

West King Edward Upgrades Bike Lane Update

Summary of What We Heard (January 6, 2025)

Between October – December 2024, the City of Vancouver gathered feedback from residents on the proposed parking-protected bike lane on West King Edward Avenue between Dunbar Street and Quesnel Drive. Below is a summary of key themes identified and how we are responding.

What We Heard	Response
Safety	
<p>Vehicle Passenger Safety: The proposed parking lane (next to the parking-protected bike lane) may not provide adequate space for passengers, including children and elderly individuals, to safely enter or exit vehicles near the motor vehicle lane.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The updated painted bike lane design will allow on-street parking on West King Edward Avenue to be retained next to the curb, which supports direct access to the sidewalk for people exiting parked cars. • The updated painted bike lane design will include a 0.9m painted buffer between the bike lane and parking lane to create enough space for people exiting parked cars.
<p>Cyclist and Driver Confusion: Variations in the bike lane layout compared to nearby sections may confuse both cyclists and drivers.</p>	<p>The updated painted bike lane design will be similar in layout to the existing painted bike lanes east of Quesnel Street.</p>
<p>Micro-Mobility Conflicts: Concerns about conflicts between micro-mobility users and vulnerable groups, such as seniors and people with disabilities, especially when crossing the bike lane.</p>	<p>On-street parking on West King Edward Avenue will remain next to the curb.</p>

<p>Crosswalk Safety: At the marked crosswalk at Collingwood St. and West King Edward Ave, the proposed right-turn lane could be misused as a bypass, posing risks for pedestrians and school children.</p>	<p>In response to concerns raised by residents, the City will install a concrete pedestrian refuge on West King Edward Ave at Collingwood Street, positioned between the bike lane and the motor vehicle lane, to improve safety for people walking. A concrete pedestrian refuge is a protected area in the middle of a crosswalk that gives pedestrians a safe place to pause while crossing busy or wide roads. This new feature will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shorten the pedestrian crossing, reducing exposure to motor vehicle traffic. • improve visibility for pedestrians at the crossing. • prevent eastbound drivers on West King Edward Ave from passing at the intersection near the crosswalk. <p>At Dunkirk Street and West King Edward Avenue, parking will be removed from the north side of the T-intersection to provide adequate sightlines for crossing pedestrians and be consistent with City bylaws and the provincial Motor Vehicle Act.</p>
<p>Parking Loss and Access</p>	
<p>Curbside Parking and Access: Desire to retain curbside parking near their homes, particularly to ensure accessibility for elderly individuals and those with mobility challenges. Residents noted that existing high parking demand, driven by multi-dwelling units, is expected to grow with ongoing development.</p>	<p>Street parking on West King Edward Avenue will remain next to the curb, except for localized impacts where street space is required to accommodate bus stops and intersection upgrades to improve safety for people cycling at Dunbar Street and Collingwood Street.</p>

Communications and Engagement	
<p>Short Notice and lack of engagement: The City started to implement the parking-protected bike lane without adequate notice or any prior engagement with the community.</p>	<p>We recognize that the notification and information about this installation should have been provided with more advanced notice to allow more opportunity for discussion and would like to apologize for any issues this may have caused.</p>
Support	
<p>Bike Lane Support: Expressed support for parking-protected bike lane and believes the plan adequately balances the needs of residents and commuters.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The updated painted bike lane will provide dedicated space for people cycling along West King Edward Avenue. • The City will monitor safety and operations for the new bike lane to ensure safety for all road users and will consider future changes, including redesign, if needed.

Thank you to everyone who shared feedback on the parking-protected bike lane. Should you have any further questions about the updated bike lane, please email staff at BikeUpgrades@vancouver.ca

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