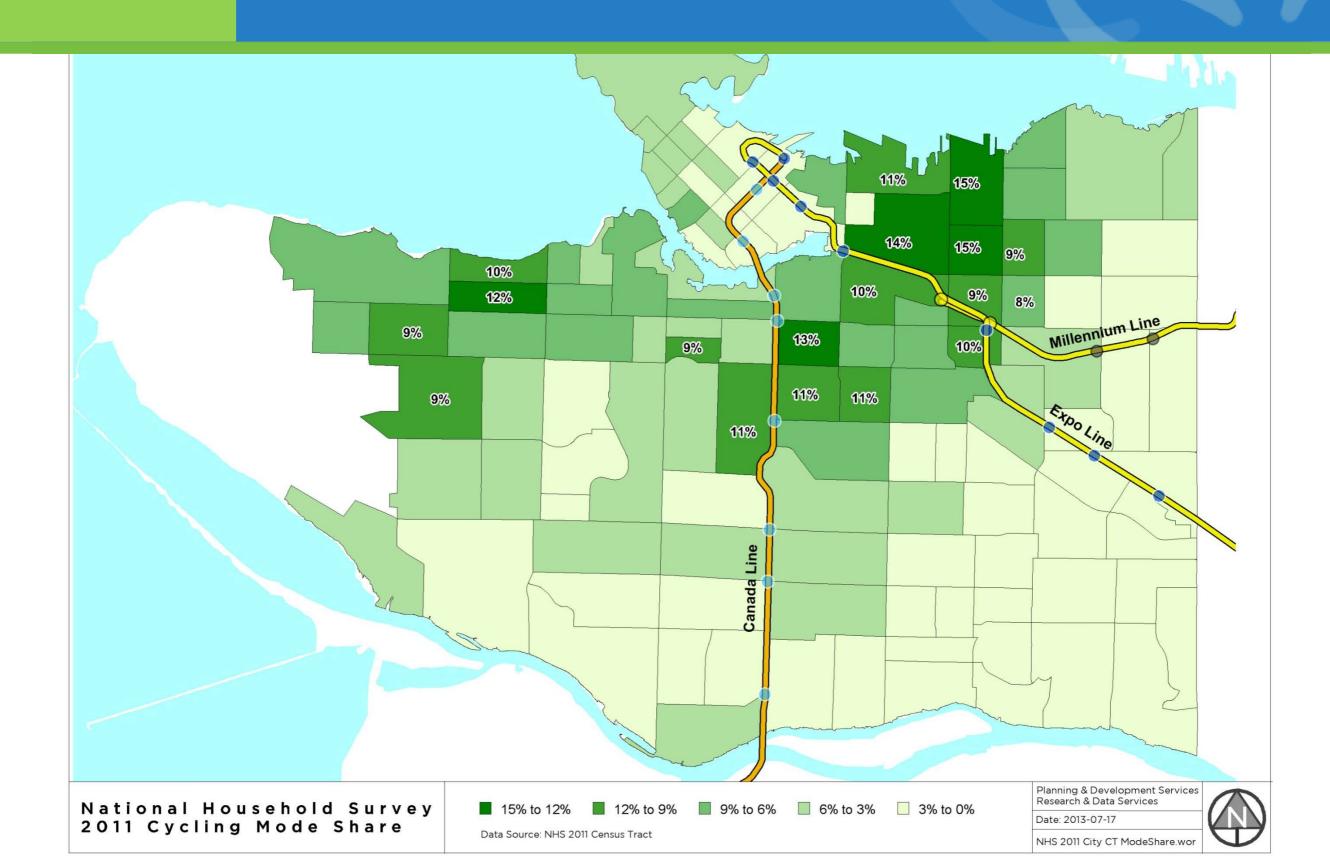
**Overview** 

- Provide a safe, direct route by:
  - Enhancing the bridge exit and connecting directly to York
  - Upgrading walking and cycling next to Henry Hudson School
  - Connecting to the Seaside Greenway separated bike lane on Point Grey at new signal



# **Increasing Cycling Mode Share**

Overview



# **Improving Safety and Comfort**

Many ICBC cycling-involved collisions involve car doors or parking maneuvers and are not on the ICBC website map:



Street Segment	Publicly Available	All ICBC Reports
Cornwall East —	14	18
Cornwall West —	18	28
Point Grey Road ——	1	5
Total	33	51

ICBC: "Data include crashes in parking lots and crashes involving parked vehicles. The data do not include incidents where the cyclist did not make a claim with ICBC, hit and run incidents, and those caused by a vehicle avoiding a cyclist (where there was no actual contact with the cyclist or bicycle)."

