



What you need to know about the Granville Planning Program Public Engagement

The City of Vancouver is seeking input on proposed directions on the future of downtown Granville Street.

From now until February 23, 2025, those who live, work and play in Vancouver are invited to share their thoughts on how downtown Granville Street will transform into a welcoming, vibrant and safer entertainment district, while preserving the unique history that makes the area special. In 2023, City Council voted in support of launching the Granville Street Planning Program to revitalize the area.

The proposed directions being presented now reflect input from public engagement, as well as ongoing conversations with the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, community organizations, equity-denied groups, service providers, local businesses and residents.

Proposed directions

Downtown Granville Street is full of opportunities, in spite of challenges faced over the years. The proposed directions aim to diversify daytime and nighttime activities, create a safer and more inclusive environment, unlock new economic opportunities, increase hotel supply and foster a thriving art and cultural scene.

Key features of the proposed directions include:

- **Cultural investments** to protect and support iconic venues like the Orpheum, Commodore Ballroom and the Vogue Theatre, while expanding cultural spaces through incentives.
- **Improve safety and well-being** through ongoing collaboration with community partner organizations and the Vancouver Police Department, and implementing actions to enhance safety for everyone. This includes consideration for community-based street outreach teams focused on preventing and responding to gender-based violence.
- **Land-use and Development in three sub-areas** with increased height and density to encourage more mixed-used buildings with commercial, residential, hotel, and cultural space.
 - **City Centre at Granville and Robson Streets** will have taller buildings, with new mixed-use residential, commercial, hotel and cultural spaces, including a new central plaza for civic gatherings.

- **Entertainment Core from Smithe to Davie Street** will be a dedicated arts and nightlife hub, featuring expanded live music venues, outdoor performances, rooftop patios and commercial buildings, including new hotels.
- **Bridgehead south of Davie Street** will be a mix of residential, commercial and cultural spaces, connecting Granville Street to Yaletown and the areas around the Granville Bridge.
- **A Destination Public Space and Pedestrianization of Granville Street** through a phased approach, starting with seasonal closures and leading to a year-round pedestrian zone for gathering and celebration.
- **Transit improvements** to enable pedestrian zone(s) on Granville Street, with investments to support reliable bus service on Howe and Seymour and improve pedestrian connections to the SkyTrain stations.

Phased Implementation

Proposed directions see the transformation of Granville Street rolled out over three phases:

- In the short-term (0-5 years), the City will change zoning to encourage new developments and work with its partners to implement pedestrian zone pilots, early transit upgrades and safety and public space improvements. The City will gather input from the public to help inform the future design of Granville Street public spaces.
- In the medium-term (6-10 years), the City will expand cultural spaces, make larger public realm investments, and support permanent transit improvements.
- In the long-term (11-20 years), Granville Street will be fully pedestrianized with major redevelopment projects well underway and a fully built-out entertainment district.

Get involved

Your feedback will help shape the final draft plan, which will be presented to Council for decision in June 2025. Share your thoughts on the proposed directions by:

- Completing the survey at <https://www.shapeyourcity.ca/granville-street-planning>
- Attending an open house or online information session
- [Signing up for the mailing list](#)