Davie Village: Space for people

Share your thoughts on the proposed design for Davie Village!

Davie Village is a place that brings people together, hosts diverse businesses, welcomes visitors and plays a significant role for the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

Through 2023 engagement, we heard support for wider sidewalks, space to stroll, improved patios, healthier trees and a better transit experience on Davie St (between Burrard St and Jervis St).

We're excited to share a proposed design for the street! Your feedback is important to help us understand if this design gets the balance right, and can support changing community and business needs.

Find out more!

Review design

Online survey

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Project Area and Timeline

The West End Community Plan identified Davie Village as the section of Davie Street between the Burrard and Jervis intersections. After this phase of engagement, we aim to progress to delivery in two phases, starting with the two blocks between Jervis and Thurlow Street.

This delivery approach can minimize construction impacts around large events like FIFA World Cup 2026, and allow for further technical studies in the Thurlow St to Burrard St block.

Spring 2023: Public engagement
West End commercial streets, needs and aspirations

Summer-Fall 2023: Design
Developed and tested the proposed design

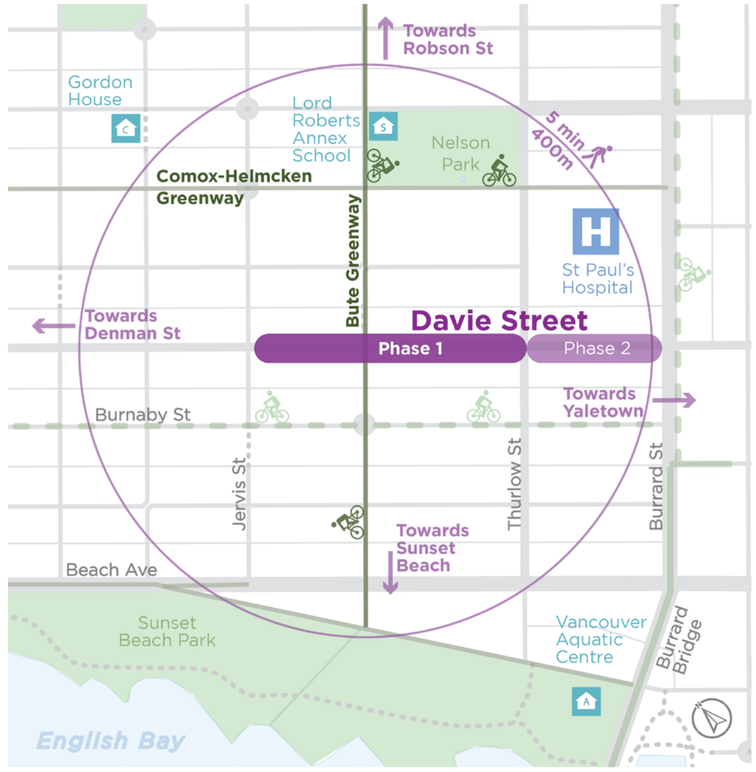
We are Here!

February 2024: Public engagement
Davie Village proposed design

Spring - Fall 2024: Detailed design
Refine design, develop detailed design

2025 Anticipated construction Phase 1
Build two blocks (Jervis St to Thurlow St)

2027+ Anticipated Phase 2
Deliver Thurlow St to Burrard St block



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The process so far

Guided by the West End Community Plan



The West End Community Plan aims to:

- Support a vibrant, resilient economy with lively streets for shopping and dining
- Improve walkability
- Provide additional seating, lighting and street trees
- Enhance Davie Village as a space for local celebration and gathering

Informed by experience during the COVID-19 Pandemic



During the COVID-19 Pandemic, we tested:

- Curbside patio and public parklet trials
- Temporary 'bus bulb' waiting areas on Robson Street and Room To Queue areas
- Room2Load for quick pick-up and drop-off

Permanent changes on Davie Street can learn from these trials, creating permanent spaces that are accessible to everyone.

Incorporating feedback from businesses and communities



Since the previous public engagement phase we have:

- Collected feedback from **400+ people** and analysed feedback from **50+ businesses** about their needs and aspirations (spring 2023)
- Heard from **350+ visitors** directly on Davie Street about their experience (June 2023)
- Hosted a **workshop and 25 one-to-one conversations** with businesses and organizations to test ideas (October 2023)

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The West End Community Plan (2013) identifies how Vancouver's West End can support changing community and business needs over the following 30 years. We are excited to share a design for Davie Village, as part of the City's delivery of this Plan.

