



# IMAGINE WEST END WATERFRONT

Parks, Beaches and  
Transportation Vision

Park Board Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 22, 2024



To present the proposed final Imagine West End Waterfront 'Vision' to the Board for decision, and to seek a decision to begin Phase 1 of implementation, subject to funding.



# RECONCILIATION MISSION, VISION & VALUES

## MISSION

### Decolonize the Vancouver Park Board

The Park Board recognizes the institution's colonial history and upholds the Board's commitment to the 11 Reconciliation Strategies.

## VISION

An evolvable organization in which every employee and Commissioner recognizes the humanity in themselves by recognizing and respecting the humanity of First Peoples; and an organization that sets a worldwide example in treating Reconciliation as a decolonization process.

## VALUES

These values are your compass to help guide the way you work, interact with colleagues, external partners and the public.



### PATIENCE

Colonialism didn't happen overnight. Untangling it takes time. We will pace ourselves for the marathon, not the sprint. We will adjust deadlines to ensure things are done well and respectfully.



### CLARITY

We will focus on how colonialism functions to exclude, not on how to include.



### PRAGMATISM

All staff are inheriting a system not of our making. The Park Board Reconciliation Team (PBRT) is here to assist colleagues with examining the ways colonialism continues to damage others. Blame is unproductive.



### LEADERSHIP

We will nurture and sustain each other, demonstrating Indigenous principles in the way we function as a team.



### LEARNING

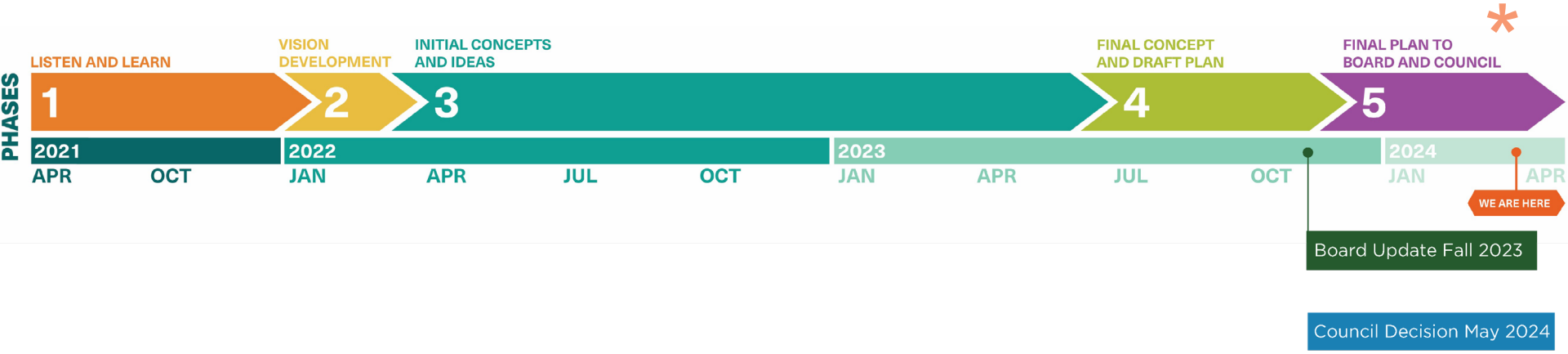
We consent to learn in public. We will make mistakes. We will sit with those mistakes, be transparent about them, and use them both to learn and to teach. Our mistakes will be diagnostic tools.