# **Improving Safety and Comfort**

Burrard Bridge – South End

(Topic of Separate Report)

**Overview** 

- Hotspot for cycling collisions
- Complex, inefficient crosswalks
- High vehicle speeds and conflict with pedestrians and cyclists
- Proposed Action:
  - Rebuild and simplify intersection to enhance safety and improve walking connections



## **Summary of Transportation Goals**

- Close a major gap in the walking and cycling network
- Improve safety and comfort, minimize conflicts
- Support all active modes
- Carefully consider impacts
   to local businesses, residents,
   transit and other vehicles –
   balanced approach



# **Public Consultation**



### **Project Timeline**

Phase 1	
Consultation	า:

January to February 2013

Phase 2 Consultation:

May to July 2013

Recommended Design to Council:

July 2013

Proposed routes and ideas

Design proposals based on Phase 1 input Final recommended design based on Phase 2 input



### **Two Phases of Consultation**

Consultation	Total	Participants
Public Open Houses	6	Approx. 1500
Local Resident & Business Group Meetings, Stakeholder Workshops	48	Approx. 500
Youth Workshops	15	Approx. 370
Online Questionnaires	2	Approx. 3000
Website	1	Approx. 12500 visits
Total		Approx. 18,000



# **Phase 1 Consultation Feedback**

# **Key Themes:**

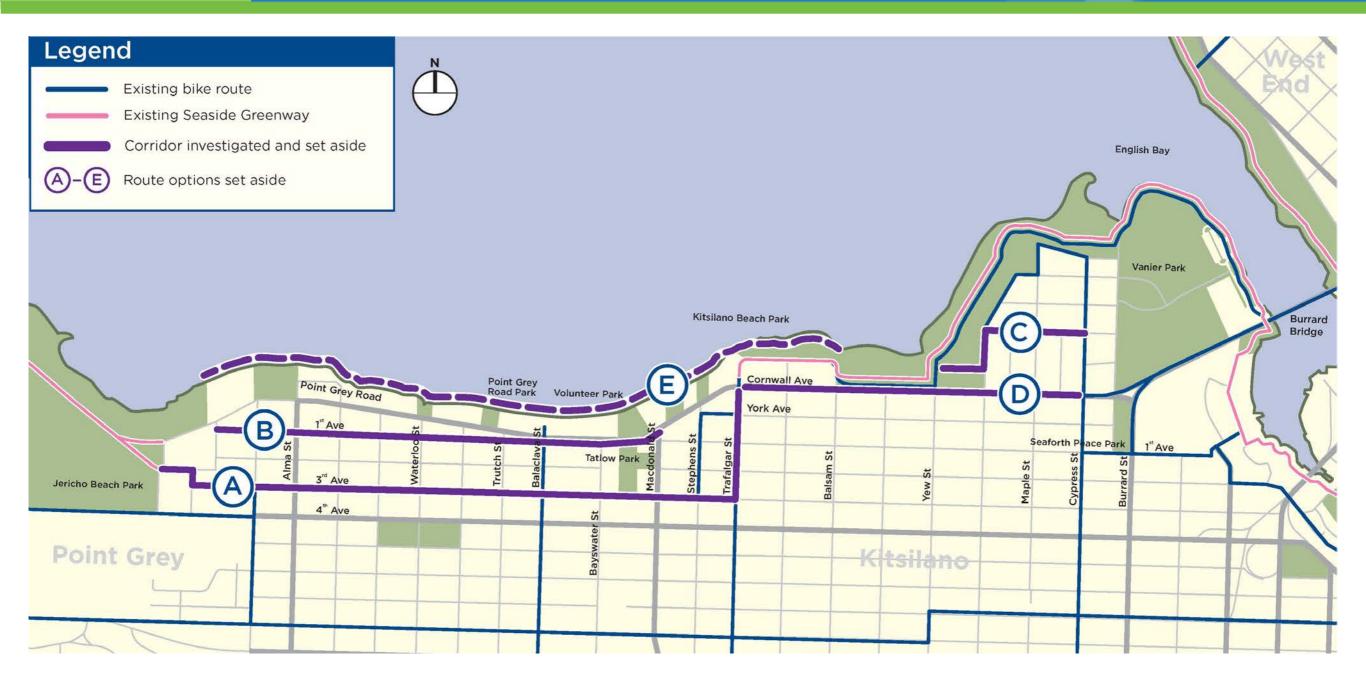
- Majority recognized walking and cycling safety concerns
- Conflicts between all road users were a key issue
- Access to waterfront was seen as a priority

### **Specific comments regarding:**

- Maintaining vehicle access
- Neighbourhood traffic impacts
- Parking



### **Post Phase 1: Routes Set Aside**



Following a thorough review, these segments were set aside for failure to meet project objectives or unacceptable impacts.

