

2026

CITY OF VICTORIA | Transportation, Engineering and Public Works

# Transportation Team Updates

James Bay Neighbourhood Association Meeting

January 13, 2026

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The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees Nation and the Xwsepsum Nation.



# Agenda

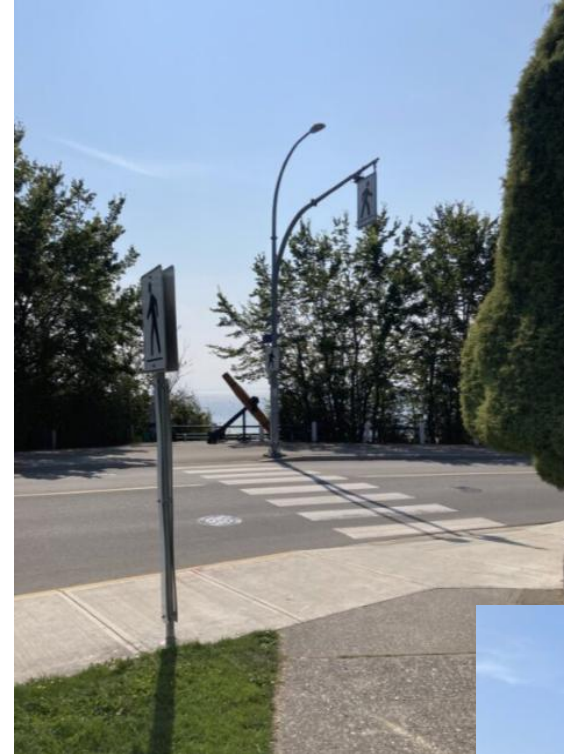
- Traffic Calming, Crosswalks Update
- Transit Planning – High-level Overview
- Douglas Rapid Bus Project Update
- Parking Modernization Project Update
- Accessibility items
- Questions



# 2026-27 James Bay Crosswalk Projects

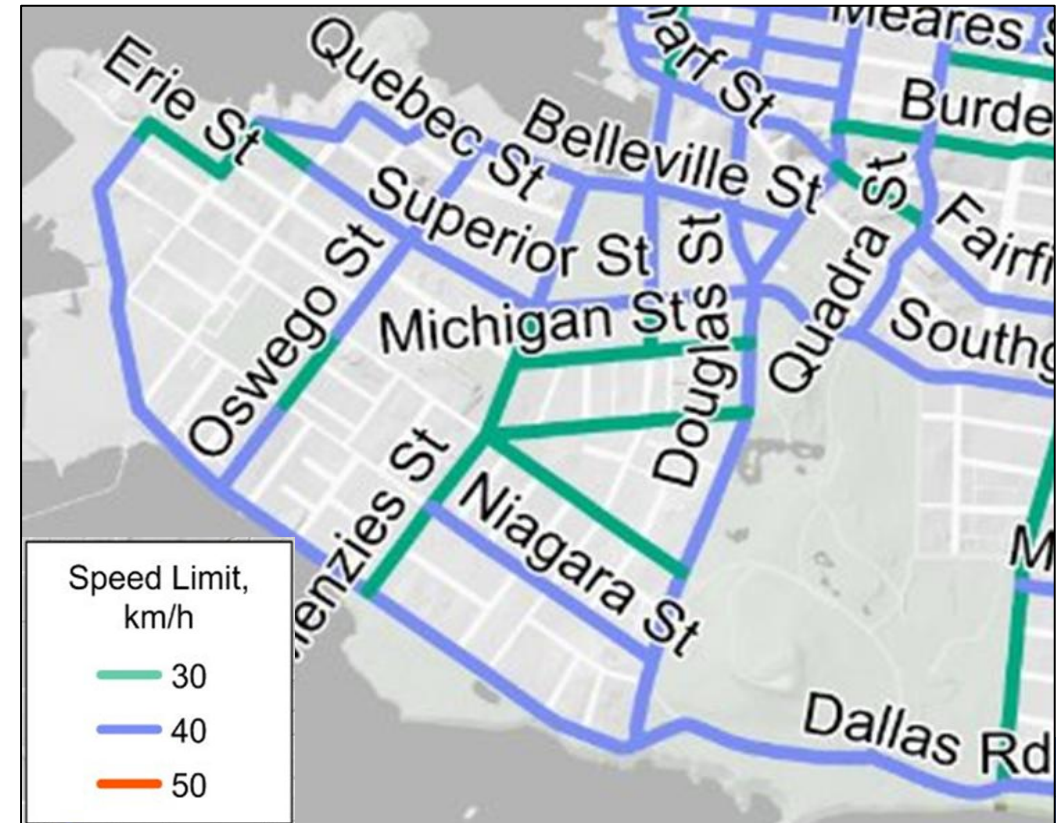
- New marked crosswalks planned:
  - Michigan/Oswego
  - Dallas/ South Turner
  - Dallas / Simcoe
  - Dallas/ St Lawrence
- Existing crosswalks to be upgraded:
  - Erie St 100 blk
  - Quebec/Pendray
  - Dallas/Dock
  - Dallas/Menzies
  - Dallas/Douglas

