?əyalməx^w/Iyalmexw/Jericho Lands Discussion Guide:

CONNECTIONS & MOBILITY

Engagement period: March 29-April 25, 2021.











CONNECTIONS & MOBILITY

Exploring Emerging Ideas

This is one of a series of four Discussion Guides that will frame Phase 2 public engagement for the ?əýalməx^w/lýálmexw/Jericho Lands site.

The themes covered in the Discussion Guides are:

- Natural Systems & Open Space
- Connections & Mobility
- Inclusive Neighbourhood
- Sustainability & Resilience

The Discussion Guides build on the **Jericho Lands Guiding Principles**, **site analysis**, and **input received to date**, as well as City of Vancouver policies and objectives, and landowner aspirations.

Each of the Discussion Guides includes background information about the themes, along with reference to precedent projects from elsewhere. Each of the Discussion Guides identifies a set of 'Emerging Ideas' that will be considered during Phase 2 of public engagement. The outcomes of this process will be used to guide site planning and preliminary site concepts for the Jericho Lands.

How can you get involved?

We are looking for your feedback on the Emerging Ideas contained in the Discussion Guides.

A survey link is provided, along with discussion questions. You can also provide feedback by participating in upcoming virtual Design Workshops scheduled in mid-April 2021. The Design Workshops will include presentations and small group discussions focused on the Emerging Ideas.

Join us for a virtual Design Workshop about the Connections and Mobility theme.

You can register to participate at **shapeyourcity.ca/jericho-lands**.

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Embedding Indigenous Values

?əýalməx^w/lýálmexw/Jericho Lands (pronounced Ee'yullmough) lies in the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəýəm (Musqueam), Skwx wú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lílwəta? (Tsleil-Waututh) ("MST"). Redevelopment of these lands is an opportunity for the MST to express their deep connection to the land, while bringing forward new opportunities for prosperity for future generations. The stories, traditions and ways of being of the MST provide a cultural foundation that will be embedded through planning and design.

INTRODUCTION

Paýalmaxw/lý álmexw/Jericho Lands is connected to the broader city and region through existing bus transit connections, roadways, and a limited number of site access and connections to the surrounding neigbourhood. The eastern (former Garrison) portion of the site is not welcoming to the public, and although the western portion is well used with trails through the lands, there are limited access points for vehicles.

Interconnectivity of ?əýalməxw/lýálmexw/ Jericho Lands, both to and from its surroundings and within the site, is culturally significant to the MST. Historically, the site was a gathering point both for those arriving by the sea, and from other villages and communities through an extensive trail network radiating across their territories. The area around Jericho Beach offered an ideal landing place for canoes and water-based mobility. Strong connections between the sea to land and the ridge beyond is culturally important.

Planning and design for the Jericho Lands includes consideration of connections and mobility that include active transportation, transit, vehicles, and increased access along the West 4th Avenue site edge.

Active Transportation

City of Vancouver policy prioritizes trips taken through walking, rolling and cycling modes. The Jericho Lands are connected to an existing network of paths and trails that helps support these modes, and that connects with broader neighbourhood and city-wide networks. To ensure equitable access throughout the Jericho Lands, changes in topography will need to be carefully considered in site planning.

For the MST, ?əýalməx*/lýálmexw/Jericho Lands was connected to other villages and campsites by a network of trails radiating across their territories. The spirit of broader connections between the site and the surrounding neighbourhood is culturally important.

Through public engagement we have heard the desire to create a highly walkable pedestrian-friendly neighbourhood. Many respondents highlighted support for improved active transportation infrastructure.

Increased access and trails across the Jericho Lands were frequently mentioned, as well as upgrades to the bike lanes along West 8th Avenue and West 4th Avenue. East-west as well as diagonal active-mode connections across the site are seen by some respondents as important. Some respondents also expressed a desire to either improve the existing cycling route along West 8th Avenue or create a more gently sloping cycle route through ?əýalməxw/lýálmexw/Jericho Lands.







Transit

Jericho Lands is currently well-served by the local bus transit network on 4th Avenue and is in close proximity to buses on Alma Street, Broadway, and 10th Avenue. A potential future extension of the Millennium Line SkyTrain from Arbutus to UBC means that proximity to rapid transit will become a defining feature of the site.

Through public engagement, we've heard that enhancing local and city-wide connectivity through improved connections to the broader public transit network is important. A large number of respondents identified a need for improvements to public transportation and access to rapid transit stations.

Vehicles

Today, vehicle movement across the site is discouraged by limited access points, and indirect roads.

Through public engagement, we heard that 'future proofing' the site by accommodating alternatives such as ride sharing, electric and automatic vehicles is a priority. Alternatively, some respondents suggested car-free/light areas. Some respondents indicated that improving the quality of the roads and providing parking was of value.

