

Imagine West End Waterfront

PARKS, BEACHES AND TRANSPORTATION VISION

May 8, 2024

An aerial photograph of a city skyline and waterfront. The city features numerous high-rise buildings and a mix of residential and commercial structures. In the foreground, there is a rocky shoreline with some trees and a path. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is clear. A semi-transparent blue overlay covers the middle portion of the image, containing the title and agenda items.

Agenda

1. Project Introduction and Engagement Summary
2. Proposed Vision
3. Proposed Implementation and Phasing

STANLEY PARK

English Bay Beach

Morton Park

WEST END NEIGHBOURHOOD

DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER

ENGLISH BAY

Sunset Beach

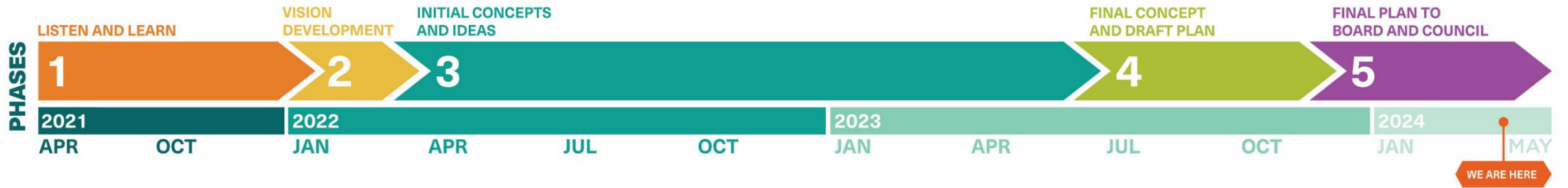
Vancouver Aquatic Centre

Project Area

GRANVILLE ISLAND



Project Timeline



Engagement Summary

Listen and Learn



Vision, Principles, Goals and Design Approaches



Carve



Weave



Seed



Draft Final Vision



Winter 2021

Round 1 Engagement

- 800 postcards and posters distributed
- 7 Community pop-ups
- 9 community conversations with over 150 participants
- Over 1,900 completed surveys

Spring 2023

Round 2 Engagement

- Over 34,000 postcards and posters distributed
- 7 stakeholder workshops
- 4 community pop-ups
- Over 1,400 completed surveys

Fall 2023

Round 3 Engagement

- Over 13,000 postcards and posters distributed
- 2 open houses with over 90 attendees
- 1 drop-in session at the Gathering Place with over 30 attendees
- Over 1,500 completed surveys