**Send any crosswalk requests to [eng@victoria.ca](mailto:eng@victoria.ca)**



# Speed Limit Reduction

- 2025 - 30km/h signs on all local streets
- In 2026 - 40km/h signs to be added to major streets (blue lines) . Some majors to be 30 km/h (green lines)
- Only City streets left at 50 km/h will be Douglas & Blanshard streets north of Caledonia
- City meets and liaises with VicPD for enforcement requests which they tackle as they are able



# Traffic Calming Program

- **Speed humps**
  - Slow vehicles effectively to 30 km/h
  - In early years of program, prioritized school and parks frontages citywide. Now shifting to local streets with speeds > 40 km/h
  - Many east-west streets in James Bay see speeds 40km/h+ , candidates for humps in next couple years
- **Diverters / closures**
  - None proposed currently, but open to requests to investigate, undertake data collection etc [eng@victoria.ca](mailto:eng@victoria.ca)
- **Speed reader boards**
  - Always intaking requests
  - James Bay currently doesn't have one - Douglas @ Southgate was last location
  - Criteria - require good solar exposure, well offset from crosswalks



# Simcoe Street – Temporary Sidewalk

- Temporary sidewalk (Menzies to Government) installed in 2020 as part of COVID social
- City removed temp sidewalks around 5 corners approx. 2023, maintained Simcoe east due to use / interest to maintain



# Simcoe Street – Temporary Sidewalk

- City set up traffic camera to monitor temp sidewalk use in Summer 2025
  - 7 days of data
  - Used by various pedestrians types / abilities (grocery carts, mobility devices, etc)
  - Vehicle and cyclist encroachment
- City working with Beckley Lodge - on their request revising restrictions to their frontage parking bay – shift majority of loading off the roadway
- Future plan is for new widened sidewalk, as part of future capital project
  - Similar style to Simcoe west sidewalk (Oswego to Pharmasave) - widened in 2022



# Transportation Choices to Meet Diverse Needs



# Transit

- Planning Processes – BCT **Victoria Regional Transit Plan** – engagement completed – finalised plan expected mid year. **CRD Regional Transportation Plan** update – completion mid 2027.
- Rapid Bus – Underway – Highway 1 priority lane and bridge expansion – exploring potential for RapidBus in James Bay and Jubilee.
- COV – Transit lanes – Staff will be recommending to maintain two way traffic on Douglas between Beleville and Humboldt. Design worked started but still early in process. Facilitation of private vehicle movements in and out of James Bay remains a core criteria including throughput along Douglas. Will bring report to council later this year.

# Electric Busses

- 24 new electric busses went into service - January 12
- 62 in service by end of 2027
- Long term transition plan



# Parking Modernisation

## 2 components

- a. Off Street - Private property – to be finalised in 2026. Parking in new development only – ability to decrease parking requirements based on certain criteria and TDM measures.
- b. On Street – City right of way – multi-year process – new approach to parking in residential and commercial areas across the city

# Accessibility

- Handy Dart Expansion – new facility now open - seven new busses brought into the fleet along with corresponding service hours.
- Since 2021 CoV has prescribed AP requirements. Approx 4 times as many accessible stalls required by CoV as under the former provincial requirements
- Since 2021 CoV has introduced **88** new accessible stalls and retrofitted 7 existing.
- New AP stalls include:
  - Better sidewalk access/integration, larger spaces for accessible vans, and improved signage and pavement markings.





# Thank You

## Questions?

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