

IRREVERENT ARCHITECTURAL SPEAKERS SERIES TAKES TO PUBLIC TRANSIT

Moving Through: Features Mini-walks & Tours w/ 3 planners, 3 architects on 3 sites.

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(Vancouver, BC) Museum of Vancouver (MOV) is convening a cheeky, not-the-usual suspects, set of public conversations on Vancouver's built environment and urbanscapes in a series called, "This is Not an Architectural Speaker Series". The goal: to create lively and innovative talks and events that can involve citizens in provocative conversations about Vancouver's architecture.

Following an exciting Part One: Architectural Karaoke, MOV continues the series with **Moving Through**, a set of 3 in-situ presentations and mini-walks, guided by 3 architects and 3 planners, in 3 different locales. These participatory and fun explorations will talk about Vancouver's transit evolutions, and how they shape the places and spaces in which we live, work, & play.

"Discussions about architecture and design in Vancouver can be found in academic halls, conventions and professional gatherings and even online these days. Yet our built environment, the every day significance of architecture and planning are topics that demand a broader discussion. But without a regular public architectural speakers' series that can be rare," said MOV's Amanda Gibbs, one of three series' curators alongside Hanna Cho and architect Michael Green, from mgb architecture in North Vancouver.

Inspired by the walking tours given by urban enthusiasts around the world, **Moving Through** mini-walks will take place near Skytrain and Canada Line area locations, with a pair of expert guides (1 planner, 1 architect) from the City of Vancouver, TransLink, Vancouver Public Spaces Network, mgb architecture, VIA Architecture, and ph5 architecture. Walk themes are: **The Path(s) Not Taken: Viaducts, Expressways, and Almost Vancouvers**, **Speed and the Shape of the City: Vancouver's Evolving Transit-scapes** and **Evolution in Station-Area Planning the Cambie Corridor.**

There is no-cost to the walks but pre-registration is REQUIRED, and specific meeting details will be communicated by email the day before the event, ONLY to registered participants. The miniwalk will culminate in a special talk with Gordon Price from the SFU City Program, as well as an informal discussion over light refreshments at SFU Woodwards at 149 East Hastings.

This is Not an Architectural Speaker Series is presented by the Museum of Vancouver in collaboration with Michael Green and mgb architecture with the support of Canada Council for the Arts.

Mini-Walks are 10:30 - 11:30AM, Wrapup at SFU Woodwards is 12-2:30PM

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