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Engagement

2020

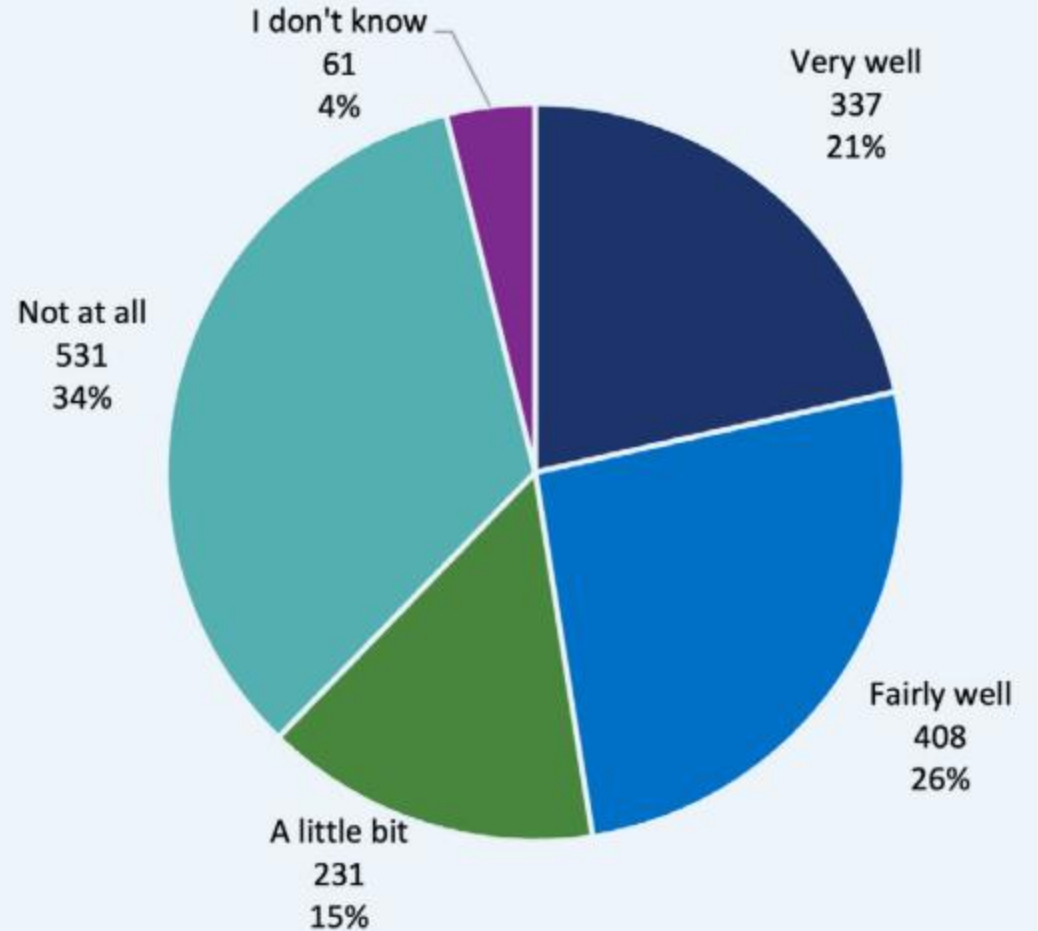


Transportation Engagement

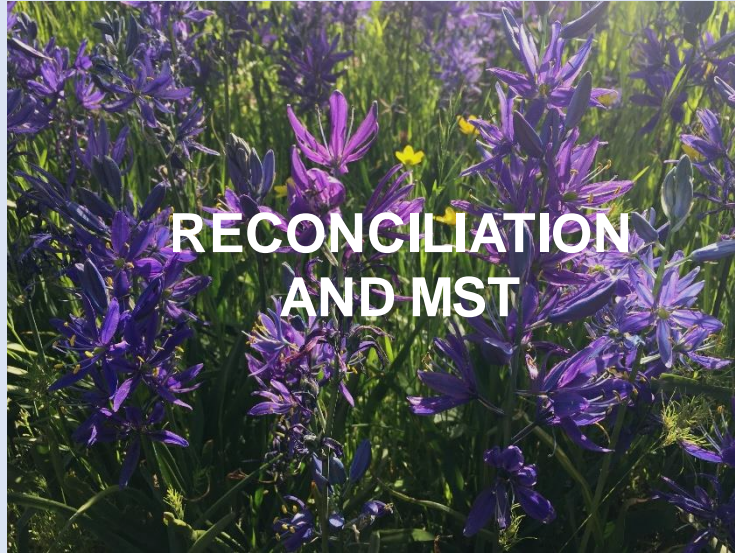
“Support as long as the changes to two way traffic do not affect the size of the cycling lanes in the area. Support expanding the cycling infrastructure to connect down pacific street. Work with the parks board so Stanley park does not become traffic bypass.”

Reference: What We Heard Report – public feedback

Will the changes to the transportation network meet your needs?



Project Considerations Issues & Opportunities





Proposed Vision



Area 1
Wooded
Foreshore

Area 2
The Beach, Park,
and Plaza at
English Bay

Area 3
Tidal Meadows

Area 4
Sunset Beach
and Play

Area 5
Under the
Bridge

GENERAL LOCATION OF
NEW VANCOUVER AQUATIC
CENTRE AND PARKING
(Design of this area subject to
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Area 1 | Wooded Foreshore

- Two-way vehicular traffic west of Denman Street
- Opportunity with TransLink to extend transit into Stanley Park
- Protected and separated cycling path with widths comparable to the existing on-street interim facility
- Relocate sidewalk to south side of trees on Beach Ave