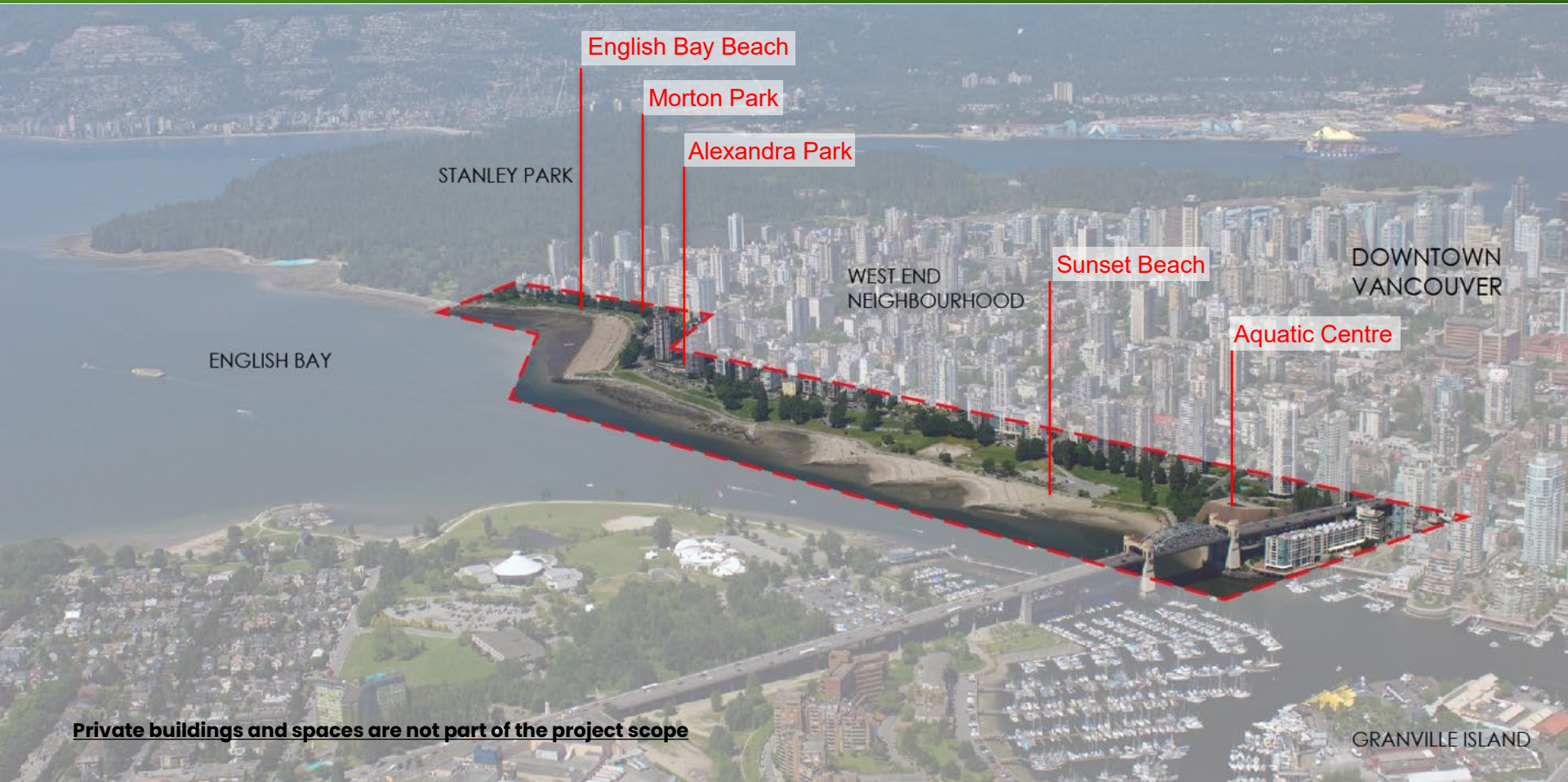
- Project Introduction
- Engagement Summary
- Proposed 'Vision'
- Implementation/Phasing



# Project Timeline



# Project Study Area



**Private buildings and spaces are not part of the project scope**

# Engagement Overview



# Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations Engagement

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- Provide welcoming opportunities for cultural recognition and visual representation in parks, including Indigenous artwork
- Use caution when dealing with impacts to Indigenous cultural heritage
- Achieve a ‘net environmental gain’
- Use native plant species consistent with local ecology
- Ensure flood protection against sea level rise, improved foreshore habitat, and reduced pollution.