West 4th Avenue Site Edge

West 4th Avenue, the site's northern boundary, is an arterial street that primarily operates as a vehicular thoroughfare. It is an important site edge, with potential for improved crossings to Jericho Beach Park and Spanish Banks, the beaches and the sea. However, the sidewalks along West 4th Avenue are narrow, and space for cyclists is shared with fast-moving vehicles. Currently, a limited number of uncontrolled and controlled pedestrian crossings provide access between the site and Jericho Beach Park.

Through public engagement, we've heard that improved connections to Jericho Beach Park, including safer pedestrian crossings across West 4th Avenue, are important. Traffic volume and noise, especially along West 4th Avenue, is viewed as problematic.

SITE PLANNING EMERGING IDEAS

The following Emerging Ideas have been prepared to help us think about how to plan and design the ?əýalməx*/lýálmex*/Jericho Lands in a way that addresses opportunities and objectives related to Connections and Mobility.

EMBED INDIGENOUS VALUES

• Tangibly express Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh culture, values and identity in the planning and design of all aspects of the site.

DESIGN TO BE WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE

- Ensure that ?əýalməxw/lýálmexw/ Jericho Lands is designed to be welcoming.
- Invite the broader community into the site at key entrances.
- Create a gateway to the site by extending the fine grain retail along West 4th Avenue into the site at the northeast corner. Mark gateways and key access points with MST welcome figures to invite people into the neighbourhood.
- Design accessible connections throughout the site to intentionally welcome users of all ages and abilities and to celebrate the natural topography.





PRIORITIZE WALKING, ROLLING AND CYCLING

- Prioritize active travel in site design, creating a network that is highly accessible and organic, modulating the surrounding street grid to respond to the site's topography and natural systems.
- Link the high and low points of the site with a central green corridor that integrates active modes.
- Design a highly walkable "15-minute community" by locating shops, services, and housing close to transit.
- Establish a fine-grained network of safe and convenient human-scale connections.
- Weave together a variety of experiences and destinations including gathering spaces, natural areas, and community amenities.
- Create moments of tranquillity in the landscape through including quiet walkways through forested and naturalized landscapes.

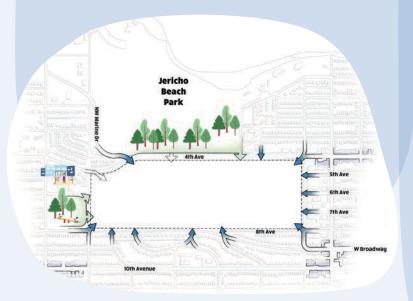
ENCOURAGE TRANSIT USE THROUGH SITE DESIGN

- Support existing transit with a mix of housing types, uses, activities and destinations within easy walking or rolling distance of transit stops.
- If a SkyTrain station is located on-site, design the station to celebrate arrival, and provide clear wayfinding. Carefully consider arrival and access to a station and interconnectivity of buses.
- Consider first and last mile opportunities for convenient walking routes and access to cycling infrastructure such as public bike share



ENHANCE NEIGHBOURHOOD CONNECTIONS

 Knit together the fabric of the Jericho Lands and the surrounding neighbourhoods and businesses with aligned connections of existing and future streets, bike routes, and trails and guide people to key amenities, and destinations.





RE-IMAGINE WEST 4TH AVENUE

- Redesign West 4th Avenue to incorporate rainwater management, safe walking, rolling and cycling. Enhance the site's visual and ecological connection between the Jericho Lands and Jericho Beach Park.
- Humanize and animate West 4th Avenue with retail, residential, MST art and natural experiences.
- Locate pedestrian crossings to Jericho Beach Park sensitively in order to help protect areas of ecological and cultural sensitivity.

DESIGN THE SITE TO BE CAR-LIGHT

- Prioritize walking, rolling, cycling and transit use, and minimize prioritization for vehicles.
- Limit vehicle access to key points and discourage through-traffic and shortcutting by design.
- Ensure that access, servicing, loading, and emergency services are achievable within the site.
- Strategies to minimize car ownership and reduce private car trips will address near-term needs.
- Make parking flexible to meet the changing needs of residents and visitors over time.
 Consider site design approaches that allow for streets to be closed at certain times of day or during special events.



IDEAS FROM ELSEWHERE

We are gathering ideas and learning from local and international urban redevelopment projects. The following projects offer some examples of ideas related to Connections and Mobility.



