

May 4, 2021

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Donnie Rosa - General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Seaside Greenway Temporary Safety Improvements Kits Beach Park
- Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the project to connect the Seaside Greenway and improve walking, rolling, and cycling routes through and adjacent to Kitsilano Beach Park. Temporary safety improvements, including a separated bike lane in the south parking lot, will be installed the week of May 10 (weather permitting).

Background

A [Board briefing memo](#) dated February 8, 2021, outlined the plans for public engagement on the alignment and design of the longer-term fully separated bike path through Kits Beach Park, along with the interim plan to install temporary safety improvements in the south parking lot. An updated project timeline was subsequently provided in an [email](#) dated March 17, 2021.

Over the last three months, Park Board staff have been developing a design for temporary safety improvements in collaboration with City of Vancouver Engineering staff, and with input from the Accessible City subcommittee of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and the Transportation Advisory Committee. As illustrated below, the temporary safety improvements to the existing bike path through the south parking lot will include:

- separating people on bikes from vehicular traffic with concrete barriers;
- adding a 5th accessible parking stall and relocating all five stalls to the middle parking bay and creating a new accessible pathway connection into the park;
- shifting the existing Mobi public bike share station;
- temporarily removing about 50 parking stalls;
- creating clear access points to the tennis court from the parking lot; and
- making the northernmost driveway access to the parking lot “exit only”.





In addition to the interim changes that will be implemented in the south parking lot, an existing diagonal dirt path at Balsam Street and Cornwall Avenue (southwest corner of the park), will be converted to a compacted gravel path. This change will prevent further deterioration of the ground at this location and divert people on bikes from the busy Balsam Street/Cornwall Avenue intersection.

Next Steps

Park Board staff will implement these temporary safety improvements in Kitsilano Beach Park in the week of May 10, 2021. Public engagement on the preferred alignment for the fully separated bike path connecting Balsam Street to Ogden Avenue will launch in summer 2021. Staff will continue to update the Board as this project progresses.

Regards,

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Donnie Rosa (*she/they*)

General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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