

We want to hear from you

Bute Greenway | A shore-to-shore connection

The City of Vancouver is exploring different approaches to improve and prioritize Bute Street for:

- » Walking, rolling, and cycling for people of all ages and abilities; and,
- » Providing a variety of public spaces to play, sit, relax, socialize, enjoy food or drink, or host small community events

As part of the Bute Greenway project, we are developing designs for a permanent plaza at Bute-Robson, to build on the success of the trial and interim phases of the plaza, and help address the need for “social” public spaces in Downtown.

Phase 1

We are looking for your input on the draft project goals, how you use the street today, your hopes and ideas for the future Bute Greenway.

We also want to hear from you on a draft concept design for a permanent Bute-Robson Plaza.

Your input will help us refine project goals and create conceptual designs for Bute Greenway and develop detailed designs for Bute-Robson Plaza.

Survey

This survey should take between 15-20 minutes to complete. The survey will remain open until **December 13, 2021 (Monday)**. Your responses will be confidential. Read more about the project at vancouver.ca/bute-greenway.

There are four sections in this survey.

- » Section A: How do you use Bute Street?
- » Section B: Bute Greenway - Draft Project Goals
- » Section C: Bute-Robson Plaza - Draft Concept
- » Section D: About you

Section - A | How do you use Bute Street?

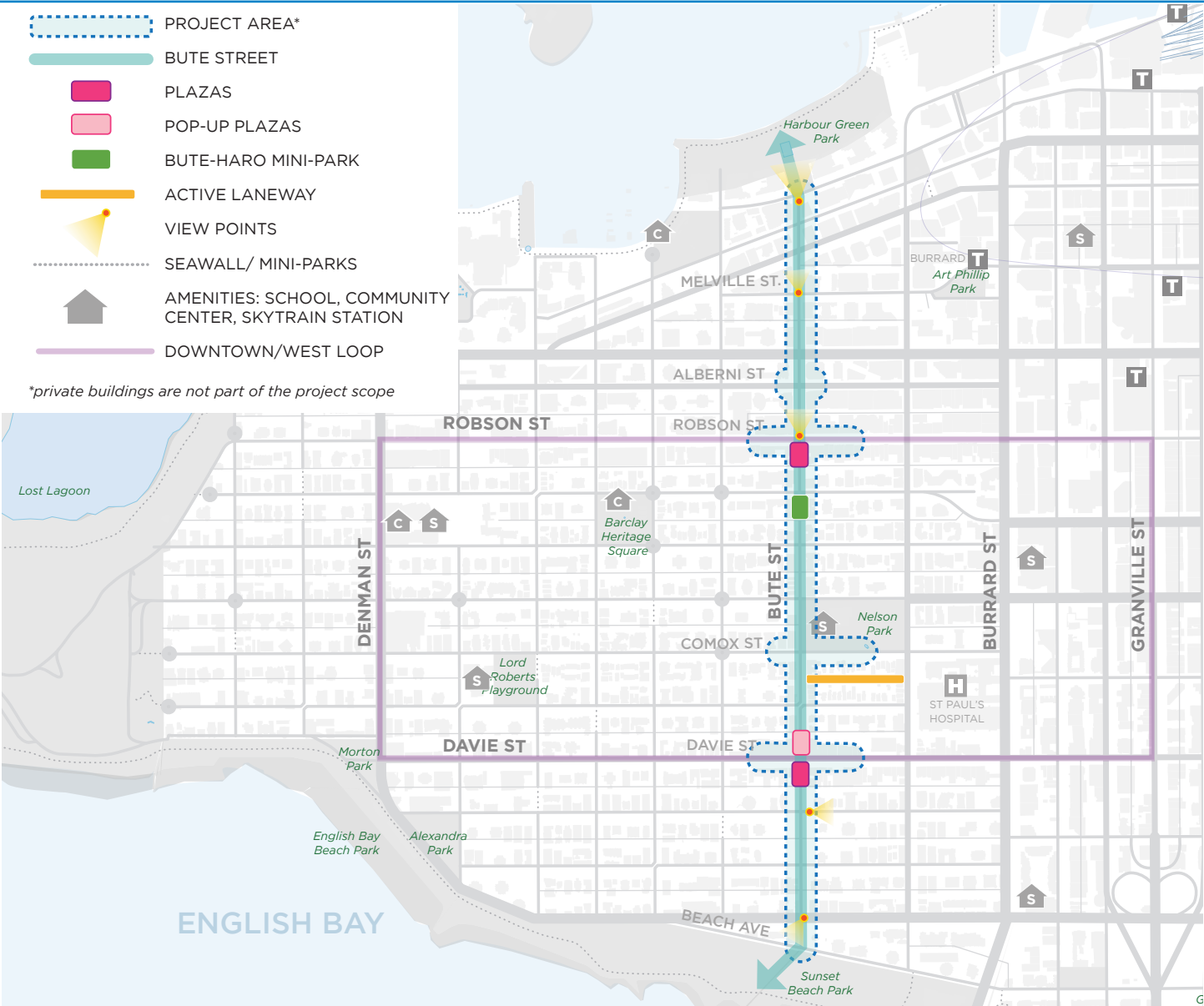
1. What is your connection to Bute Street? *Select all that apply.*