Business and community aspirations for Davie Village

In spring 2023, we heard broad community and business support for more space to stroll, space to spend time together and support for local business needs. This is captured in the project goals below, which have helped shape the proposed design.

More space to stroll



Sidewalks are wider, more comfortable and accessible for all

People can **cross the street** using safe, predictable and shorter routes

Bus stops are more comfortable; **bus services** can become faster and more reliable

HandyDART users can easily reach the services they need

Support for local businesses



Patios and **merchandise** displays enrich the street's vibrancy and adapt to future needs

People can find **pick up and drop off spots**, including late at night

Bike parking feels safe and well lit

Changing **business servicing** needs are supported

A welcoming and vibrant street



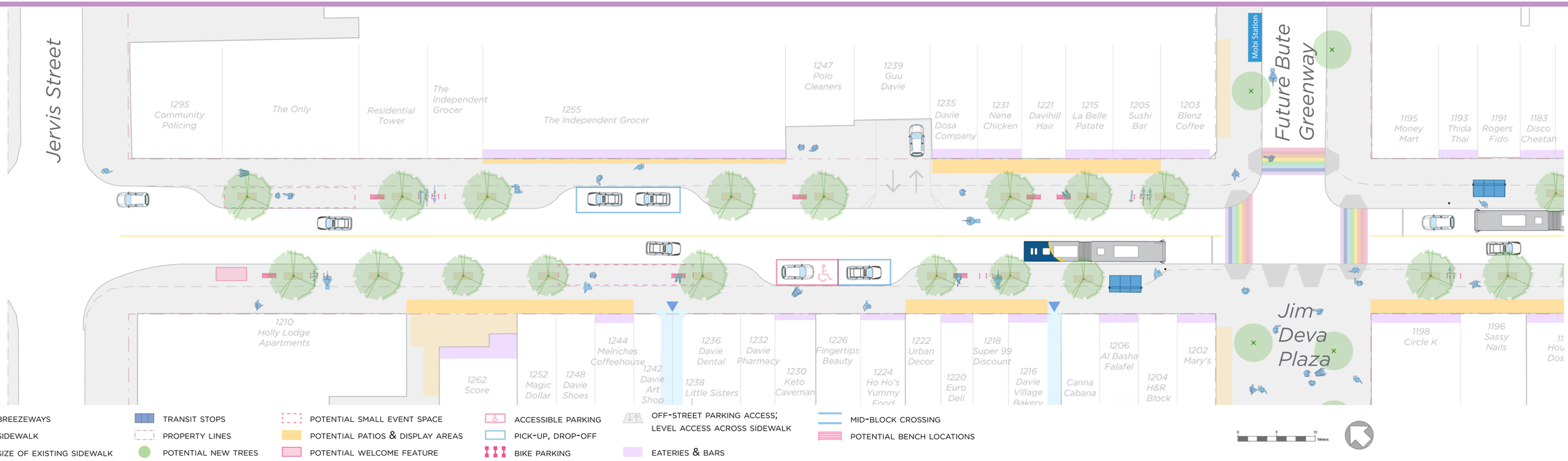
Partnerships that recognize **Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh** history & culture

Celebrate a diverse **2SLGBTQ+** community

People can find welcoming **places to stop, rest and socialise**; enriched with programming, events, art, design or goods displays

Davie Street can support a **healthy tree canopy**

Davie Village: Jervis St to Bute St



This proposed design aims to...

Provide more space to stroll

Wider sidewalks: Increased from 1.8m up to 2.8m (or more), so we can all walk together side by side.

Supporting pedestrians with different levels of mobility: Sidewalks are smooth and level. Benches to stop and rest, are regularly spaced along the sidewalk.
Accessible parking space outside the pharmacy and dentist.

Support local businesses

Space for more patios: Outdoor patio space in front of business doorsteps.

More comfortable shopping: Space outside stores to display goods, without blocking walking space.