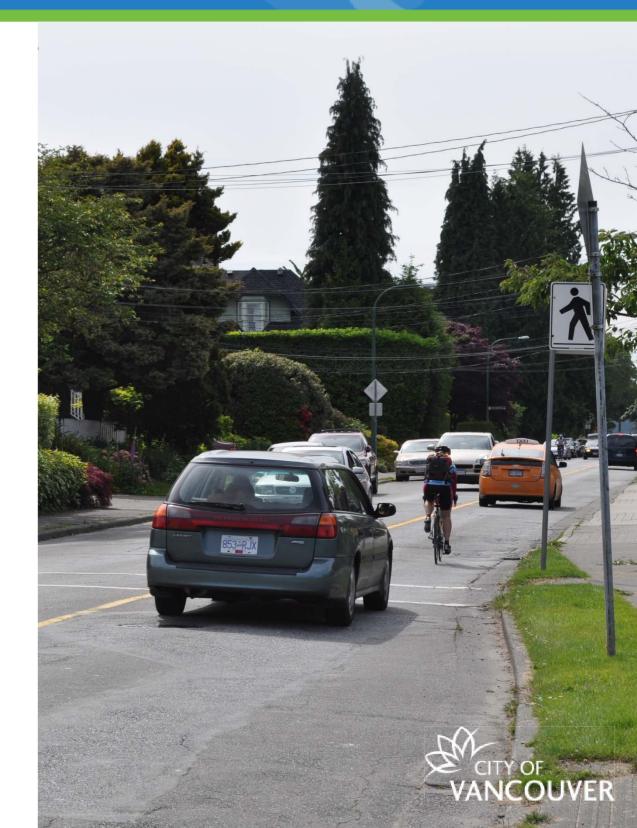
## Phase 2 Consultation Feedback

# **Key Themes:**

- Support for the project goals and project as whole
- All road users recognize the need to improve safety
- Prefer the local street option (2a) for Point Grey Road

### **Specific comments regarding:**

- Parking (locations, driveways)
- Vehicle volumes and access
- Safety between all modes





# Seaside Greenway and York Bikeway



The proposal completes the Seaside Greenway along the water and creates a direct commuter cycling route to the Burrard Bridge on York.

### Seaside Greenway: Overview

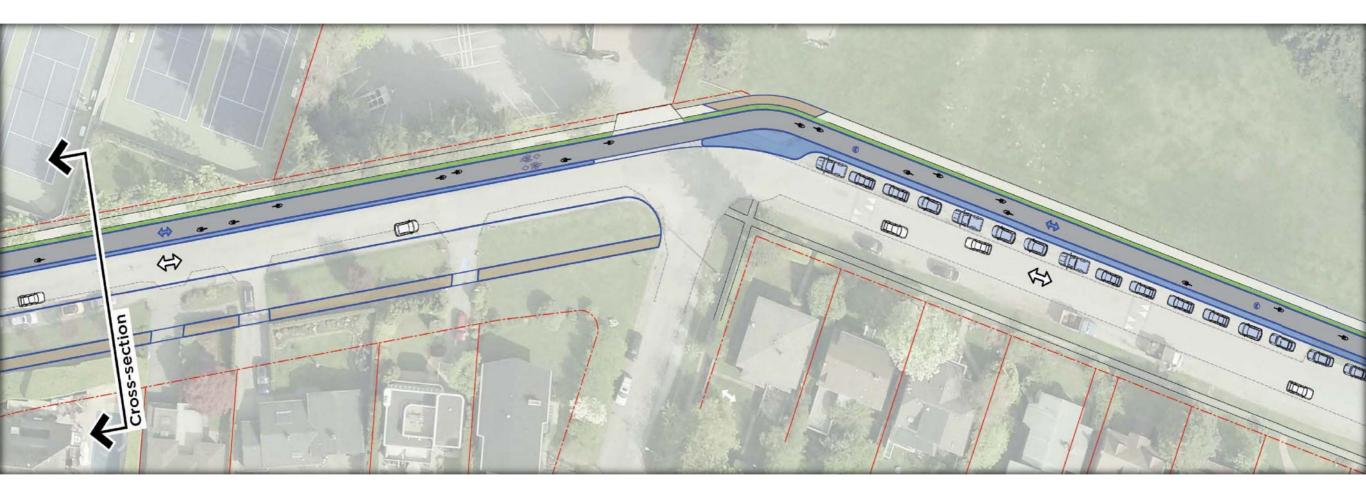


Completing the Seaside Greenway was divided into sections referred to as 1, 2a, 3, and \* during Phase 2 consultation.