- ☐ I rent and live along or nearby Bute St
- ☐ I own and live along or nearby Bute St
- ☐ I own along or nearby Bute Street, but live elsewhere
- ☐ I own a business along or nearby Bute St
- ☐ I work along or nearby Bute St
- ☐ I visit Bute Street, but live elsewhere in Vancouver
- ☐ I visit Bute Street, but live outside Vancouver
- ☐ I attend school in the neighbourhood
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

2. How often and which mode do you use to travel along Bute Street? *Select one for each row.*

Mode and Frequency	5 or more days/week	2-4 days/week	Once per week	Less than once a week	Never
Walk or wheel using an assistive device (e.g. wheelchair, walker etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cycle (including Mobi, e-bike)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In-line skate, skateboard or push scooter, e-scooter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Driver or passenger in a motor vehicle (car, truck, van, motorcycle, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transit (e.g. bus, nearby SkyTrain, or HandyDART)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section - A | How do you use Bute Street?



3. What do you like about Bute Street? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Natural views of North shore and English Bay
- ☐ Canopy/ Mature tree cover, boulevard gardens
- ☐ Walking and cycling experience (e.g. bike lanes, public bike share, connection to the waterfront)
- ☐ Sense of neighbourliness (e.g. festive, diverse housing typologies, community art etc.)
- ☐ Public Life (e.g. people-watching, random social interactions, events etc.)
- ☐ Mini-park and plazas
- ☐ Being close to food/ shops/ services (local area)
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other(please specify): _____

4. How often do you visit the following public spaces along Bute Street? Select one for each row.
Meaning of visit: Staying in the place for some time; anything other than moving through the space

Mode and Frequency	5 or more days/week	2-4 days/ week	Once per week	Less than once a week	Never
Harbour Green Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sunset Beach Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nelson Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bute-Haro Mini Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jim Deva Plaza	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bute-Robson Plaza	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Temporary Plaza on Bute St, north of Davie St	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section - A | How do you use Bute Street?

5. If you are using Bute Street and/or public spaces along the street, how do you use it? What do you do there? *Select all that apply.*
- ☐ Access local businesses and/or services
 - ☐ Socialize with friends
 - ☐ Run/Exercise
 - ☐ Eat and/or drink
 - ☐ Rest and/or people watch
 - ☐ Read, work or study
 - ☐ Pass by on my way through the neighbourhood
 - ☐ Go to special events
 - ☐ Other (please specify): _____
6. If you are using Bute Street and/or public spaces along the street, with whom are you using it? *Select all that apply.*
- ☐ Child/ Children from same household
 - ☐ Adult members from same household
 - ☐ Seniors from same household
 - ☐ Friends or family from different households
 - ☐ Alone
 - ☐ Other(please specify): _____
7. What is missing from the public spaces along Bute Street; what can be improved?

