

Northeast False Creek Plan and Viaducts Replacement Project Speakers' concerns from Jan 31st

Special Council Meeting
February 13, 2018

1. Chinatown

Request from speakers:

- Delay until more consultation with Chinatown has been completed
- Not enough vehicular connectivity in and out of Chinatown proposed. Particularly on Carrall and lack of EB left turn on Quebec

Staff response:

Staff met with Chinatown stakeholders at two additional meetings during the week of February 5, 2018 following a request from Council at the January 31 meeting. Both meetings were productive and resulted in a series of proposed amendments:

1a. Recommend Council commit the City Manager to convene regular meetings with the Chinatown Working Group and Chinese Benevolent Association (CBA) of Vancouver, and have staff work with these groups to establish guiding principles for the Chinatown Cultural District that can help inform work on the UNESCO application process and inform further design of the new NEFC parks, streets, and land use planning for Sub-area 6D.

1b. Recommend Council direct staff to report back with a financial strategy for delivering on the objectives of the NEFC Plan, including scenarios for increasing the amount of rental and non-market housing that can be achieved in Sub-area 6D, including housing for vulnerable seniors, and the financial implications of these scenarios.

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1c. Recommend that language within sections 4, 9 and 14 of the Plan be strengthened to reinforce the importance of Northeast False Creek being a 'front door' to Chinatown, including:

- A grand promenade on the Carrall Greenway,
- Integrated improvements to Andy Livingstone Park, and the portions of Keefer Street and Quebec Street adjacent to the park, and
- Improved access into Chinatown(including northbound turns from Pacific Boulevard when driving from the west) at Quebec Street and the new Pacific Boulevard that allows improved access into Chinatown.

1d. Recommend that policy within sections 4, 9 and 14 of the Plan be amended to ensure that the Andy Livingstone Park design reflects the values and cultural significance of Chinatown, and better integrates with the adjacent streets (Keefer Street and Quebec Street) as well as the nearby cultural assets such as the Memorial Plaza and Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden and public park.

1e. Recommend that Council direct staff to engage with representatives from the CBA, Chinatown Working Group, and Hogan's Alley Working Group to establish guiding principles that will help define and guide further work on the Chinatown Gateway on Main Street

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Benefits to Chinatown

- **Affordable housing** for seniors (mix of social housing allocation to be determined through rezoning of Sub-area 6D) ~\$30M
- **Small-scale local business** opportunities and retail curation strategy requirements
- **Chinatown Cultural District** with strong connections between the historic district and the False Creek waterfront
- Renewed **Andy Livingstone Park** that will create a ‘front door’ to Chinatown **\$32M**
- **Short-term park programming** improvements for seniors being explored by Park Board in Andy Livingstone Park
- NEFC Plan supports the **UNESCO World Heritage Site** application and designation process
- **Improved access for all modes** into Chinatown, new intersections at Abbott Street, Quebec Street, Main Street, and Gore Avenue
- **New Carrall Promenade** that creates strong pedestrian linkage to the False Creek seawall and new Events and Entertainment District
- **New public spaces** that can be programmed and activated by community groups
- **Heritage** contributions towards Chinatown **\$15M**
- **Social Impact Assessment** monitoring and mitigation strategy
- **Flood protection** along new False Creek waterfront **\$30M**

Total benefit to Chinatown: ~ **\$100M**

2. Hogan's Alley

Request from speakers:

- Desire to see 100% of the residential floor area on Sub-area 6D to be rental housing, with 70% of residential floor area as non-market housing
- Desire for the City to **Commit** to continue working with the Hogan's Alley Working Group to establish the long term involvement and investment of the Black Community in the future life of the block through the exploration of a land trust, long term leases, or other arrangements as appropriate.

Staff response:

- 2a. Recommend adjusting language in the plan to secure a minimum of 300 units of social housing on Sub-area 6D and through the rezoning process, seek to maximize the amount of below-market rental housing that can be achieved beyond the 300 units.

- 2b. Recommend Council direct staff to adjust language in the Plan to include a commitment.

3. Non-motorized Boating Facility

Request from speakers:

- Desire to see a Non-motorized boating facility built in NEFC

Staff response:

- 3a. Plan includes the delivery of a non-motorized boating facility. However, staff recommend providing additional clarity by adding a policy within Sub-area 6C to deliver a non-motorized boating facility as part of the new Georgia Wharf.