### **Point Grey Road** Jericho to Alma Street

### Separated Bicycle Lanes Two-way Motor Vehicle Traffic





### Seaside Greenway: Design Changes based on Feedback

# Section 1 (Jericho to Alma)

- Provision of off-street parking for members of Brock House
   Society senior centre
- 2. Wider north sidewalks between Brock House and Jericho Park
- Retention of some on-street parking west of Wallace (subject to Parks approval of a new bike path in Jericho Beach Park)







### Local Street Conversion Significant Traffic Calming





### Point Grey Road Alma to Macdonald

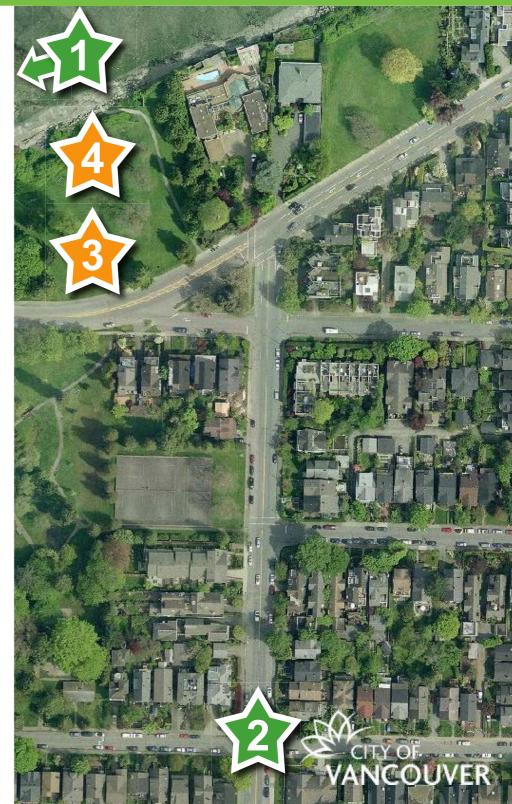
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Seaside Greenway: Design Changes based on Feedback Future Park Board Enhancements

# Section 2a (Alma to Macdonald)

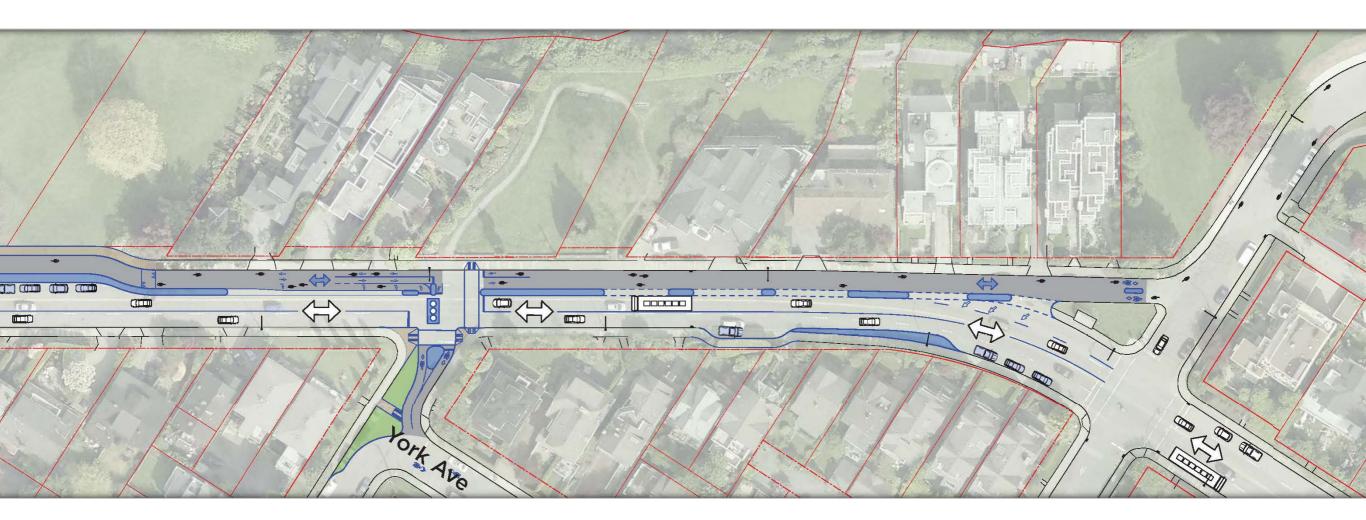
- 1. Further expansion of Point Grey Road Park at Trutch
- 2. Addition of a walk/bike signal at Macdonald and West 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Park Board Enhancements:
- 3. Re-create (daylight) Tatlow Creek
- 4. Access to beach and enhanced biodiversity





