

Memo

To: HUB North Shore
From: Mo Bot, Project Manager – Public Realm Infrastructure
Date: September 27, 2021
Re: **Esplanade Complete Street – Construction Update**

This memo provides a project update for the Esplanade Complete Street project to key stakeholders.

Background

We're redesigning Esplanade to create a safer, more comfortable experience for pedestrians and cyclists, while maintaining sufficient road capacity for transit, trucks and passenger vehicles.

We've taken a Complete Street approach to ensure that we consider people of all ages and abilities, support all modes of transportation, maintain access to local businesses and create a new experience that feels vibrant and welcoming.

The Esplanade corridor was identified as an east-west priority for the City's All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Priority Mobility Network, approved by Council in November 2019. The objective of the Priority Mobility Network is to build a system of safe and comfortable infrastructure for a growing variety of active transportation and electrified mobility devices.

In 2020, the project began with preliminary engagement with stakeholders and the public, followed by an extensive community consultation process that helped to shape and refine the project priorities and design elements. Throughout this process, safety was identified as the single most important issue to be addressed when reimagining the corridor.

Once complete, Esplanade will include:

- Protected active mobility lanes
- Two travel lanes for vehicles in each direction
- Curbside areas for passenger pick-up, drop-off and deliveries
- Wider sidewalks, more street trees and places for people to sit and gather

Construction

In June 2021, Council approved the proposed design and to advance into Phase 1 of construction. Phase 1 includes all works along Esplanade between St Andrews Avenue and

Mahon Avenue (see Figure 1). Phase 2 works along Forbes Avenue between Mahon Avenue and 3rd Street will be advanced once funding is confirmed.



Figure 1. Phasing Plan for Esplanade Construction

Work will begin between Lonsdale and St Georges in early October 2021 and travel west with all project works expected to be complete in Summer 2022.

During construction, every effort will be made to minimize impacts on neighbouring residents, businesses and roadway users. One travel lane in each direction will remain open at all times, along with a clear bicycle route in each direction.

Throughout the construction schedule, the City is committed to:

- Maintaining safe access to businesses and residential buildings
- Ensuring safe routes for people walking and cycling through the area
- Proactively managing traffic and noise impacts
- Providing access to parking within parkades in the project area
- Providing regular project updates

The City will be maintaining a project webpage that contains current construction information, including traffic impacts, parking considerations, and project milestones. Information can be found at www.cnv.org/ecs.

If you have any questions about the project please be in touch with me directly at ecs@cnv.org.