

Project Notification



Vanalman Infrastructure Upgrade Project

Project Update — Revised Transportation Plan

November 28, 2020

This notice is in regard to the proposed Vanalman Road Improvements.

In our previous communications we had proposed widening Vanalman to our standard “Collector Rd.” width, and removing all of the on-street parking to provide buffered bicycle lanes. Following this notice we received quite a bit of feedback with many concerns and suggestions. We have reviewed these concerns and can summarize the main points as follows:

- The numbers of reported cyclists was inaccurate
- Widening of the road might create some hardship for the steeper properties on the west side by significantly changing driveway slopes.
- Removing street parking and widening the road will likely increase travel speeds and be an inconvenience for visitors.

Based on this feedback we have reviewed the proposed changes and have modified our design. First we'd like to acknowledge that the cyclist volumes reported were in fact on Mann Ave., at the Vanalman intersection. We made an error when pulling the data from our database and for this we apologize. Secondly we have reconsidered the proposed design and believe that we can keep the existing width and parking largely as-is and improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians by introducing several traffic calming measures to ensure safer travel speeds

While the plan is still at a Conceptual level we are aiming to include raised crosswalks at Northridge Cres., Parkridge St. (at Copley Park) and a raised intersection at Ridgebank Cres. These raised crosswalks will highlight and give priority to pedestrians while also lowering vehicle speeds along the corridor making this section of roadway safer for everybody. We also intend to make improvements at the bus stops to increase accessibility for people using wheelchairs and strollers as well as to narrow the road in select areas to further calm traffic, improve sightlines and reinforce the residential nature of this area.

The section of Vanalman between Ridgebank and Commerce Circle will continue to have buffered bicycle lanes, since this is a distinct industrial area and sees higher vehicle volumes. A new enhanced crosswalk with flashing lights will also be provided at Commerce Circle to help residents and employees in this area cross Vanalman.

We hope that these changes reflect the feedback received and ultimately results in a safer more livable street.

There are no updates to the underground utilities improvements at this point and the design process continues.

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