### **3** Point Grey Road Macdonald to Balsam

### Separated Bicycle Lanes Two-way Motor Vehicle Traffic

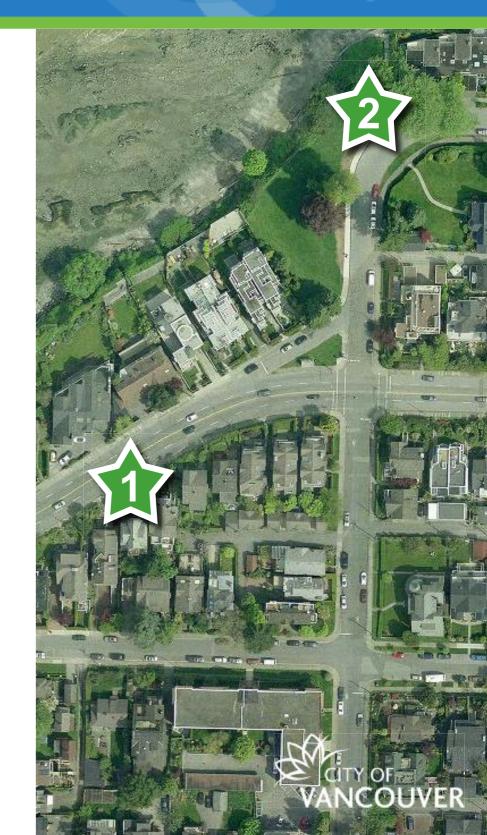




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### Section 3 (Macdonald to Balsam)

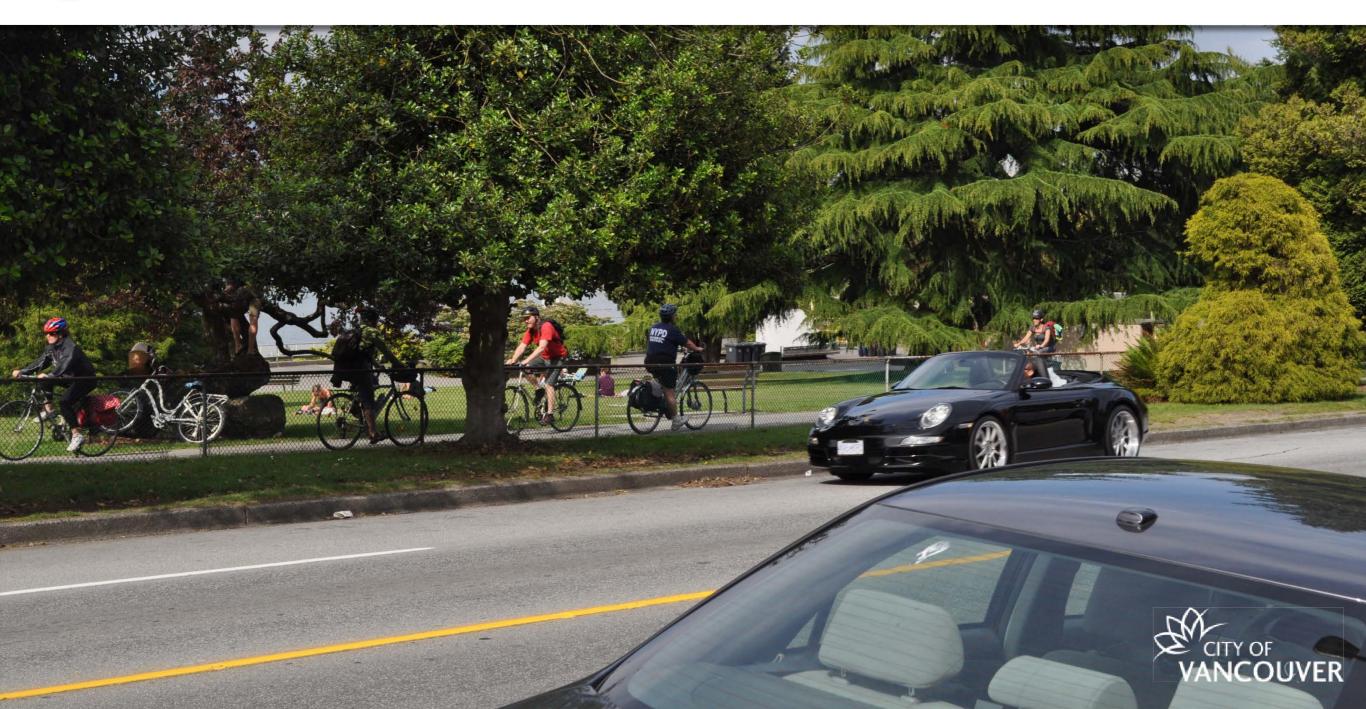
- New parking bay to accommodate a mid-block property without driveway or lane access
- Traffic calming rather than a separated bike lane on lower Point Grey Road (Trafalgar-Balsam) to retain as much parking as possible
  - Constructing missing sidewalks and make necessary parking changes for pedestrian & cyclist visibility







