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## Update on Vancouver's 2010 Olympic Transportation Plan

As the Winter Olympics is quickly approaching, it is understandable that businesses have growing concerns with VANOC and the City of Vancouver's plans for mitigating traffic disruptions. VANOC is strongly encouraging people to adjust working hours (eg. starting at 5AM) and highly recommends taking advantage of the increased services with Trans-Link, walking, cycling, car pooling and ride-sharing. Please note that the city's transportation plan is focused on moving people, not goods. We have compiled some facts from the VANOC and the City of Vancouver in order to help you and your organization make any required adjustments to your daily operations.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics Events:  
12 FEB 2009 – 28 FEB 2009

Vancouver Winter Paralympics Events: 12  
MAR 2009 – 21 MAR 2009

Transportation Plan Phase II: to be re-  
leased mid-September, 2009

Also note that at this time, the Paralympics Transportation Plan has yet to be finalized.

### INCREASED DEMAND FOR TRAVEL; REDUCED ROAD CAPACITY

The City of Vancouver has announced that they are predicting a 30% increase

in travel demand and a 20% reduction in road capacity going into and out of downtown Vancouver. The temporary road changes and closures can be expected to be in effect from the end of January (to allow for security sweeps) up until no later than March 4th for some venues (such as GM Place). Detailed information on how long each venue or area of downtown will be shut down is undetermined at this given time.

### GOODS MOVEMENT STRATEGIES – "KNOW BEFORE YOU GO"

VANOC and the City of Vancouver are strongly encouraging that those who must move goods as part of their operations should plan ahead and modify their truck routes in accordance to any road closures and high-traffic routes. The city also plans to amend the by-laws to enable truck deliveries to occur over nighttime hours. Deliveries of goods are recommended to occur between midnight and noon in order to avoid massive congestion in the downtown core.

### Street Use Applications – VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

The city is requiring that any work (construction work, film production, utility work) that will need to take place in any of the affected traffic areas downtown (or any other Olympic venue) MUST apply for

a special permit. There will be a number of competing priorities for the use of streets and other public spaces during the events. Any organization that will have project work in any of the areas mentioned below in the "Summary of Road Changes in Effect" section needs to have sent in an application for Street Use.

### SUMMARY OF ROAD CHANGES IN EFFECT

The following are key Olympic locations to be aware of, when planning your travel. For those members receiving this newsletter electronically, the relevant maps are included in the PDF package. If you have received this newsletter by mail, the maps and links to this information can be found on CLR's website at [www.clra-bc.com/bulletins.html](http://www.clra-bc.com/bulletins.html).

### Venue Security Closures (Red Zones) – These areas will be closed 24 hours a day

- Expo and Pacific Boulevard (between Smithe Street and Quebec Street)
- Georgia and Dunsmuir Viaducts
- Quebec Street (between Terminal Street and Second Avenue)
- Canada Place and Waterfront Road
- Midlothian Avenue (between Dinmont Avenue and Ontario Street)
- Renfrew Street (between Hastings Street and McGill Street)

**Pedestrian Corridors** – These roads will be closed for pedestrian use only; Noon to Midnight

- Robson Street
- Granville Mall (Granville Street where the bars and clubs are primarily located)
- Beatty Street
- Hamilton Street
- Mainland Street
- David Lam Park and EasyPark also have a pedestrian corridor via Yaletown.

**Olympic Lanes** – Olympic lanes dedicated to vehicles permitted by VANOC, in effect 24 hours a day.

- Burrard Street, Burrard Bridge to Cordova Street
- Seymour Street, Granville Bridge to Cordova Street
- Howe Street, Cordova Street to Granville Bridge
- Pender Street, Beatty Street to Howe Street
- Cambie Street, Cambie Bridge to 59th Avenue

- Broadway, Arbutus Street to Commercial Drive
- Georgia Street, Richards Street to the Stanley Park Causeway
- Hastings Street, Richards Street to Boundary Road.