4. Pedestrianized Georgia Wharf

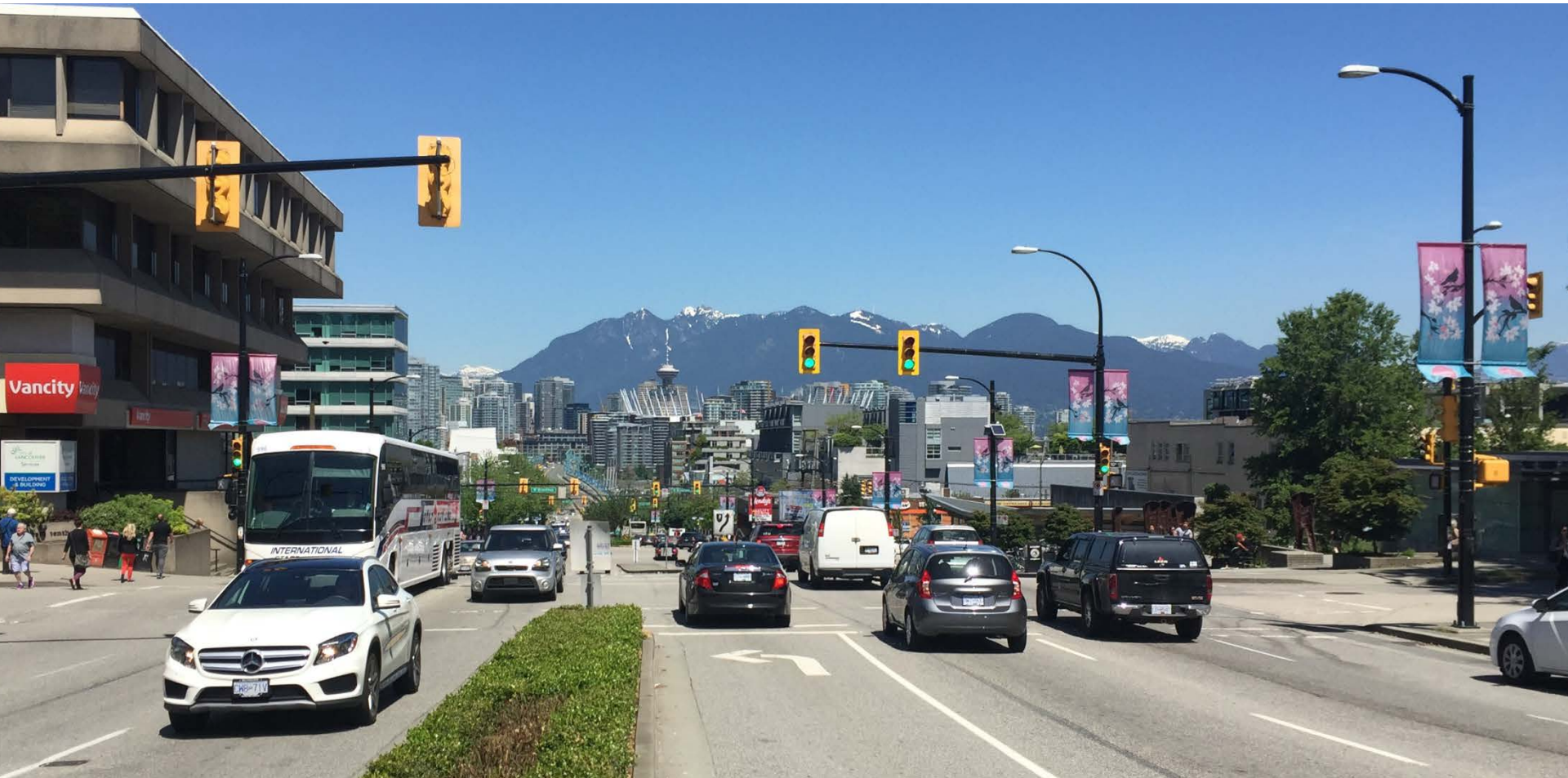
Request from speakers:

- Create a slow moving pedestrianized Georgia Wharf by relocating the future cycling facilities off of the Wharf.

