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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.

July 14, 2020

Dear Resident and/or Business Owner:

RE: Temporary sidewalk extensions on Robson St (Burrard St to Jervis St)

The City of Vancouver has launched its *Restart Smart Vancouver* program for recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the community and economic recovery response, we're transforming streets to create public space for safe physical distancing, community life, and to support local businesses.

The City is collaborating with Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), local businesses and communities to extend sidewalks in busy areas to support the accelerated reopening of local businesses and communities.

Temporary sidewalk extensions are coming to your area

We are working in partnership with the Robson Street Business Association, and have identified locations along Robson St. (Jervis St. to Burrard St.) to widen sidewalks and extend existing parklets.

Over the next few weeks, the following changes will be implemented:

- At key locations, we'll re-purpose the curb lane to provide more space for physical distancing, walking seating and other activities.
 - These spaces will be separated from moving traffic with painted concrete barriers or by extending existing parklets.
- Some parking spaces will be maintained on both sides of Robson St.
- Improve transit reliability by restricting some turning movements at Burrard St. and Thurlow St.
- This pilot will also widen sidewalks at bus stop locations to support queuing and provide additional space/seating for waiting; buses will continue to stop along Robson St. westbound at Burrard St. and Bute St. and eastbound at Bute St., but stops at Jervis St. and Thurlow St. will be temporarily suspended.

City staff will work with the partner businesses and organizations to make sure that the space is well cared-for, inclusive and comfortable.

Background

The City is committed to supporting Vancouver's economic and community recovery from the COVID-19 crisis through initiatives that focus on the recovery of our local communities, businesses and non-profits.

This initiative is further supported by the Climate Emergency Response Report, Transportation 2040 Plan, Healthy City Strategy, the West End Community Plan, and other city-wide policies currently in development, such as Places for People Downtown and Vancouver Plan, all of which encourage the creation of public plazas and community spaces.

Feedback and more information

We want your feedback on these spaces and other pop-up plazas throughout the city. Ongoing monitoring, along with public feedback and guidance from the Provincial Health Officer, will help us improve these spaces over time. In addition, it will help us to determine whether any of these spaces should remain in place after the recovery period.

If you are interested in providing feedback, please visit our website below.

Sincerely,

The Public Life Recovery Team
Street Activities Branch
Engineering Services, City of Vancouver

Website: vancouver.ca/pop-up-plazas