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March 11, 2021

Dear Resident and/or Business Owner:

# RE: Installation of temporary traffic calming measures at Fir St and W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been re-shaping how we use our streets and public spaces to help residents physically distance and provide opportunities to exercise and travel more comfortably.

## Slow Streets - Background

Since May 2020, we've designated 40 km of residential streets as 'Slow Streets' with construction style barriers and signs to provide local opportunities for exercise and access to businesses. Our goal is to provide routes that are comfortable for walking, biking and rolling for people of all ages and abilities.

As part of the second phase of the Slow Streets, staff reviewed opportunities to improve the comfort of select routes by installing additional temporary traffic calming. Staff considered how streets compared to the City's All Ages and Ability guidelines, previous feedback from the neighbourhood and their significance in the walking and cycling network when planning these improvements. Additional background can be found in the Slow Streets Supplemental Guide (vancouver.ca/slow-streets).

## Fir St and W 7th Ave – Related Projects

In Spring 2021, we will extend the W 7th Ave Slow Street west from Alder St to Fir St, providing an upgrade to the Off-Broadway route in relation to Granville Bridge as per the 5-year Cycling map.

These upgrades are in conjunction with the Pine Street traffic calming upgrades between 9th Ave and 6th Ave, additionally the 7th Avenue route provides connections to the AAA Arbutus Greenway.



#### Planned Upgrades

- To help reduce motor vehicle volumes, we will install temporary diverters for motor vehicles traveling through along W 7th Avenue.
- These diverters will run between northbound and southbound travel lanes of Fir Street preventing motor vehicles from turning left from all approaches. The upgrade will allow traffic along W 7th Avenue to turn right; traffic along Fir Street to go through and turn right. Motor vehicles will not be able to travel straight through W 7th Ave.
- These traffic diverters will provide adequate space for people cycling and walking on W 7th Avenue to turn and travel through.
- A similar treatment has previously been installed (using permanent materials) on the Off Broadway route at Macdonald St and W 8th Avenue.
- Staff will monitor motor vehicle volumes north and south of the full closure and may implement additional traffic calming measures in the area if needed.

## Motor Vehicle Access Map



## Next Steps

Please review additional details about the interim changes on the Slow Streets webpage: vancouver.ca/slow-streets.

We're asking for your feedback about how these changes are working. Please fill out a survey online and share your thoughts. Your input will help us make adjustments and inform longer-term opportunities for these routes.

If you have any questions or comments related to Slow Streets, please contact our team by:

- By e-mailing slowstreets@vancouver.ca
- Through online services in the VanConnect app
- By calling 3-1-1

Sincerely,

Engineering Services

City of Vancouver