

MEDIA ADVISORY - December 1, 2022

Vancouver Park Board Commissioners Poised to Dismantle Protected Bike Lane

ABC leaders expected to vote to remove the temporary Stanley Park Drive cycling lane and return road space to drivers.

What? On Monday, the Vancouver Park Board is expected to approve a motion to

"immediately" remove the temporary protected bike lane on Stanley Park

Drive and direct staff to explore alternatives.

When? Monday, December 5, 6:30 PM

Where? Vancouver Park Board Boardroom, 2099 Beach Avenue, Vancouver.

Why? In October, Vancouver voters elected a new Park Board, with ABC candidates

winning six out of seven positions. ABC elected officials and campaign staffers subsequently stated that one of the first acts of the new Park Board will be to remove the protected bike lane from Stanley Park Drive for the

winter, redesign it, and reinstall it in time for next summer.

On Monday, the commissioners are expected to approve a motion to dismantle the protected bike lane and give the roadway back to drivers. The motion also directs staff to prepare a "planning outline" by February. It offers no timeline for restoring a protected bike lane to Stanley Park Drive.

On November 5, about 100 cyclists joined a celebratory group ride called "Love the Lane." They urged the new commissioners to leave the existing protected lane in place until a new design is ready to implement.

We will release a statement at <u>lovethelane.ca</u> following Monday's vote.