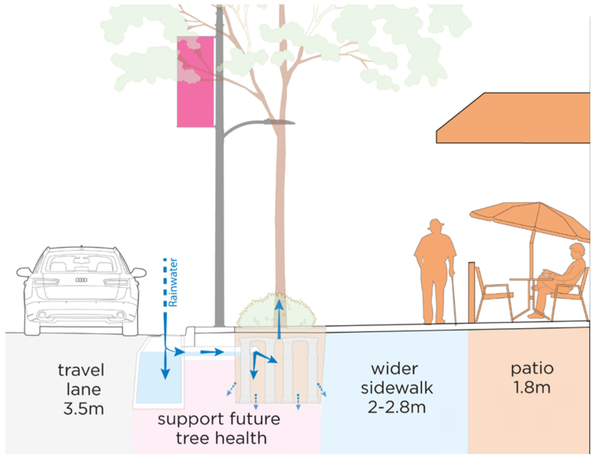
Pick-up and drop-off spots outside businesses like the grocery store, pharmacy and dentist.

Make Davie welcoming & vibrant

Small pop-up event spaces for community events and activities.

Support future tree health: More root space for healthier trees that give shade in summer and shelter in winter. Rainwater collection under the sidewalk.

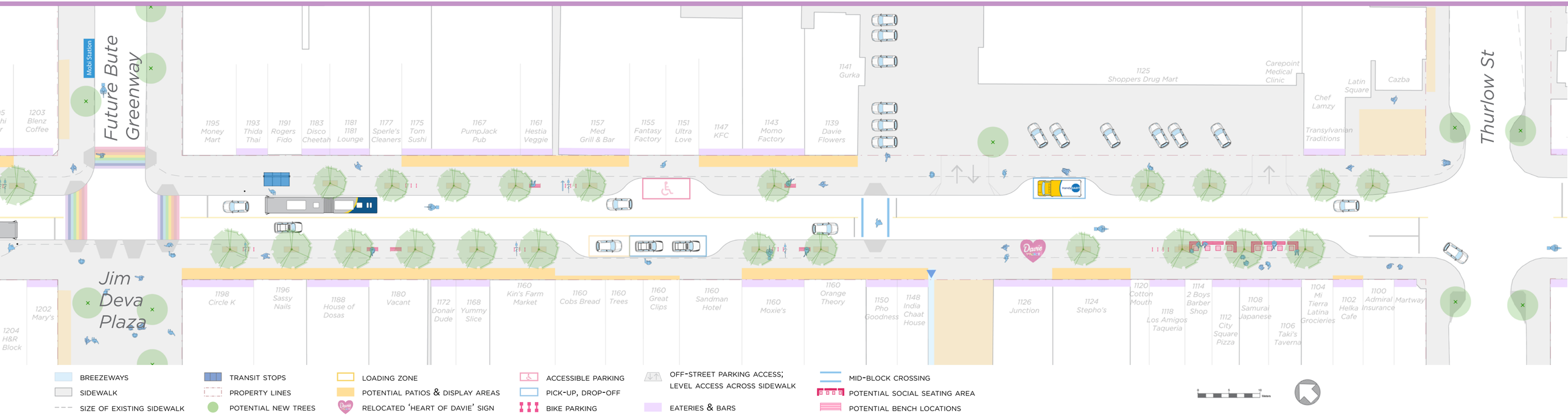
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Davie Village: Bute St to Thurlow St



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Safer crossing mid-block: So people don't need to walk as far to cross the street and reach their destination.

Supporting pedestrians with different levels of mobility: Level sidewalks and benches to stop and rest. Passenger zone parking allowing HandyDART to stop by Carepoint Medical.

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Pick-up and drop-off zones outside grocery stores and the Sandman Suites Hotel.

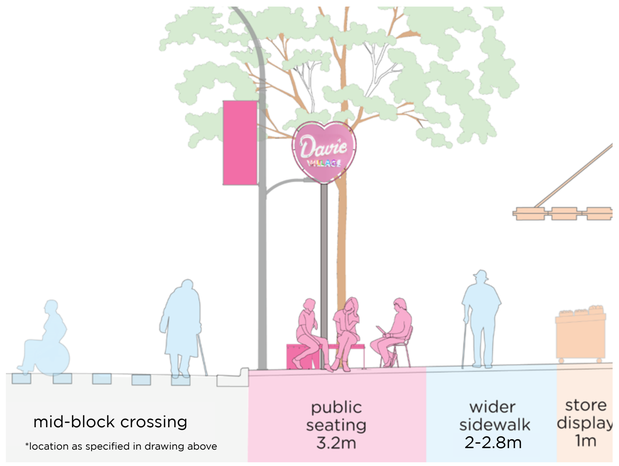
Make Davie welcoming & vibrant

Heart of Davie sign relocated for visibility: Recognizing the community's work to advance 2SLGBTQ+ visibility and rights.