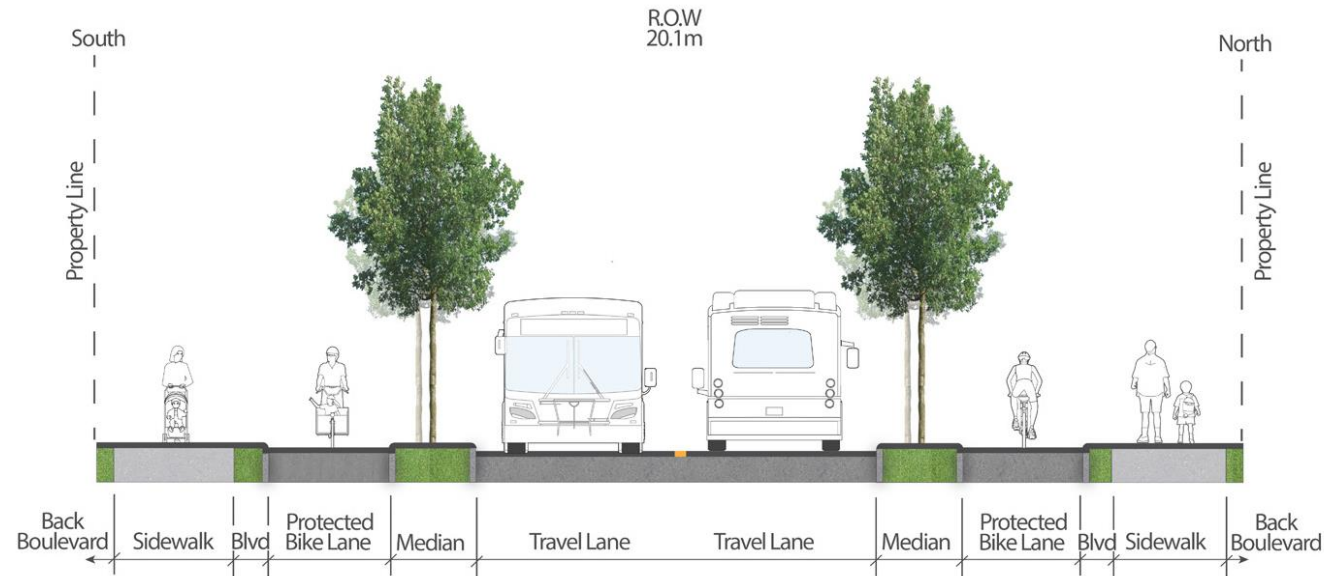
Area 2 | The Beach, Park and Plaza at English Bay

- Reallocate road space for new permanent public space at Morton Park
- Realign Beach Ave to tie into intersection of Davie and Denman
- Better support for special events with increased capacity for future events



Area 3 | Tidal Meadows

- Reallocate parking lots in the park for other uses
- Maintain transit service and a protected bike lane along Beach Avenue
- Create a low-tide walking path



Conceptual illustration of Pacific St east of Jervis

Area 4 | Sunset Beach

- Extending the protected bike lanes on Pacific Street from Broughton Street to Thurlow Street to close the gap in the cycling network
- A separated pedestrian and cycling path through the park connecting from the Bute Street Greenway to the Seaside Greenway



Conceptual illustration of Pacific St east of Jervis


Area 5 | Under the Bridge

- Create opportunities with TransLink to provide two-way transit service on Pacific Street to connect with services along Burrard Street and improve transit legibility
- Explore opportunities for an elevated separated pedestrian and cycling path connecting the Bute Street Greenway to the existing Seaside Greenway to the east

Active Transportation



LEGEND:

-  Existing Cycling Route
-  Future Proposed Cycling Route
-  Seaside Greenway Cycling Route
-  Existing Full or Ped/Bike Traffic Signal
-  Existing Crosswalk
-  Existing Traffic Diverter
-  Proposed New Signal or Intersection Modification
-  Potential Bike Parking
-  Existing Bike Share Station
-  Potential Shared Micromobility Station Hub
-  Public Elevator

Pedestrian Connections



LEGEND:

- Seaside Greenway Cycling Route
- Seaside Greenway Walking Route
- Primary Pedestrian Path
- Secondary Pedestrian Path
- Tertiary Meander
- Accessible Entry and Path
- Existing Full or Ped/Bike Traffic Signal
- Existing Crosswalk
- Existing Traffic Diverter
- Potential New Signal or Intersection Modification
- Public Elevator



Transit and Vehicular



LEGEND:

- Existing Transit Route
- Proposed Two-Way Route 23 Routing
- Potential Future Route 23 Extension to be Explored
- Existing One-way Route 23 to be Removed
- Proposed Conversion to Two-Way Traffic
- B Existing Route 23 Bus Stop to Remain
- X Existing Route 23 Bus Stop to be Removed
- B Proposed Route 23 Bus Stop
- ⤴ ⤵ Existing Full or Ped/Bike Traffic Signal
- ⤴ Existing Crosswalk
- ↻ Existing Traffic Diverter
- ⓘ Proposed New Signal or Intersection Modification
- ▨ Proposed Car-Free Block
- ⚓ Existing Ferry Dock
- ⚓ Potential Location for Non-Motorized Boat Launch
- ➔ Potential Vehicular Access



Proposed Implementation & Phasing

Connection to existing seawall and street network to be developed further through detail design

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POTENTIAL ELEVATED CYCLE & PEDSTRIAN PATH
(Concept Only)



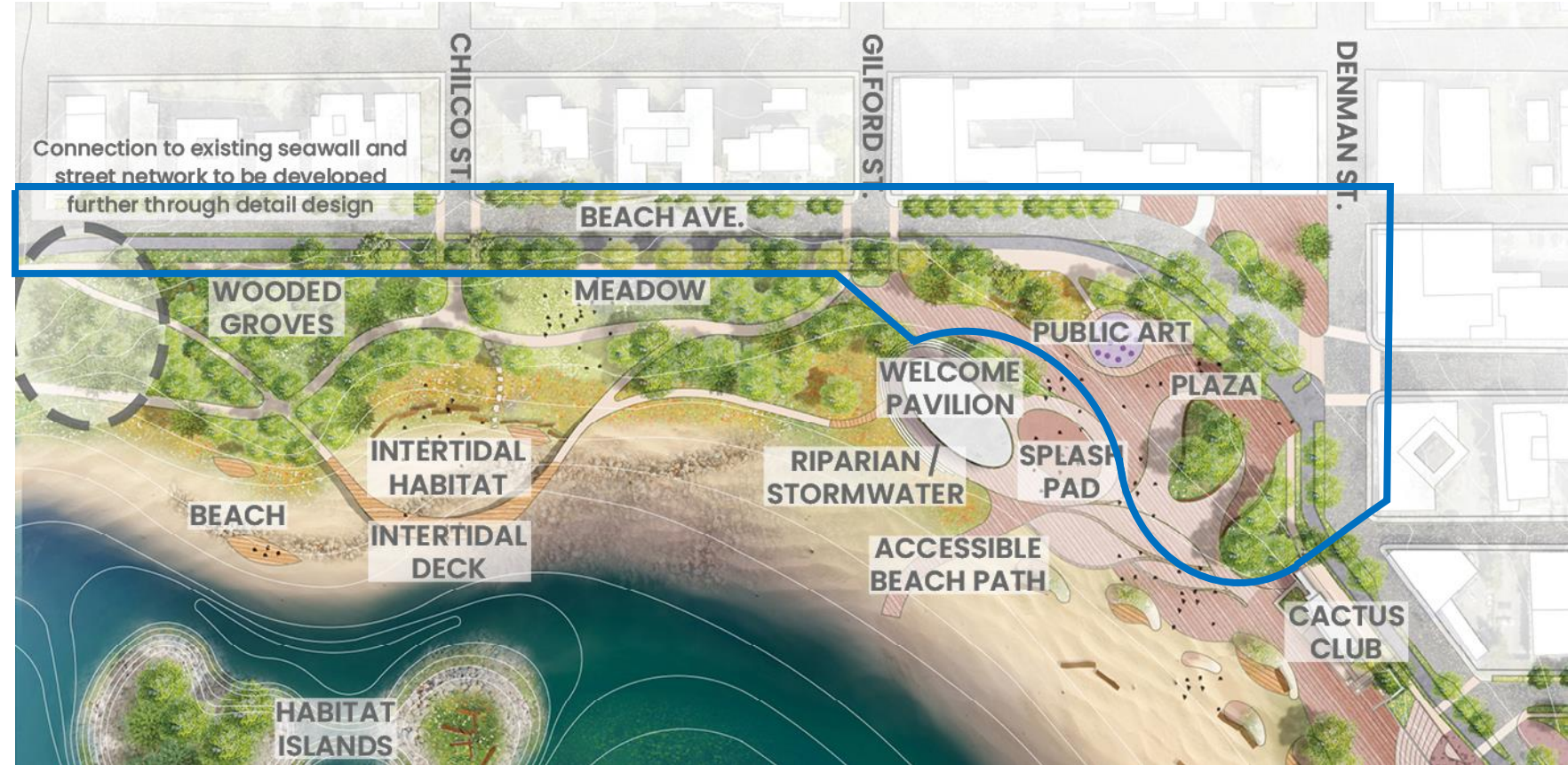
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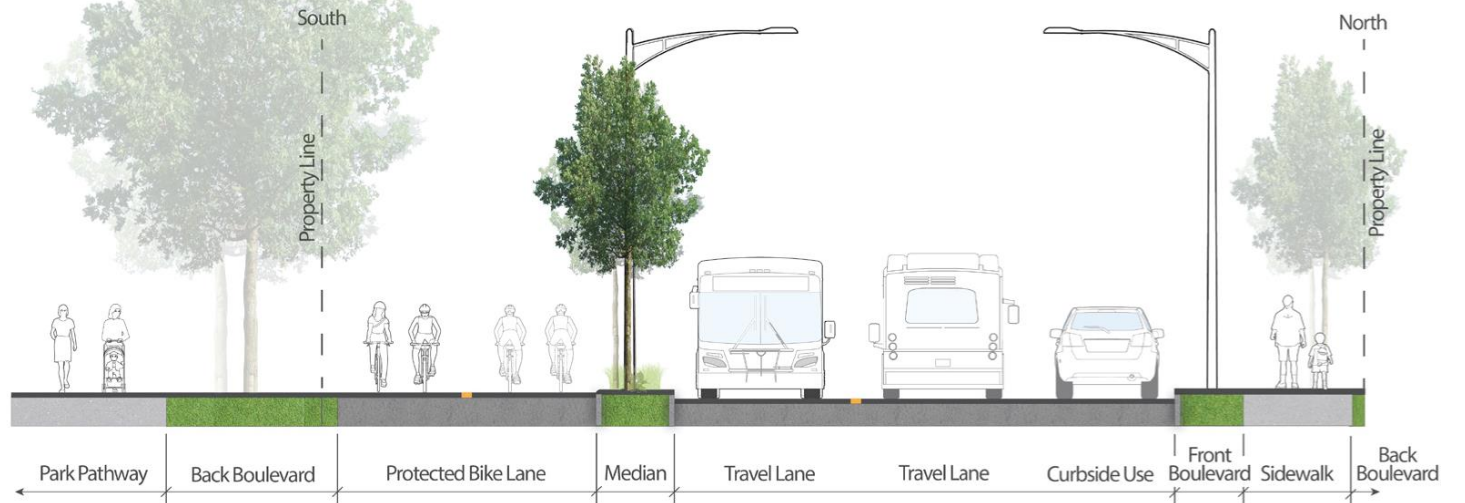
Overall Phasing Strategy: 2024 to 2050+