### Path Upgrades Separated Walking and Cycling Paths



## York Bikeway Overview

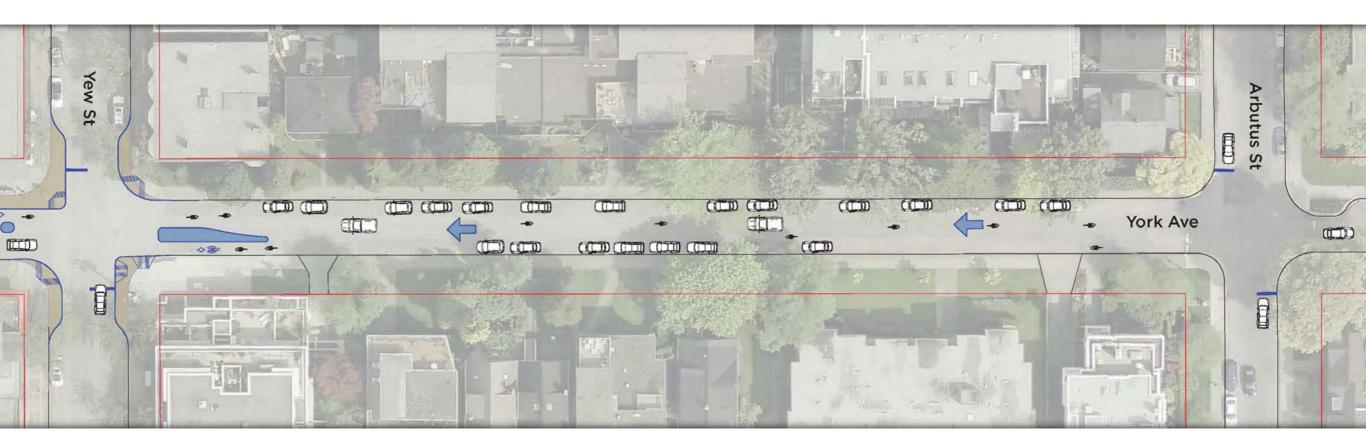


The York Bikeway was identified as section 4 during Phase 2 consultation.