Pedestrian Comfort and Convenience

8. Currently, what things make you feel comfortable while walking on Bute Street? Where do you find these things?
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9. Currently, what things do not make you feel comfortable while walking on Bute Street? Where do you find these things?
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Cyclist Comfort and Convenience

10. Currently, what things make you feel comfortable while cycling on Bute Street? Where do you find these things?
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11. Currently, what things do not make you feel comfortable while cycling on Bute Street? Where do you find these things?
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Section - B | Bute Greenway - Draft Project Goals

We have developed draft project goals for the re-design of Bute Street, which are based on previous conversations with stakeholders and the City’s broader transportation plans and policies. Help us refine these goals and generate big ideas for the future Bute Greenway.

GOAL 1: Create a shore-to-shore connection that provides intuitive links to key destinations and enhances the continuous pedestrian experience.

Some ways to achieve this goal:

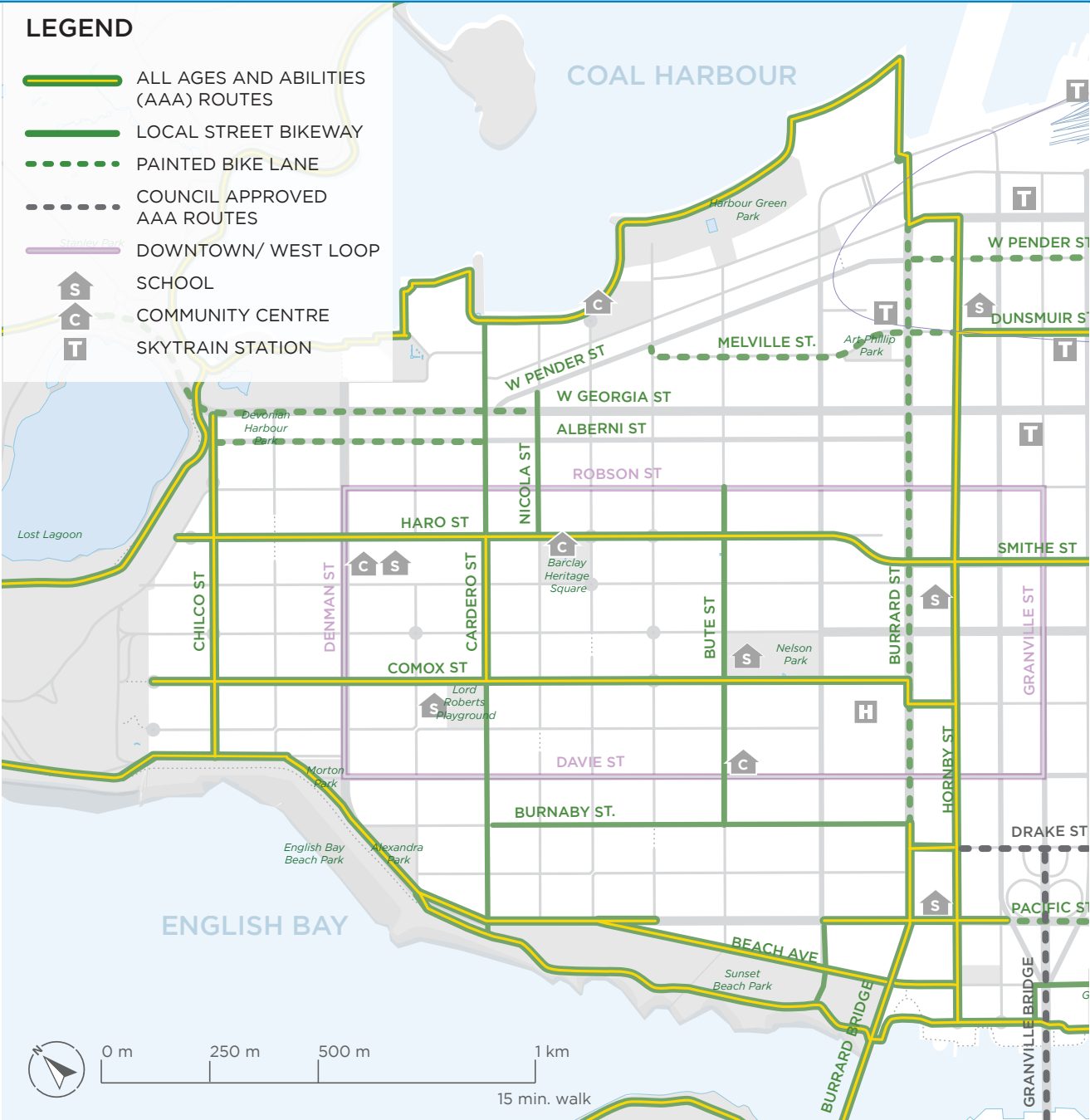
- » Provide a **comfortable walking route** that **links key destinations** like parks, waterfront, shopping streets, plazas, schools, offices etc.
- » Integrate more **seating options** along the corridor to **improve comfort** and **accessibility**.
- » Explore opportunities to include **playful** and joyful elements, public art, **places for rest** and reflection, and other **community-identified priorities**.
- » Utilize the slopes and **celebrate views** (e.g. North Vancouver, mountains, English Bay).
- » Create or enhance existing plazas and **public spaces** along the corridor so that each reflect the character of their area and **support community aspirations**.
- » Foster **welcoming public spaces** that invite **all people** to participate fully in public life.

