

April 17, 2023

MEMO TO: Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Tiina Mack – Director, Planning & Park Development

SUBJECT: Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane Removal – Update

## Dear Commissioners,

This memo is to provide you with an update on the removal of the Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane as per the Board's decision on February 13, 2023.

Park Board staff have engaged the engineering consultants (the "Engineer of Record") and are in the process of completing the engineering drawing package that is required to obtain competitive quotations and hire a contractor to facilitate the safe removal of the bike lane. Staff are also engaging with select stakeholders where the changes from the bike lane removal effect their immediate operations, including the Teahouse, the Capilano Group regarding Prospect Point tour bus access and Stanley Park Horse-Drawn Tours.

The work to date was initiated the week of February 13 and includes:

- 10 Meetings (weekly) with consultant team to review design option submissions and to review progress on the drawing package.
- 4 meetings with key internal and external stakeholders. There will be additional meetings with key stakeholders to discuss how the removal plan addresses their key concerns.
- 2 meetings with Parks leadership team to discuss key locations for safety improvements.
- Multiple design options were developed for key locations, taking into account the need to remove the bike lane and also to accommodate a permanent option proposed for 2024
- All options were developed to address key access and safety concerns.
  - 6 Options for Teahouse Circulation
  - 6 Options for Ceperley Bike and Vehicle Circulation

The engineering drawing package that is currently being developed is essential work that will ensure the safe removal of the bike lane and reinstatement of vehicular driving lanes. The scope of work includes removal of traffic cones, paint lines and temporary concrete barriers as well as the installation of new paint lines and new safety features. The drawing package will form the basis for the tender that will be issued through the City of Vancouver's competitive procurement process this month. Once awarded, it is anticipated that construction and removal will begin in May with an estimated timeline of 2 to 3 weeks.

Staff have reviewed opportunities for park operations crews to undertake this work, however as the removal of the barriers and line painting involves specialized equipment, it has been deemed necessary for external contractors to complete the work.

Barring any unforeseen issues, we anticipate that the removal of the temporary bike lane will be completed in May, as per the timeline outlined in the February 13 Board report.



Staff will provide another update via a Board Memo in May concurrently with the issue of the tender package.

Regards,

Tiina Mack, Director – Planning & Park Development

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