Staff response:

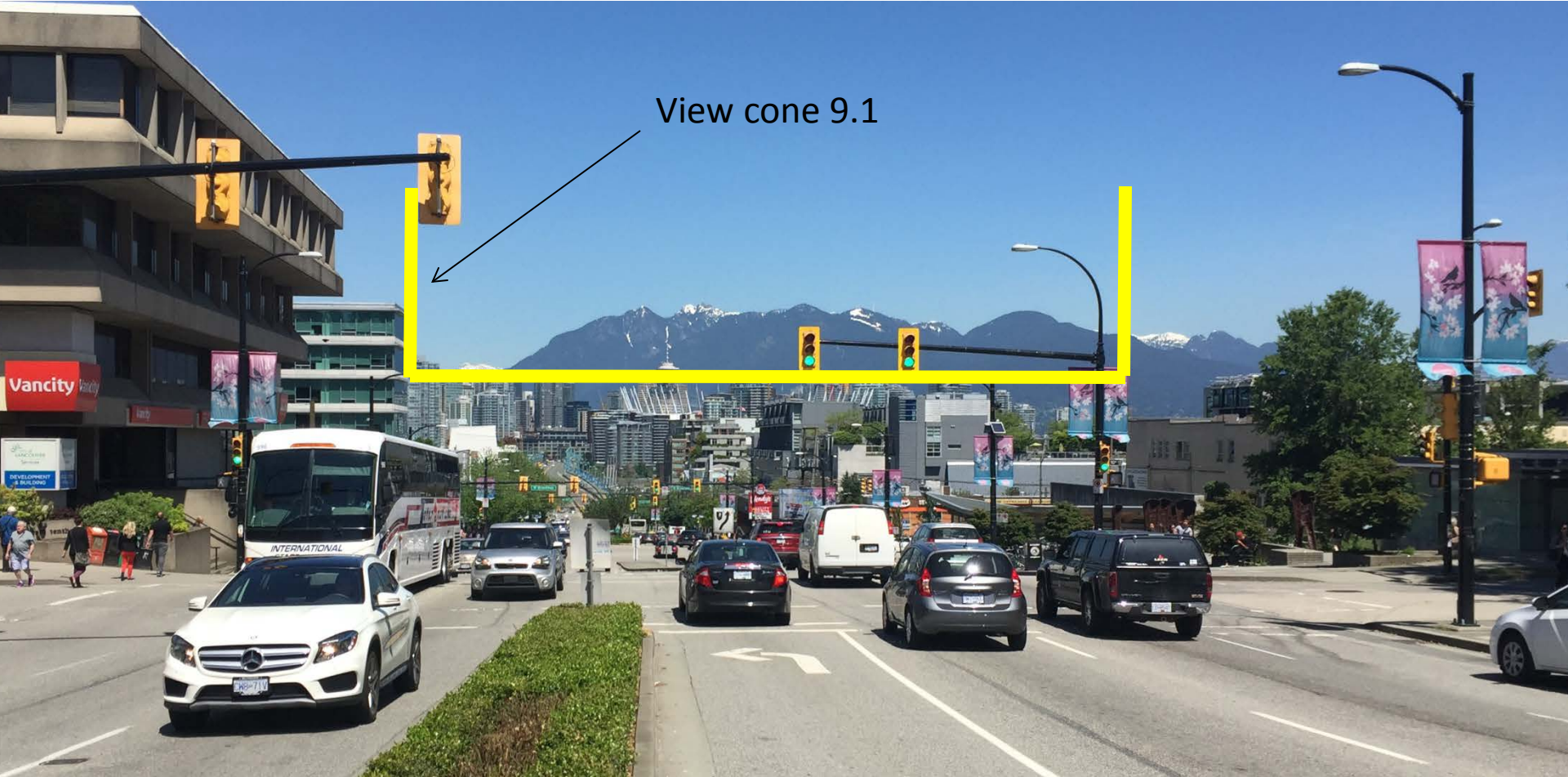
- 4a. Recommend policy in Section 10 of the Plan be strengthened to prioritize pedestrians on the Georgia Wharf, and establish future dedicated cycling facilities that are safe and intuitive, located off of the Georgia Wharf seawall.