12. Do you have any ideas or comments about GOAL 1? Share an example if possible. This helps us understand your ideas.

13. How important are connections to these specific destinations? Select one for each row.

Connections	Very Important	Fairly Important	Slightly Important	Not Important
Shore-to-shore green spaces (Harbour Green Park, Nelson Park, dog park, Community Garden, Sunset Beach Park)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nearby schools, community centres	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Plaza spaces (Jim Deva, Bute-Robson)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shopping streets (Robson, Davie)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Existing and future cycling network (Seaside Greenway, Comox Greenway, Haro-Smithe, Burnaby, bridges, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Burrard SkyTrain Station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other destinations that we have missed? (Please specify) _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section - B | Bute Greenway - Draft Project Goals



GOAL 2: Make Bute Street accessible, safe, and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities to walk, roll and cycle.

Some ways to achieve this goal:

- » Provide a **link to** the rest of the **sustainable transportation network** including Comox Greenway, Burrard Bridge etc.
- » Provide **sufficient space, accessible paths** to accommodate high volumes of users of varying abilities.
- » **Minimize conflicts** between people walking, cycling, lingering, and driving.
- » **Improve accessibility** and **safety** at key intersections.

14. Do you have any ideas or comments about GOAL 2? Share an example if possible. This helps us understand your ideas.

Section - B | Bute Greenway - Draft Project Goals

GOAL 3: Improve the ability of the street to manage urban rainwater runoff and its ecological function.

Some ways to achieve this goal:

- » Maximize **tree soil volumes** and increase the overall **urban tree canopy**.
- » Enhance connectivity for birds, insects and pollinators by using **appropriate plant species**.
- » **Integrate rainwater management** processes that store and clean storm water runoff.
- » Prioritize the use of **rain gardens** and **permeable hardscape materials** (materials that allow water to flow through).
- » Prioritize the use of **native** and **adapted trees, shrubs** and **ground cover species** in the public realm.

15. Do you have any ideas or comments about GOAL 3? Share an example if possible. This helps us understand your ideas.

GOAL 4: Accommodate emergency access and motor vehicle circulation in the neighbourhood.

