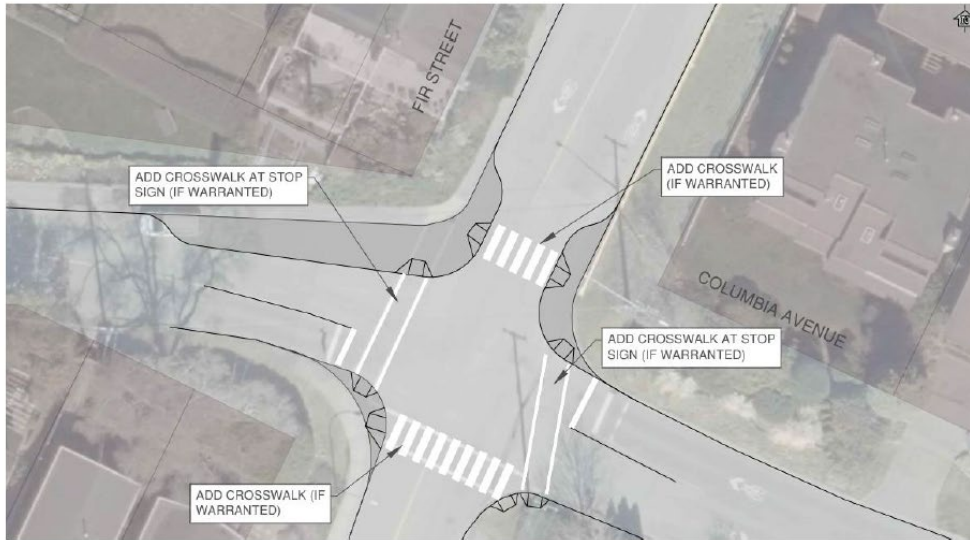


This is a follow up to the December 6<sup>th</sup> Question & Answer traffic safety question about the intersection of Columbia Avenue and Fir Street.

This intersection is identified in the City's ITIMP with a medium term priority (5-10 years out). See snippet below.

**Fir Street and Columbia Avenue:** Improvements include curb extensions to realign Columbia Avenue to be perpendicular to Fir Street as well as to improve sightlines, pedestrian safety, reduce pedestrian crossing distances, and reduce speeds of turning vehicles (see **Figure 25**).



*Figure 25: Fir Street and Columbia Avenue Illustrative Concept*

We can accelerate these improvements if traffic safety data and widespread community feedback shows that this work should be prioritized. Stop ahead signs are not going to improve sightlines, improve pedestrian safety or reduce speeds of vehicles, but they could possibly alert an unobservant motorist of the stop signs. We propose to monitor the situation over the next nine months and potentially request funding in the 2024 or later Financial Plans for the ITIMP improvements.

Best,

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