### Local Street Bikeway Alternating One-way Motor Vehicles

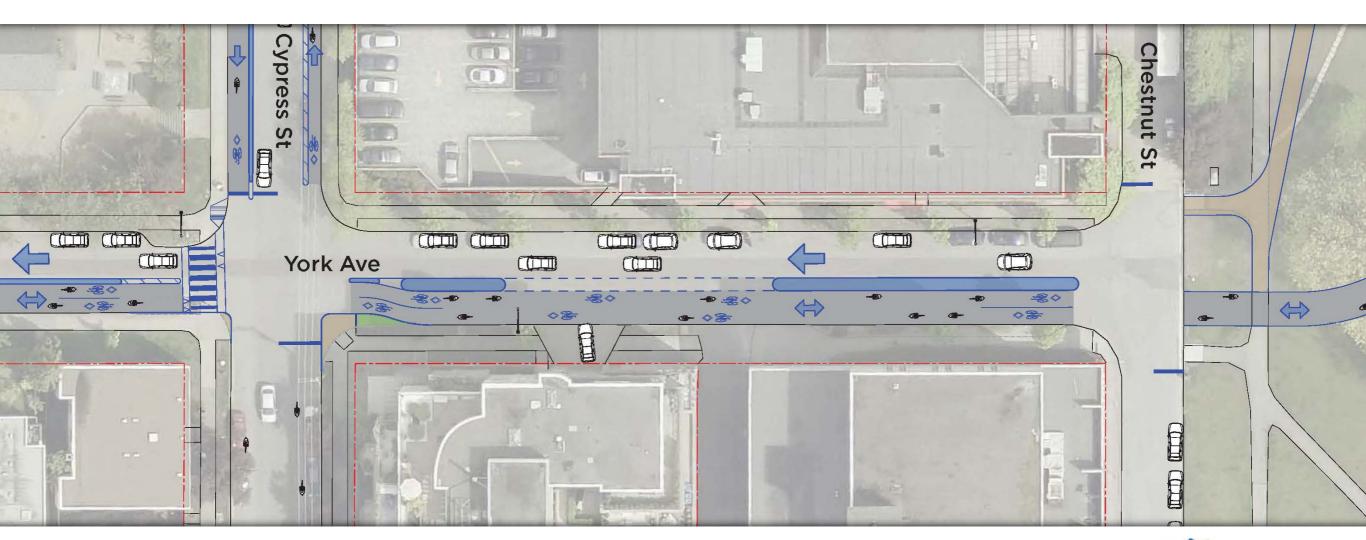








#### Separated Bicycle Lanes Two-way Motor Vehicle Traffic

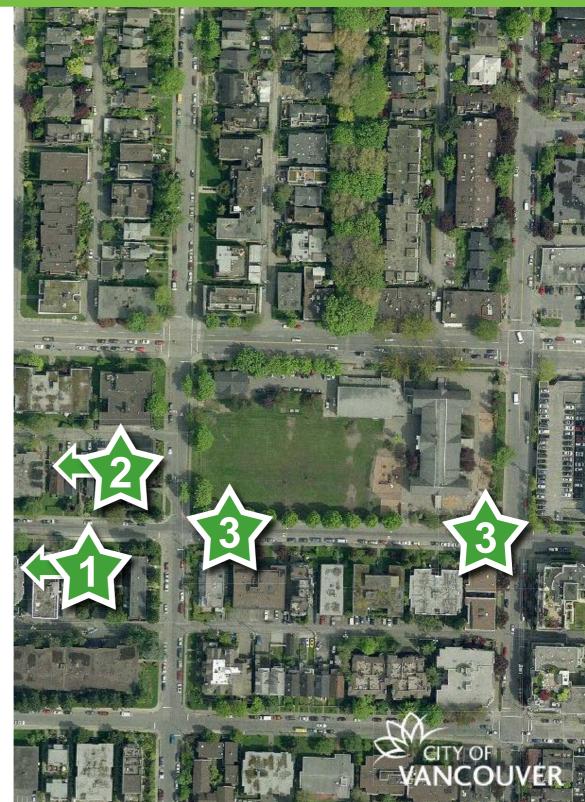




### York Bikeway Design Refinements based on Feedback

# Section 4 (York Avenue)

- Bicycles in low volume mixed traffic rather than a bike lane to retain parking (Vine to Maple)
- 2. Reversing the one-way blocks between Vine and Maple
  Streets to better protect the bike route near Yew Street
- Introducing raised crosswalks at Cypress and at Maple for Henry Hudson students