Exploring a social seating area to replace the existing public parklet.

Support future tree health: More root space for healthier trees in future. Rainwater collection under the sidewalk.

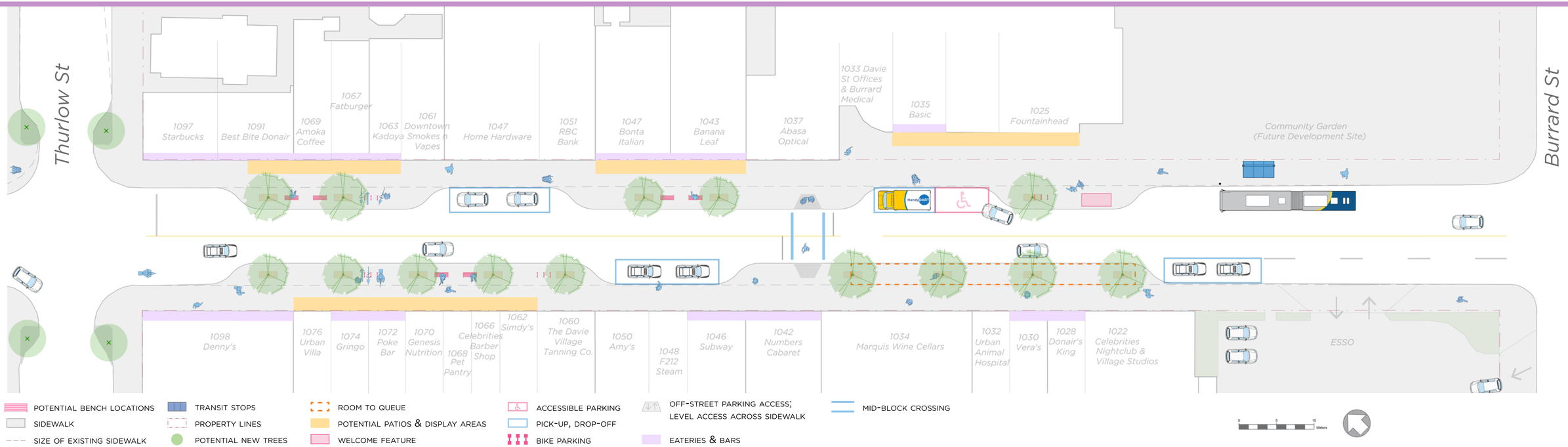
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Davie Village: Thurlow St to Burrard St



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Vehicle access to Burrard Medical offices: Accessible parking spot. Passenger zone spot to support HandyDART passengers.

Support local businesses

Space for more patios: Outdoor patio space in front of business doorsteps.

Pick-up, drop-off zones near night time venues, medical offices and stores selling heavy goods.

Room to queue: Wider sidewalks at nightlife venues, making space for people waiting to get in, and waiting for taxis at the end of the night.

Make Davie welcoming & vibrant

Welcome feature opportunity to share significance of this place, or to emphasise that you have arrived in Davie Village.

Support future tree health: More root space for healthier trees in the future. Rainwater collection under the sidewalk.

In this block we are still exploring...

Pick-up, drop-off and parking spots
Number, location and type of spots that best meet everyone's needs

