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## CONNECTIONS & MOBILITY

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# CONNECTIONS & MOBILITY

## Exploring Emerging Ideas

This is one of a series of four Discussion Guides that will frame Phase 2 public engagement for the ʔəyalməxʷ/Iyálmexw/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](https://shapeyourcity.ca/jericho-lands).

ʔəyalməxʷ is the place name in the hənq̓əminəm' language spoken by Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh ancestors.

Iyálmexw is the place name in the Skwxwú7mesh language spoken by Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh ancestors.

## Embedding Indigenous Values

ʔəyalməxʷ/Iyálmexw/Jericho Lands (pronounced Ee'yullmough) lies in the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlílwətaʔt (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

Rə'yalməx<sup>w</sup>/ly almexw/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 neighbourhood. 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 ʔə́ʔalməx<sup>w</sup>/lǝ́ ʔalməx<sup>w</sup>/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, rəyalməx<sup>w</sup>/l'y álməxw/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 ʔə́yalməx<sup>w</sup>/lʷálməxw/Jericho Lands.





## 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.

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

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# SITE PLANNING EMERGING IDEAS

The following Emerging Ideas have been prepared to help us think about how to plan and design the ʔə́yalməxʷ/Iýálmexw/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 ʔə́yalməxʷ/Iýálmexw/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.







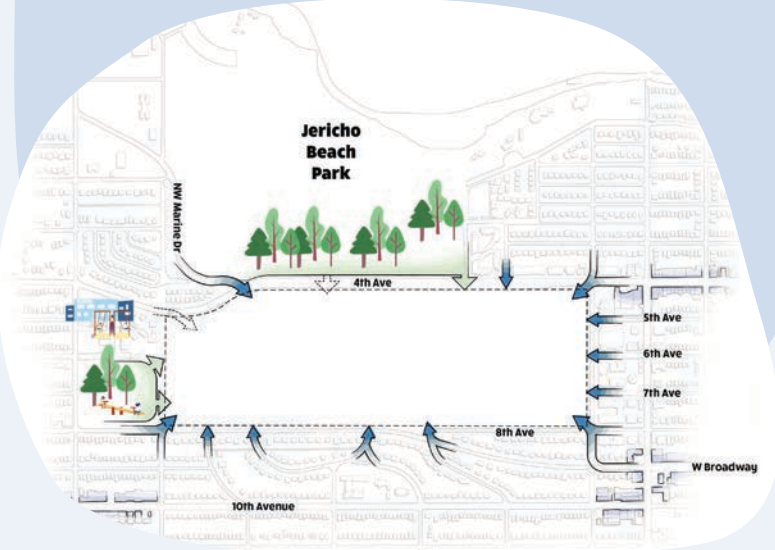
## ENHANCE NEIGHBOURHOOD CONNECTIONS

- 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 short-cutting 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.







## 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Start with the land</li><li>Recognize the ridge</li><li>Frame significant views</li><li>Celebrate rainwater</li><li>Enhance biodiversity and ecological connections</li><li>Connect parks and open space</li></ul>
CONNECTIONS & MOBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Design to be welcoming and inclusive</li><li>Prioritize walking, rolling and cycling</li><li>Encourage transit use through site design</li><li>Enhance neighbourhood connections</li><li>Re-imagine West 4th Avenue</li><li>Design the site to be car-light</li></ul>
INCLUSIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Diverse housing choices</li><li>Design a new neighbourhood with distinct districts</li><li>Create a destination for culture, jobs and shopping</li><li>Provide amenities to support the neighbourhood</li><li>A unique and vibrant public realm</li><li>Neighbourhood spaces foster health and well-being</li><li>Recognize land as a limited resource</li></ul>
SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plan for a low carbon neighbourhood</li><li>Design with climate change in mind</li><li>Define a place that is resilient and adaptable</li><li>Amplify reconciliation and long-term prosperity</li></ul>

## 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](http://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](mailto: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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