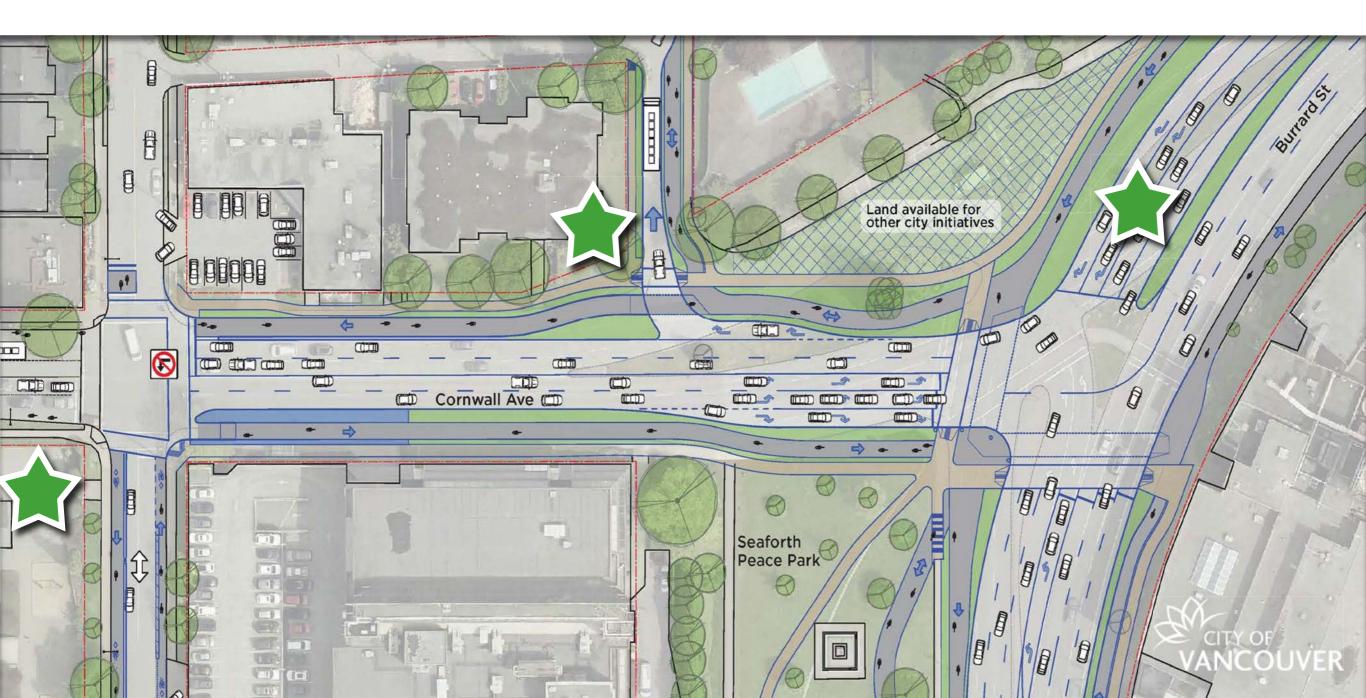


Separate Report

# False Creek Bridges: Burrard Street Bridge South End Improvements

#### Burrard and Cornwall Simplified Intersection

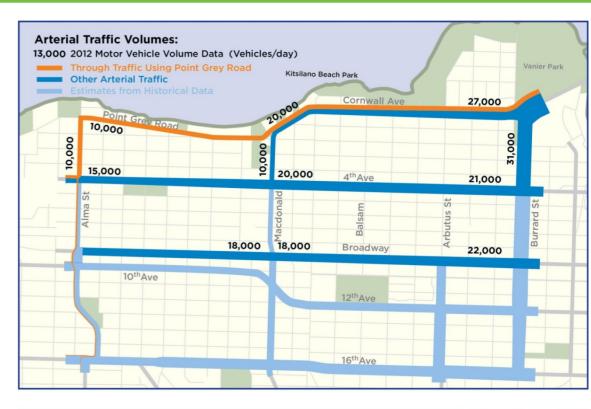
#### Shorten Crossings Maintain All Movements

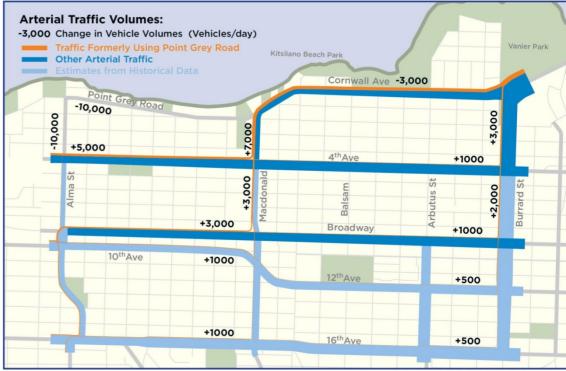


# **Overall Project: Arterial Traffic Management**

Goal: Redirect vehicles from Cornwall/Point Grey to other arterials:

- South End Burrard Bridge project:
  - Normalization of Burrard and Cornwall intersection to favour route along Burrard Street up to 16<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Traffic management to optimize
   flow on arterials
- Changes in the vicinity of W 4<sup>th</sup> and Macdonald:
  - Minimize short-cutting through
     neighbourhood





## **Arterial Traffic Management**

- Painted left turn bays on West 4<sup>th</sup> at Macdonald
- New walk/bike signal on Macdonald at West 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Diagonal traffic diverter at West 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bayswater





## Seaside Greenway & York Bikeway



Phase 1 implementation completes the essential all ages and abilities walking and cycling elements along the entire corridor.

**Seaside Greenway** 

### Phase 1 (2013-14): Point Grey Road

- New sidewalks, sidewalk widening and new separated bike lanes west of Alma (Section 1)
- One-way street, Alma to Waterloo (Section 2a)
- Park amalgamation Tatlow/Volunteer (Section 2a)
- Separated bike lanes, Macdonald to Trafalgar and new walk/bike signal at Stephens (Section 3)
- Separated bike paths Kitsilano Beach and Hadden Parks – subject to Park Board approval

**York Bikeway** 

### Phase 1 (2013-14): York Avenue

- Walk and bike paths and motor vehicle closure on final block of Stephens from Point Grey to York
- Walking improvements (corner bulges) at Yew
- Alternating one-way blocks for motor vehicles (with two-way cycling), Vine to Maple
- Separated bike lane and pedestrian safety improvements adjacent to Henry Hudson School

**Seaside Greenway** 

### Phase 2 (2015-16): Point Grey Road

- Enhancements and expansions of Tatlow, Volunteer, and Point Grey Road Parks, daylighting of Tatlow Creek, improved beach access and biodiversity
- Widened north sidewalks and improved lighting and pedestrian amenities along Point Grey Road, Alma to Macdonald
- Coordination with Utility capital projects



# Seaside Greenway





### **Financials**

### Transportation: Seaside Greenway and York Bikeway

Phase 1 cost of up to \$6 million total based on preliminary designs

• \$1.0 million of construction anticipated this year, remainder in 2014

Funding for Transportation from 2012-14 Capital Plan:

- \$4.5 million allocated from Active Transportation Corridors
- \$1.5 million other Transportation & Streets sources

### Park Board: Kitsilano and Hadden Parks

• Funded from 2012-2014 Capital Plan; pending approval



### **Summary of Recommendations**



### **Recommendation that Council Approve:**

- A. The Seaside Greenway & York Bikeway designs
- B. A two-phase implementation plan
- C. Up to \$6.0 million budget for Phase 1 (2013/14)

# **Questions?**