# Planning Process & Engagement Summary

## Listen and Learn



## Vision, Principles, Goals and Design Approaches



Carve



Weave



Seed



## Draft Final Vision



## WE ARE HERE

Final Vision



Winter 2021

### Round 1 Engagement

- 800 postcards and posters distributed
- 7 Community pop-ups
- 9 community conversations with over 150 participants
- Over 1,900 completed surveys

Spring 2023

### Round 2 Engagement

- Over 34,000 postcards and posters distributed
- 7 stakeholder workshops
- 4 community pop-ups
- Over 1,400 completed surveys

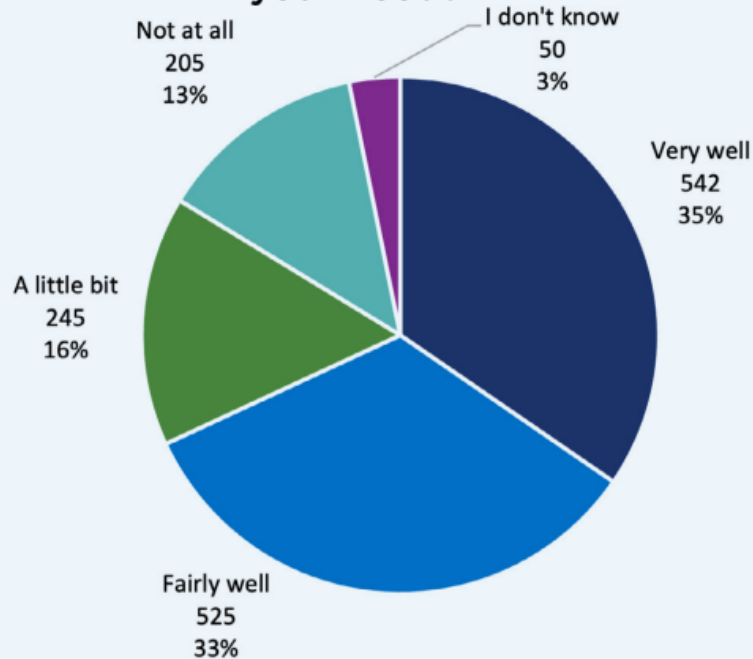
Fall 2023

### Round 3 Engagement

- 13,194 postcards and posters distributed
- 2 open houses with over 90 attendees
- 1 drop-in session at the Gathering Place with over 30 attendees
- Over 1,500 completed surveys

# Planning Process & Engagement Summary

**Will the park activities, amenities, and facilities included in the design meet your needs?**



***“Appreciate the bold response to sea level rise in retreating from historic and colonial approaches to engineered waterfront areas through new naturalized areas and places for people that recognize equity and community.”***