Some ways to achieve this goal:

- » Maintain parkade/driveway access
- » Accommodate loading zones and passenger pick-up/drop-off where needed
- » Ensure access for maintenance and emergency vehicles

16. Do you have any ideas or comments about GOAL 4?

17. For you, how important are the following draft project goals to shape the future Bute Greenway?

Draft Goals	Very Important	Fairly Important	Slightly Important	Not Important
Create a shore-to-shore connection that provides intuitive links to key destinations and enhances the continuous pedestrian experience.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Make Bute Street accessible, safe, and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities to walk, roll and cycle.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve the ability of the street to manage urban rainwater runoff and its ecological function.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accommodate motor vehicle circulation in the neighbourhood (emergency vehicle access will always be planned for).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. Do you have additional comments about the goals? Are we missing anything? What would you like to see on the future Bute Greenway? Please be as specific as possible.

19. Do you want to be added to the project mailing list? If yes, please provide your email address below.

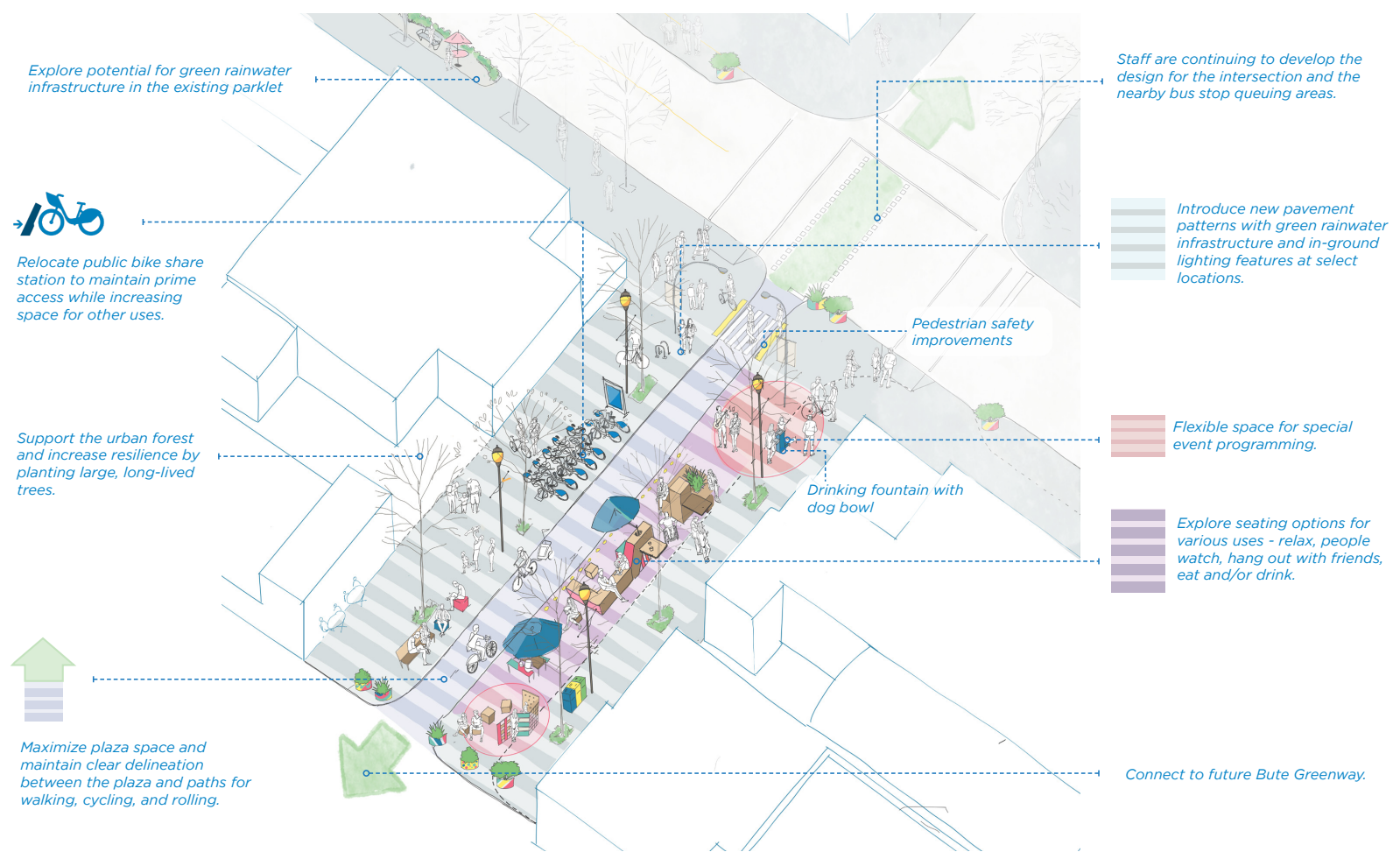
Bute Greenway - Phase 1 Survey

In summer 2017, the City of Vancouver trialled a pavement-to-plaza on Bute Street south of Robson Street, in partnership with the Robson Street Business Association. In November 2017, with strong community support, Council voted unanimously to approve a permanent plaza and extend the current trial as an interim plaza until a final plaza is designed and constructed. Since then, staff have iterated the trial Bute-Robson plaza design based on public feedback from an earlier round of engagement and learning from other plazas in the City.

We are developing a new permanent plaza design at Bute-Robson, to build on the success of the temporary street closure and test plaza, and help address the deficit of “social” public spaces in the Downtown.

The City is replacing the existing water mains below Bute St, between W Pender St, and Haro St, with larger-capacity systems. **We have an opportunity to coordinate Bute-Robson permanent design with Haro and Bute water-main upgrades, to minimize the disruption and begin construction in summer 2022.**

