

MAIN STREET PROMISE

Safe. Accessible. Connected.



Project Overview

The City of Vancouver is investing in the future of Main Street—making it safer, more accessible and connected for businesses, residents and visitors.

A community-led effort nearly 30 years in the making, this project will reconstruct Main Street from 5th Street to 15th Street. The roadway, sidewalks, street lighting and adjacent outdoor spaces will be reconfigured to improve safety, foster a sense of community and drive economic prosperity.

Engagement & Feedback

In 2023 and 2024, the Main Street design was developed and refined via community input gathered through presentations at more than 20 City and community boards and commissions meetings, five project advisory group meetings, four open house events and two surveys. The project team also received feedback through numerous online and in-person interactions with property owners, businesses and community members who walk, bike, roll, drive and use public transit to visit Main Street.

Project Improvements & Benefits



Increase safety and mobility

- Curbless streets to increase access and help slow traffic
- Extended and ADA-compliant sidewalks
- Tactile sidewalk treatments and audible crossings for visually impaired community members
- Pedestrian-scale lighting to illuminate sidewalks
- Enhanced intersections and crosswalks
- More bicycle parking
- New traffic bumps to reduce vehicle speed
- Parallel parking to improve visibility for drivers and pedestrians



Welcome visitors and support Main Street businesses

- Removable bollards that can close the street for pedestrian-only events
- Outdoor seating and furnishings
- Year-round decorative lighting
- New dedicated spaces for fixed or rotating public art



Improve infrastructure

- Reconstruct water, sewer and stormwater utilities
- Repave the roadway surface and install new traffic signals
- New power access for use during festivals and events
- Electric charging stations for vehicles and e-bikes



The project area covers approximately a half-mile stretch of Main Street from 5th to 15th Street.

Contact the project team



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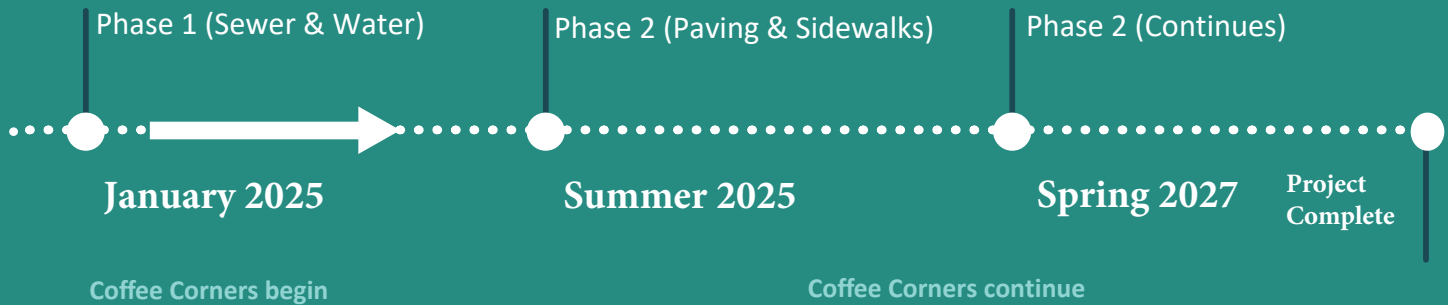
Learn more about project advisory group members and review meeting summaries →

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* Construction schedules are subject to change.

Construction will occur 1-2 blocks at a time during each phase.

Construction Timeline*



Construction Approach & Impacts

Main Street construction will happen in two phases to help minimize disruptions to businesses and residents. During each phase, work will occur one to two blocks at a time. This approach allows for normal vehicle and pedestrian access outside of the construction zone.

Within each small construction zone, the contractor will be required to maintain pedestrian access to buildings. Temporary closures to pedestrians (up to 4 hours at a time) will be needed at times to complete work. During those times, accessible detours will be provided. The project team will communicate with affected businesses and property owners in advance to help minimize construction impacts.

Phase 1 (reconstruct sewer & water utilities)

- Minimal sidewalk impacts, heavy road impacts.
- Construction begins in upper blocks, and also at 5th Street, then moves towards 15th Street.
- Temporary business impacts when connecting utilities (4 hours max per closure).

Phase 2 (paving & sidewalks)

- Sidewalk and street impacts.
- Temporary sidewalks installed to each doorway.
- Temporary business impacts expected (4 hours max per closure).
- New landscaping, seating, bike racks, lighting and other street elements installed during this phase.

Supporting Businesses During Construction

The City is committed to working with business owners to ensure that they have up-to-date information and that their concerns are addressed in a timely manner. A Block Captain program will be implemented at the start of construction, ensuring each business has a go-to resource on their block for the latest information. A construction hotline will allow businesses to report concerns and receive support. The project team will also host a series of “Coffee Corners” with business owners, in addition to offering business grant and technical assistance opportunities.

Downtown Stakeholders Forum

Regular City of Vancouver and VDA meeting that provides key progress updates. View schedule here: beheardvancouver.org/downtown-stakeholders



Project information is also available in Spanish and Russian at beheardvancouver.org/MainStreetPromise. If you would like to request interpretation support, project materials in another language or accommodations with a disability, please email mainstreetpromise@cityofvancouver.us or call (360) 487-8770.