Reference: What We Heard Report – public feedback

# Vision Plan

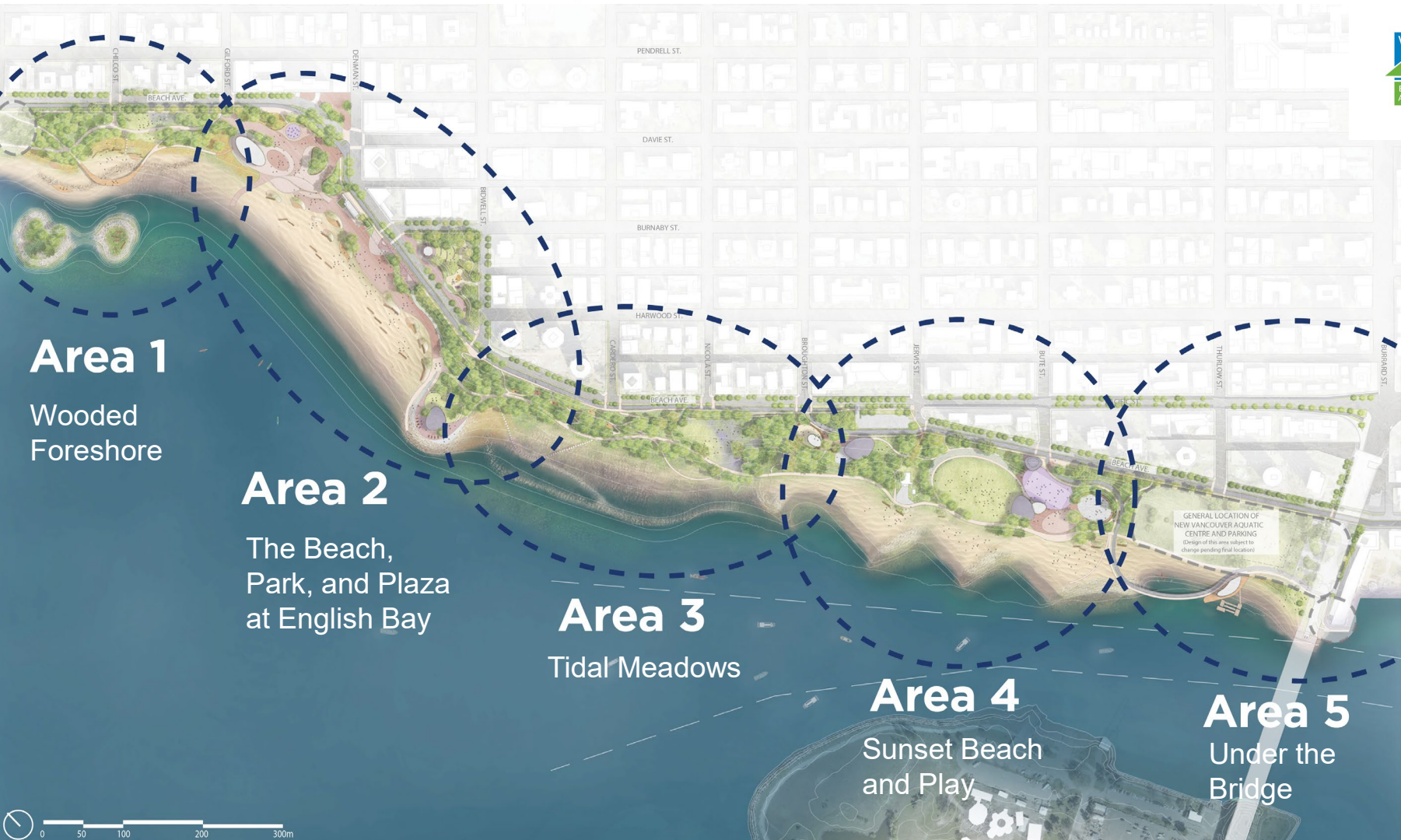


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# Area 1

Wooded  
Foreshore

# Area 2

The Beach,  
Park, and Plaza  
at English Bay

# Area 3

Tidal Meadows

# Area 4

Sunset Beach  
and Play

# Area 5

Under the  
Bridge

GENERAL LOCATION OF  
NEW VANCOUVER AQUATIC  
CENTRE AND PARKING  
Design of this area subject to  
change pending fiscal location!