As part of Bute Greenway engagement, we are looking for your input on a draft concept for the future plaza. Your input will help us refine the concept. There will be opportunities to provide feedback on the recommended design next year.



1. How do you feel about these design objectives highlighted in the concept? Select one for each row.

Design Objectives	Really Like it	Like it	Neutral	Dislike it	Really Dislike it
Explore seating options for various uses - relax, people watch, hang out with friends, eat and/or drink.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Introduce new pavement patterns with in-ground lighting features at select locations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Integrate green rainwater infrastructure features with new pavement at select locations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Design for a variety of passive, spontaneous, and programmed activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maximize plaza space and maintain clear delineation between the plaza and paths for walking, cycling, and rolling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section - C | Bute-Robson Plaza - Draft Design Concept

1. BOLD + UNIQUE



Montreal

2. COMMUNITY + ECLECTIC



Picnurbia, Vancouver

3. COLOURFUL + PLAYFUL



Philadelphia (Photo: Steve Chou)

4. CELEBRATORY + MAGICAL



Queen Elizabeth Park, Vancouver
(Photo: Steve Chou)

5. LIVELY + SOCIAL



San Francisco

6. CHILL + CALM



Yorkville Park, Toronto

2. The current draft design concept includes opportunities for seating, designated space for walking, rolling and cycling, flexible space for special events, and new pavement with green rainwater infrastructure and in-ground lighting features at select locations.

To help design the future elements of the plaza, tell us which image(s) inspires you the most?

3. Please tell us why the image(s) inspires you and what else would you see yourself doing in this space?

During COVID-19, as part of the community and economic recovery response, we transformed streets to create public space for safe physical distancing, community life, and to support local businesses. We shifted our engagement and implementation approach to use a ‘try, learn and adjust’ approach. This worked well in testing temporary public spaces and accelerated implementation items in the city.