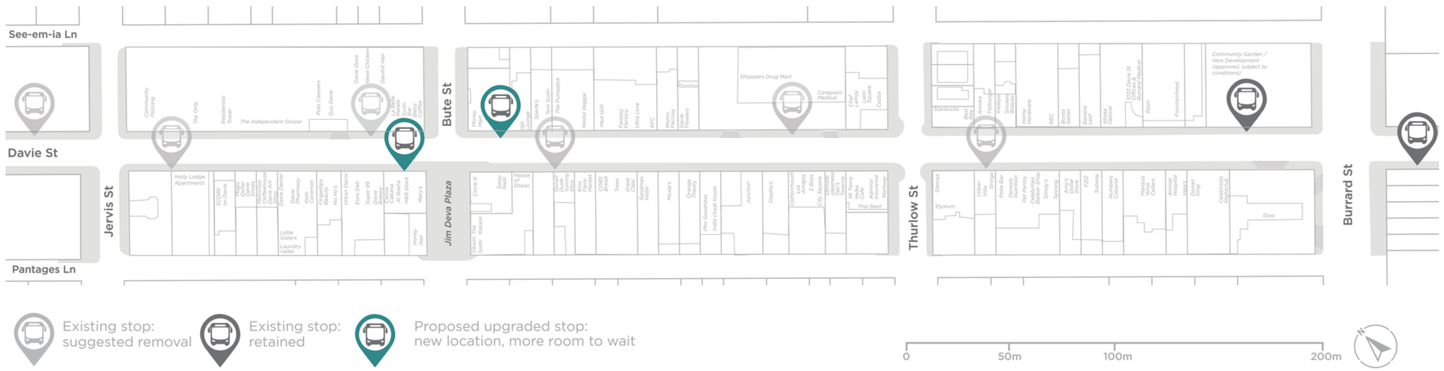
Welcome feature
Building partnerships that create opportunities for visual expression to mark arrival at Davie Village

Coordination
Opportunities to coordinate with developments around the Burrard St intersection

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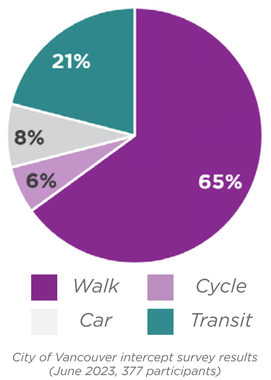
Davie Village design in depth

Transit: Supporting transit reliability and improving comfort at bus stops



21% of visitors arrive by transit

Route 5/6 is the 14th most delayed bus route in the entire region, and sidewalks around bus stops are crowded.



City of Vancouver intercept survey results (June 2023, 377 participants)

Wider sidewalks and bus stop balancing can support transit comfort and reliability

The City of Vancouver is engaging with Translink on their work to optimise the spacing between bus stops (bus stop balancing).

This design suggests the relocation or removal of some bus stops within Davie Village. This can speed up bus commutes by 6 - 10 minutes, help keep buses on schedule, and provide a smoother journey with fewer stops and starts. It can also save money, which can be re-invested in more frequent buses to help ease overcrowding.

This design also proposes shelters and wider sidewalks around bus stops, for a more comfortable waiting and walking experience.

Vehicles: Providing passenger pick up and drop off spots, increasing accessible curbside parking



Curbside passenger zone spots support pick up and drop off flexibly and efficiently

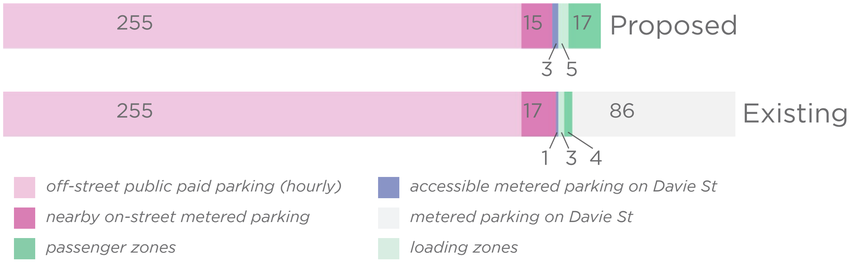
Curbside spots on Davie Street are passenger zones, which support pick-up and drop-off by taxis, ride hailing services, HandyDART and private car, plus quick loading/ unloading of goods and food deliveries. Spots are located near nightclubs, hotels and retail stores for convenience.

The design proposes a designated accessible metered parking spot* on each block, to support people living with disabilities who may need to park.