**Other Competition & Non-Competition Sites** – The following areas will also have increased traffic due to departure hubs, training sites, spectators, motor coaches, increased use of parking, etc.

- UBC Thunderbird Arena
- Richmond Oval
- YVR Vancouver International Airport
- Richmond O Zone Live Site
- Hillcrest
- Langara College
- Killarney Centre
- East Fraser Lands
- Britannia Centre
- BCIT
- Simon Fraser University
- Capilano University
- Trout Lake Centre (John Hendry Park)
- Pacific Coliseum @ Hastings Park

**City of Richmond – Traffic Management Plan** – The following areas will have road closures:

- Hollybridge Way
- River Road
- Surrounding areas of the Richmond Olympic Oval (off No. 2 Road)

The following areas will have lane closures:

- Gilbert Road (Between Granville Ave and Elmbridge Way)
- Elmbridge Way
- Minoru Blvd (Between Granville Ave. and Westminster Hwy)

Planned alternate routes during games time:

- Russ Baker Way
- No. 2 Rd
- Blundell Rd
- Westminster Hwy
- St. Albans Rd
- Garden City Rd

### **Useful Links, Other Maps & Presentations:**

- <http://olympichostcity.vancouver.ca/>
- <http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/about-vanoc/organizing-committee/public-communications/2010-winter-games-integrated-transp/-/64552/64558/5tszy4/2010-winter-games-integrated-t.html>

**Street Use Info:** • <http://olympichostcity.vancouver.ca/services/businessresources/streetuseinfo.htm>

**Street Use Application Form:** • <http://olympichostcity.vancouver.ca/pdf/2010%20Street%20Use%20Request%20Form.pdf>

**Transportation Planning for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games:**

- <http://www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/64/56/-/64560/prop=data/volyod/64560.pdf>

**Lions Gate Bridge:** • <http://www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/66/43/-/66434/prop=data/shtegn/66434.pdf>

**Ironworkers' Memorial Bridge:** • <http://www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/66/43/-/66436/prop=data/hfyly/66436.pdf>

**Whistler Creekside Map:** • <http://www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/66/43/-/66438/prop=data/u5cals/66438.pdf>

**Whistler Village Map:** • <http://www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/66/44/-/66440/prop=data/197no8q/66440.pdf>

**Olympic and Paralympic Village in Whistler:** • <http://www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/66/44/-/66442/prop=data/1xjes3f/66442.pdf>

**BC Transit Route Network – Overview:** • <http://www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/66/44/-/66444/prop=data/51g92w/66444.pdf>

**Departure Hubs in Vancouver:** • <http://www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/66/44/-/66446/prop=data/klxi61/66446.pdf>

**Host City Olympic Transportation Plan – Presentation Overview:**

- <http://olympichostcity.vancouver.ca/gettingaround/whattoexpect.htm>

**City of Richmond Transportation Plan:**

- <http://www.richmond.ca/discover/olympics/venuecity/2010transportation.htm>
- [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/Transportation\\_2010\\_GP\\_07060923149.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/Transportation_2010_GP_07060923149.pdf)

**Other Maps Mentioned in Article:**

- <http://olympichostcity.vancouver.ca/pdf/Olympic%20route%20network%20maps.pdf>
- <http://www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/66/43/-/66430/prop=data/1nhssmt/66430.pdf>
- <http://olympichostcity.vancouver.ca/gettingaround/driving/olympic-route-network.htm>
- <http://www.vancouver2010.com/dl/00/66/43/-/66430/prop=data/1nhssmt/66430.pdf>
- <http://olympichostcity.vancouver.ca/gettingaround/maps/olympicvenuemap.htm>
- [http://www.richmond.ca/\\_\\_shared/assets/2010tmp23213.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/2010tmp23213.pdf)

**Up-to-date information on managing commute:**

- <http://olympichostcity.vancouver.ca/gettingaround/driving/>