CITY CYCLING (COPENHAGEN, DENMARK)

Copenhagen has set itself the goal of becoming 'the world's best bicycle city by 2025'. Achieving this goal is also viewed as a core element of the city's health plan, of the environmental goal of making the city CO2 neutral by 2025, and a key to enhancing the livability of the city. The city has focused on making biking safe and comfortable, setting lanes apart from cars on every street. 150,000 people cycle each day to work or educational institutions in the City of Copenhagen, representing a modal share of 36% of all trips. The cycling infrastructure in Copenhagen is extensive, and includes: a network of bike paths that are segregated from both pedestrians and vehicle traffic and separately coloured bike paths where cars and bikes share road space.



VAUBAN (FREIBURG, GERMANY)

In Vauban, a varied street grid, unbundled parking, direct public transit connections, and an internal network of active mobility pathways prioritize sustainable mode choice and discourage car use. As a result, 70% of residents in one of Freiberg's most desirable neighbourhoods live without a personal vehicle.



BJORVIKA AND BISPEVIKA (OSLO, NORWAY)

Located between the fjord waterfront and Oslo Central station, the Bjørvika district prioritizes the public realm with special attention given to pedestrian-oriented promenades and the spaces between buildings. Dynamic architecture and builtform transitions frame these spaces to create views and connections to the waterfront. Employment and residential density are supported by transit, which reduces car trips by 6,250 daily.



LEBRETON FLATS (OTTAWA)

Supported by the Confederation LRT line, the LeBreton Flats revitalization has transformed a former industrial site into a sustainable, transit oriented neighbourhood. By limiting parking to the periphery and through-traffic to shared streets, the neighbourhood prioritizes active transportation and public realm vibrancy.



MIRVISH VILLAGE (TORONTO)

Mirvish Village introduces density, affordability and vibrancy within an established neighbourhood adjacent to transit. The mixed use development delivers significant affordable housing and new retail spaces, including smaller affordable spaces for vendors in the Mirvish Village market.

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

We're looking for your feedback on the following questions:

- What do you think of the Emerging Ideas proposed for Connections and Mobility? Are there any you especially like or don't like, and why?
- 2 It is a design goal to make the Jericho Lands inclusive and welcoming to all. What ideas do you have that would help us achieve that goal from the perspective of Connections and Mobility?
- What do you think are the most important Emerging Ideas for mobility and access for the Jericho Lands site?

- What are the most important connections to, through or from the Jericho Lands to the surrounding neighbourhood?
- What ideas do you have to re-imagine West 4th Avenue at the north edge of the Jericho Lands site?
- Are there any other site planning ideas related to Connections and Mobility that you'd like us to consider?

 If so, what are they?

Visit **shapeyourcity.ca/jericho-lands** to complete the online surveys or to register for the virtual Design Workshops.

Emerging Ideas for Planning the Site

A summary of the Emerging Ideas in the four Discussion Guides is provided below for context. We invite you to provide feedback on each Discussion Guide.

Theme	Site Planning: Emerging Ideas
	Embed Indigenous values
NATURAL SYSTEMS & OPEN SPACE	Start with the land Recognize the ridge Frame significant views Celebrate rainwater Enhance biodiversity and ecological connections Connect parks and open space
CONNECTIONS & MOBILITY	Design to be welcoming and inclusive Prioritize walking, rolling and cycling Encourage transit use through site design Enhance neighbourhood connections Re-imagine West 4th Avenue Design the site to be car-light
INCLUSIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD	Diverse housing choices Design a new neighbourhood with distinct districts Create a destination for culture, jobs and shopping Provide amenities to support the neighbourhood A unique and vibrant public realm Neighbourhood spaces foster health and well-being Recognize land as a limited resource
SUSTAINABILITY É RESILIENCE	Plan for a low carbon neighbourhood Design with climate change in mind Define a place that is resilient and adaptable Amplify reconciliation and long-term prosperity

STAY INFORMED

While restrictions on large gatherings and social distancing measures remain in place, we are committed to providing ways for you to continue to engage in the Jericho Lands planning process. In addition to the upcoming engagement activities, there are a variety of ways for you to provide input and stay informed with the process.

VISIT THE PROJECT WEB PAGE

To learn more about the Jericho Lands planning process, the public engagement completed to date, participate in a survey, or ask a City staff member a question, you can visit:

shapeyourcity.ca/jericho-lands

SIGN UP TO THE CITY'S PROJECT EMAIL LIST

The best way to keep up-to-date with the planning process is by signing up to the project email list. You will receive updates from the City's planning team informing you of any upcoming engagement opportunities or project milestones. To sign up, visit the project web page and leave your contact information under "Get updates." Alternatively, you can email the project team and ask to be added to the list

CONTACT THE CITY'S PROJECT TEAM

If you would like to contact the City's project team, you can email us at jericholands@vancouver.ca, or leave a question on the Q&A section of the project web page. Alternatively, you can send your inquiries via mail by writing to:

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