# 3.3 Areas of the Park

## 3.3.1 Area 1 - Wooded Foreshore

*Quiet and ecological*



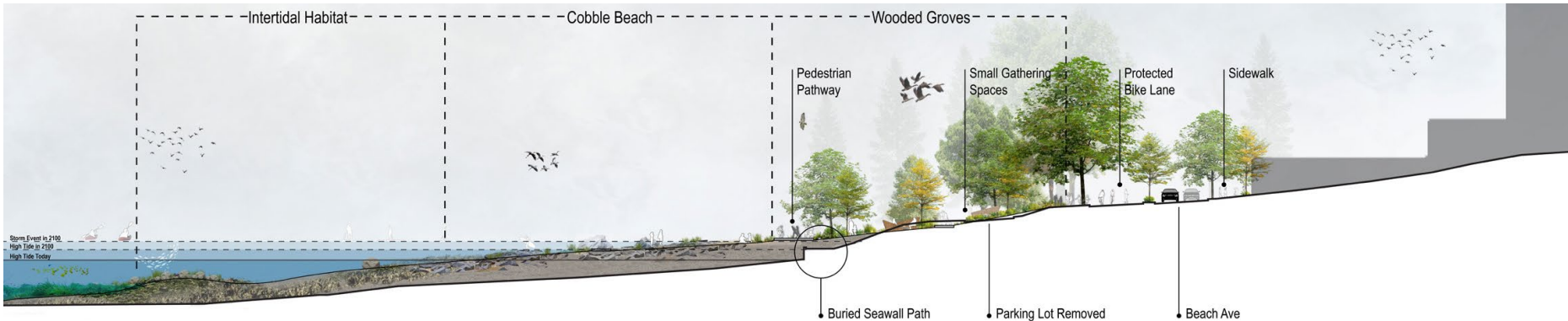
### 3.3.2 Area 2 - The Beach, Park, and Plaza at English Bay

*Active interface between beach and neighbourhoods*



### 3.3.3 Area 3 - Tidal Meadows

*Contemplative, passive, and ecological*





### 3.3.4 Area 4 - Sunset Beach and Play

Active and programmed



### 3.3.5 Area 5 - Under the Bridge

Informal, neighbourhood-scaled portal



# Transportation: Mobility Connections



- LEGEND:**
- Existing Cycling Route
  - Future Proposed Cycling Route
  - Seaside Greenway Cycling Route

- i Existing Full or Ped/Bike Traffic Signal
- A Existing Crosswalk
- D Existing Traffic Diverter
- i Proposed New Signal or Intersection Modification
- B Potential Bike Parking
- mcb Existing Bike Share Station
- MM Potential Shared Micromobility Station Hub
- E Public Elevator



# Transportation: Pedestrian Connections



## LEGEND:

-  Seaside Greenway Cycling Route
-  Seaside Greenway Walking Route
-  Primary Pedestrian Path
-  Secondary Pedestrian Path
-  Tertiary Meander
-  Accessible Entry and Path
-  Existing Full or Ped/Bike Traffic Signal
-  Existing Crosswalk
-  Existing Traffic Diverter
-  Potential New Signal or Intersection Modification
-  Public Elevator



# Transportation: Vehicular and Transit



## LEGEND:

- Existing Transit Route
- Proposed Two-Way Route 23 Routing
- Potential Future Route 23 Extension to be Explored
- Existing One-way Route 23 to be Removed
- Proposed Conversion to Two-Way Traffic
- Existing Route 23 Bus Stop to Remain
- Existing Route 23 Bus Stop to be Removed
- Proposed Route 23 Bus Stop
- Existing Full or Ped/Bike Traffic Signal
- Existing Crosswalk
- Existing Traffic Diverter
- Proposed New Signal or Intersection Modification
- Proposed Car-Free Block
- Existing Ferry Dock
- Potential Location for Non-Motorized Boat Launch
- Potential Vehicular Access

# Implementation Framework



# Overall Phasing Strategy: 2024 to 2050+



# Phase 1: Morton Park & Beach Ave (West of Denman St.)



Existing Morton Park and Davie & Denman Intersection

🕒 Phase 1 Project Area

- Creates an enhanced 'gateway' to the waterfront.
- Connects Morton Park with English Bay Beach.
- Two-way Beach Ave East of Denman.
- Permanent bike lane and improved crossings



Artistic Illustration of Beach Avenue at Gilford Street



# Implementation Framework – Near Term

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- **Phase 1**
  - \$10M for park portion
    - \$8.6M CAC funding for new park elements
    - \$1.4M required from other sources for renewed park elements
  - \$6M from COV Engineering for transportation elements (pending Council decision).
  - If approved, anticipated detailed design in 2024-25 and construction start in 2026

## Recommendation

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- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A.
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## Recommendation as amended

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**Thank You**