** Only available for use with a valid SPARC permit*

New signage directs people to off-street parking lots

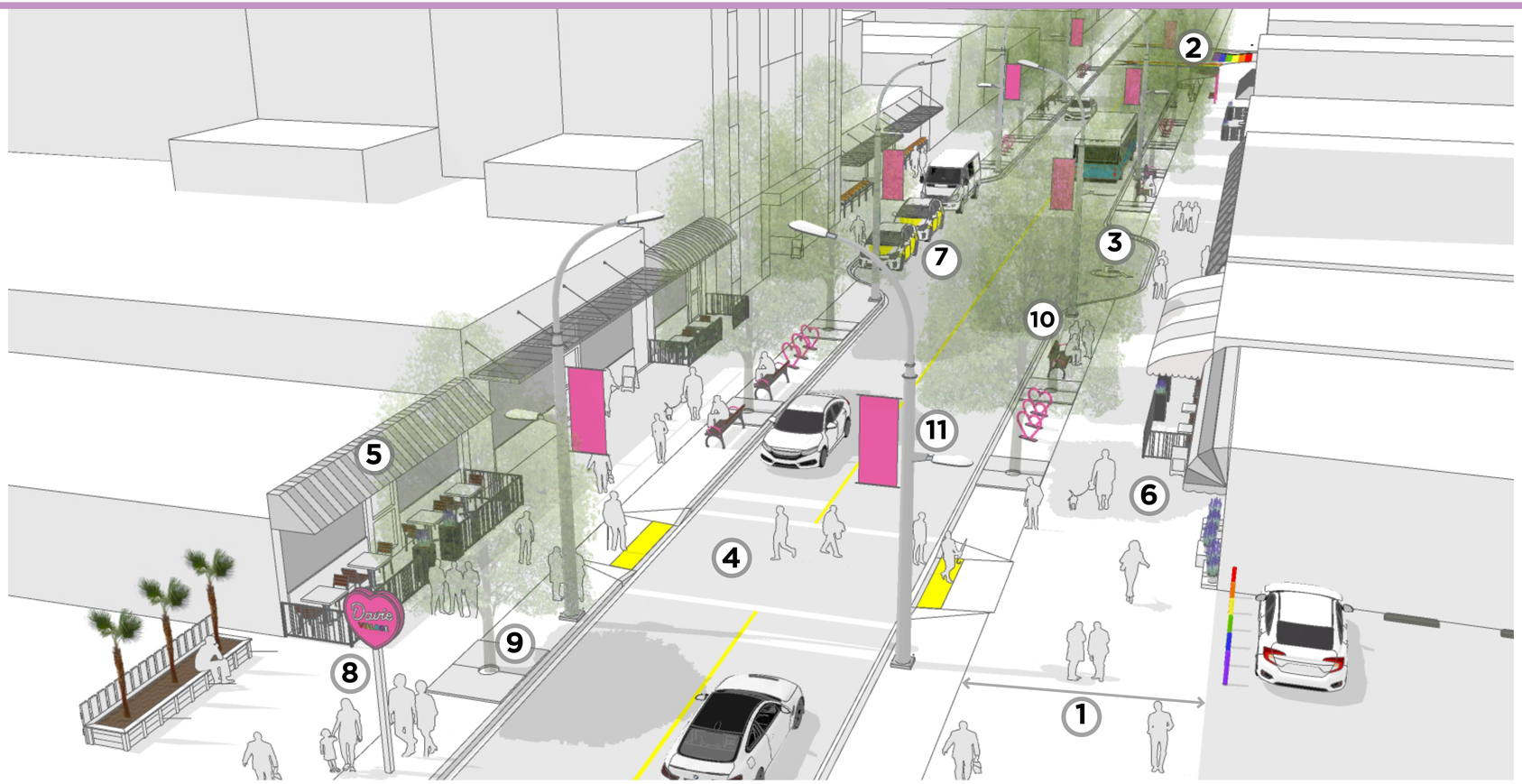
Most parking demand is met off-street. To make these off-street lots easier to find, this design proposes new signage and wayfinding for drivers



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1. Sidewalks are wide and smooth, so people can walk together side by side
2. Bus stops have more space to wait, and to stroll past
3. Accessible parking spot
4. Safe place to cross mid-block
5. Outdoor patios are up on the sidewalk, a more comfortable spot to eat together
6. Patios and displays have more room and don't block walking space
7. Curbside spots for quick stops, where passengers can be picked up or dropped off
8. The Heart of Davie sign is out on the street, recognising community work on 2SLGBTQ+ visibility and rights
9. Under our sidewalks, trees have more space to grow, rainwater is collected and cleaned
10. Evenly spaced benches provide rest spots
11. Sidewalk space is well lit



This design proposes widening sidewalks on Davie Street to provide more space to stroll, support local businesses , create a more welcoming and vibrant street

Do you support this design proposal?

I support it!	I am neutral	I don't like it
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