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CITY OF WINNIPEG PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

TO: Residents/Business Owners on Westminster Avenue, Young Street, Balmoral Street and Granite Way between Walnut Street and Osborne Street North

RE: Wolseley to Downtown Walk Bike Project – 2021 Construction

Please be advised construction on the Wolseley to Downtown Walk Bike Project is scheduled to begin in late June, 2021

Construction start: Late June 2021
Duration: Anticipated completion late August 2021
Traffic implications: Parking removal and periodic lane closures as required

Project Area: Westminster Avenue from Walnut Street to Young Street, Young Street from Westminster Avenue to Balmoral Street, Balmoral Street from Young Street to Granite Way, and Granite Way from Balmoral Street to Osborne Street.

This will implement work identified through public engagement and community consultations as Phase 1 of the Wolseley to Downtown Walk Bike project: a bidirectional bike path that connects the West Broadway neighbourhood to Downtown.

The connection will include both a segment of paved path on the boulevard and segments of new protected on-street bike lanes. To support the needs of residents and businesses in the area, we will also construct new loading and parking bays, and complete various sidewalk rehabilitations, street pavement repairs, curb repairs, and underground infrastructure repairs. To improve the overall safety and rideability of the road, we will also conduct numerous geometric improvements and install a raised crossing at Osborne Street North.

A few notes we feel are important to point out based on what we heard during the public engagement program:

- Signal timing at Westminster Ave and Sherbrook St / Maryland St will be monitored and adjusted to provide the safest possible environment for both cyclists and cars. While this will impact how intersections operate for cars, this is viewed as an acceptable compromise to ensure cyclists of all ages and abilities are safely accommodated.
- Winnipeg Transit Route 10 (St. Boniface-Wolseley) underwent a route change in April 2021. The change, which was approved by the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure and Public Works on January 14, 2021, aligns with the Draft Winnipeg Transit Master Plan. The new route will see the bus operate on Broadway, Sherbrook and Maryland Streets and Wolseley Avenue, and all residents impacted by this change will be within a 400-metres' walk to a bus stop. While the change was made ahead of others in the Transit Master Plan to coincide with construction on the Wolseley to Downtown Walk Bike Project, the route was not changed solely because of the project.
- The design for the area west of Walnut (the west segment) was not included in the design that is proceeding to construction in 2021. The west segment design that was presented for engagement in January 2020 is no longer being considered. Before we move forward on Phase 3, we need to conduct traffic modeling that will inform further discussions and decisions about the west side of the project area. Because traffic modeling data must be based on typical traffic patterns, we are unable to gather the data

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while the pandemic is affecting traffic volumes. Further public engagement and design work in the West Segment will not proceed until traffic modeling and analysis is complete.

- Full details of the engagement program, design process, and public feedback can be viewed online at www.winnipeg.ca/publicworks/pedestriansCycling/walkbikeprojects/wolseleytodowntown.stm

Traffic implications during construction

Construction will have an impact on traffic, parking and access. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction during construction and the parking will be removed from the project area as required. Access to back lanes and approaches will be maintained, however temporary closures may be required.

If you are a business with access, delivery, or loading requirements that we should be aware of, please contact us to discuss your needs.

We also ask those with accessibility concerns, planned special events, known underground appurtenances (such as sprinklers or lighting cables within three metres of the street property line), or any questions or concerns to contact Thomas Findlay: thomas.findlay@aecom.com. AECOM is the City's contract administrator for the project.

Further information and project updates can be found on the City of Winnipeg's project website www.winnipeg.ca/publicworks/pedestriansCycling/walkbikeprojects/wolseleytodowntown.stm

We appreciate your patience during construction and look forward to the continued growth of the active transportation network in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Findlay'.

Thomas Findlay, P. Eng

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