4. There are also opportunities to explore improvements that would integrate Bute-Robson Plaza to the North onto Robson St. and to the South towards Haro St. Please tell us what you think about these potential improvements ideas: (Select one for each row)

Elements of Interest	Supportive	Somewhat supportive	Neutral	Somewhat opposed	Very Opposed	Don't know/ Unsure
Extend Bute-Robson Plaza onto Robson St with widened sidewalks wrapping around each corner.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhance the Bute-Robson intersection to improve pedestrian crossings and create more space for public gathering, particularly on the northside of the intersection.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhance connectivity between the Bute-Robson Plaza and the Bute-Haro Mini-Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Do you have any ideas or comments about Bute-Robson Plaza or nearby potential improvements?

Section - D | About You

It's important to us that we hear from a diverse group of people and perspectives. These questions will help us understand if we are hearing from the whole community. Your answers to these questions are kept confidential and are not linked to your name or identity.

1. What is your home postal code?

2. How do you describe your gender?

☐ Woman

☐ Man

☐ Non-binary/ Gender diverse

☐ Prefer not to say

☐ None of the above. I identify as:

3. Which age group do you belong to? Select one

☐ Under 12 years

☐ 13-24 years

☐ 25-34 years

☐ 35-44 years

☐ 45-54 years

☐ 55-64 years

☐ 65-79 years

☐ 80 years or older

Section - D | About You

4. What do you consider your main ethnic origin or that of your ancestors? Residents of Vancouver and those connected to the City in other ways, come from many different backgrounds. This question helps us understand if we're hearing from and reflecting the diversity of Vancouver. *Select all that apply.*

- ☐ Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit)
- ☐ African (e.g., Moroccan, Ghanaian, Ethiopian, etc.)
- ☐ Asian (e.g., Chinese, Filipino, Korean, etc.)
- ☐ Caribbean (e.g., Cuban, Jamaican, Bajan, etc.)
- ☐ Central/South American (e.g., Mexican, El Salvadorian, Argentinian, etc.)
- ☐ European (e.g., British Isles, German, French, Greek, etc.)
- ☐ Middle Eastern (e.g., Lebanese, Iranian, Syrian, etc.)
- ☐ Oceanian (e.g., Australian, New Zealander, etc.)
- ☐ South Asian (e.g., Punjabi, Indian, Pakistani, etc)
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ None of the above. I identify as:_____

5. Which of the following categories best describes your total household income per year before taxes? *Select one.*

- ☐ Under \$15,000
- ☐ \$15,000 to under \$30,000
- ☐ \$30,000 to under \$50,000
- ☐ \$50,000 to under \$70,000
- ☐ \$70,000 to under \$100,000
- ☐ \$100,000 to under \$150,000
- ☐ \$150,000 to under \$200,000
- ☐ Above \$200,000
- ☐ Prefer not to say

6. Do you identify as a person with a disability? *Select one.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

7. How did you learn about the project? *Select all that apply.*

- ☐ Direct mail (i.e. post card)
 - ☐ Facebook
 - ☐ Twitter
 - ☐ Instagram
 - ☐ Road Signage or Poster
 - ☐ City of Vancouver website
 - ☐ Word of mouth (i.e. from family or friends)
- ☐ Traditional media (television, radio, print newspaper)
 - ☐ Online news/Articles/Blogs
 - ☐ Don't know/ Don't remember
 - ☐ Other (please specify)_____

8. Thinking about your experience with this survey... *Select one for each row.*

<i>Experience with this survey</i>	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
...I had enough of an opportunity to share my views.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...The information presented was clear and easy to understand.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...I had enough information to answer the questions asked.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...I would take a survey like this again.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
...The questions were appropriate for the public.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How to submit a paper copy of the completed survey?

1. Drop-off at one of the community locations:
 - » West End Community Centre
 - » Coal Harbour Community Centre
 - » Vancouver Aquatic Centre
2. Scan and email us at butegreenway@vancouver.ca
3. Mail us at below address:

City of Vancouver, Engineering Services
Transportation Division , Transportation Design
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