Phase 1: Morton Park & Beach Ave (West of Denman St.)

- Creates an enhanced 'gateway' to the waterfront
- Connects Morton Park with English Bay Beach
- Two-way Beach Ave west of Denman
- Permanent bike lane and improved crossings

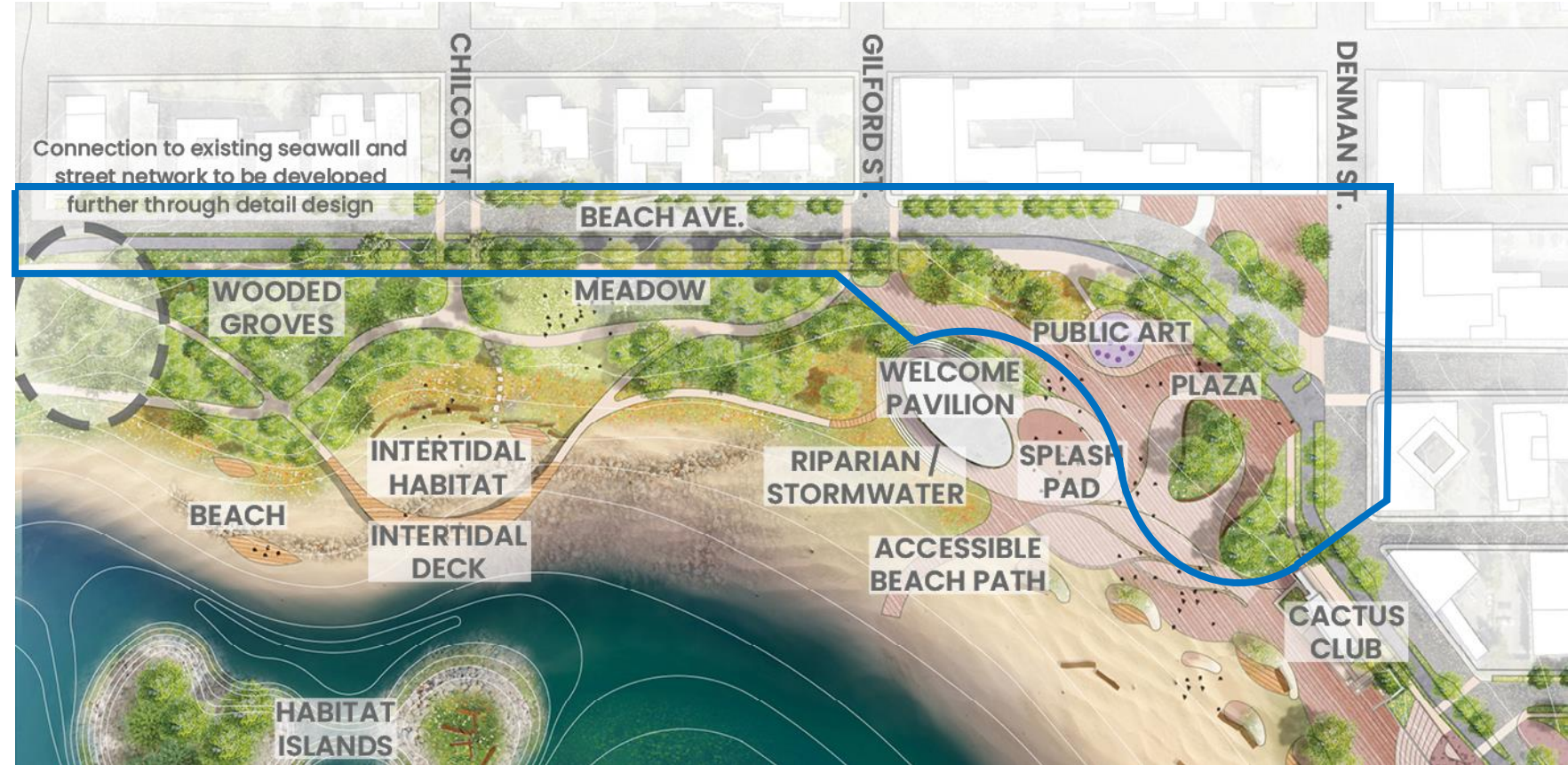


Conceptual illustration



Implementation Framework – Phase 1

- \$10M for park design and construction
- \$6M from COV Engineering
- If approved, anticipated detailed design in 2024-25 and construction starting in 2026



The West End Waterfront Vision

- Serves the growing West End population and millions more tourists and people who work and visit the area for recreation, leisure and events
- Assertively considers climate change adaptation so these valuable waterfront spaces are not lost over time
- Provides a roadmap for the phasing of works when funding becomes available and acts as a tool to access infrastructure grants and other funding
- Starts with a place-making first phase that reallocates significant road space to park
- Rooted in Reconciliation values/aligned with MST goals



Recommendations

- A. THAT Council approve the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A, as a guide for the renewal and upgrading of the West End waterfront over the next 30+ years as part of the City's mid to long-term capital planning processes and funding capacity;
- B. THAT Council approve in principle the implementation of Phase 1 of the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision, subject to funding approval through the 2023-2026 Capital Mid-term Update and Park Board approval, and;
- C. THAT Council direct staff to pursue senior government and external funding and partnership opportunities to advance implementation of subsequent phases of the West End Waterfront Vision.

Thank you

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