5. View corridors

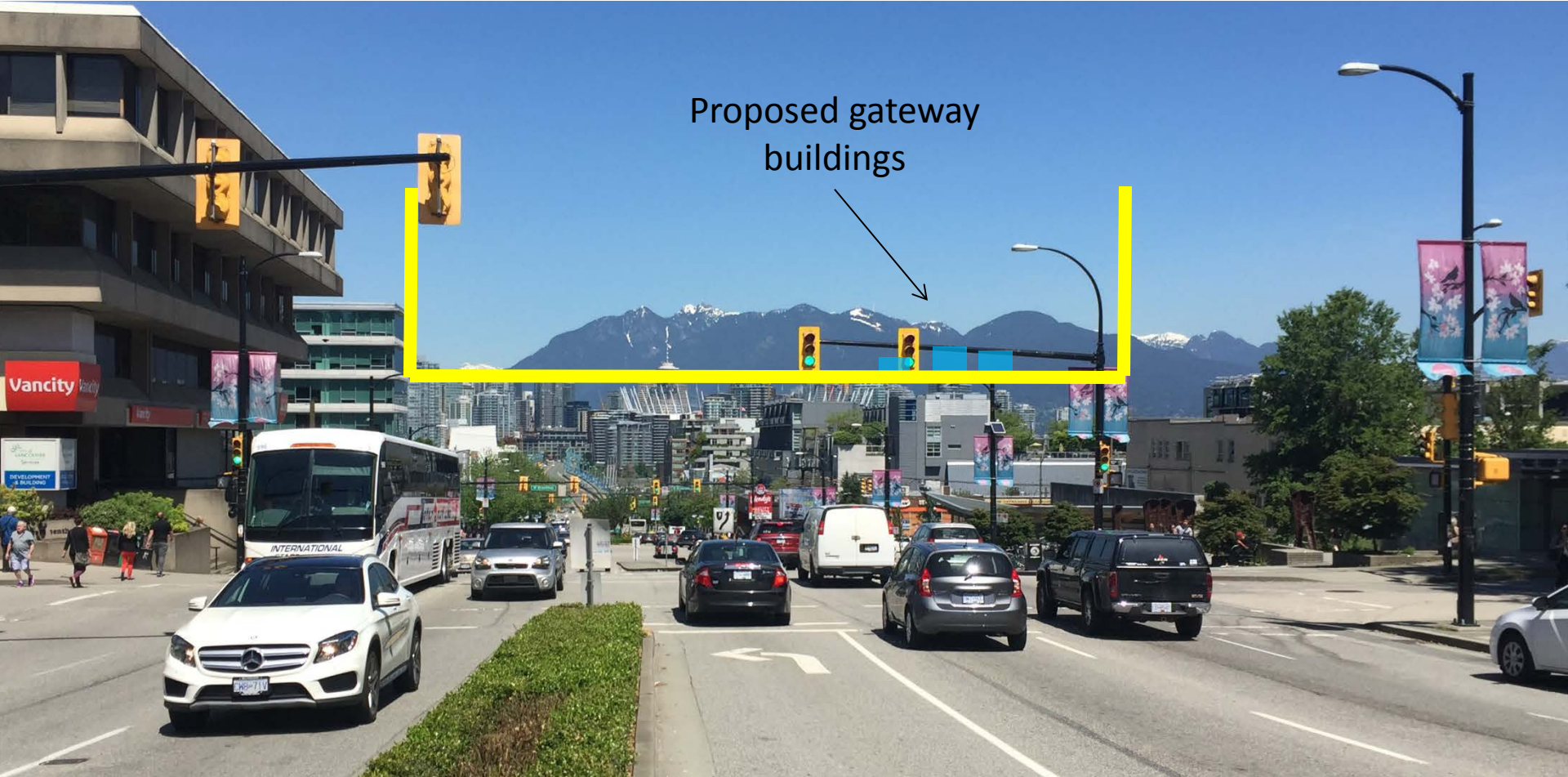


View from Cambie, between 10th and 11th Ave

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Opportunity to mark the intersection of Vancouver’s ceremonial street with the grand Pacific Boulevard creates with an iconic gateway into the downtown marking the centre of Vancouver Events and Entertainment District.

