

Proposed Centerm Expansion Project



What we've heard

In early 2016, we went out to the community and stakeholders to solicit early feedback on the proposed project during preliminary design. A preliminary comment period was held between January 18 and February 12, 2016. 72 people participated by submitting feedback forms, comments and attending small group stakeholder meetings. The following provides a summary of the things we heard the most during the preliminary consultation. More details can be found in the Summary Report and Consideration Report on porttalk.ca/centermexpansion.

What we heard	Centerm Expansion Project team response
<p>CRAB Park at Portside Concerns about potential impacts to CRAB Park at Portside, especially public access to the coastline, viewscales and water quality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand potential impacts the proposed project may have to the park, the park is being included in our studies of noise, air, views, shade and water circulation. The proposed project does not include any physical changes to the park during construction or operations. More information about CRAB Park at Portside is on the back of this info sheet including viewscape renderings.
<p>Traffic Potential increases in traffic congestion and impacts to the local road network</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential impacts on traffic, including cars and transit would be assessed. The Traffic Impact Study would include the port roads as well as the surrounding City of Vancouver street network. By increasing the number of cranes and the length of rail tracks, the capacity of the Intermodal Yard to ship containers by rail almost doubles.
<p>Rail operations Potential changes in rail operations and an increase in rail noise</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The concerns of the community are acknowledged and studies are being undertaken to better understand the effects of the project on rail operations. A Rail Operations Plan would be developed that considers future mitigation measures.
<p>Noise Potential increases in noise levels generally, and the need to sufficiently mitigate any impacts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Noise Study would evaluate the effect of increased noise within approximately five kilometres of the terminal and explore potential mitigation measures. The study includes model predictions of the potential effects of the project in the context of current conditions. The overall effect on noise would then be compared to established standards by Metro Vancouver and Health Canada.
<p>Safety Importance of an emergency response plan that addresses safety concerns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The port authority regularly works with first responders and other agencies responsible for spills, accidents and other emergencies to ensure efforts are closely coordinated. This includes local fire and police departments, the Canadian Coast Guard and others to ensure proper emergency preparedness and response. Safety in and around the harbour is a core function of the port authority. If the project is approved, the terminal's existing emergency response plans and fire safety plans would be further updated, based on input from other emergency response agencies.

CRAB Park at Portside

Since it opened in 1987, CRAB Park at Portside has been an important community green space in Vancouver's downtown eastside and waterfront. The City of Vancouver's Board of Parks and Recreation leases the park from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority on a long-term basis.

The proposed Centerm Expansion Project does not physically touch the park nor does it include physical changes to the park. If the expansion to the west is approved, park users would see one additional large crane, smaller cranes, and some stacked containers (see rendering below). The North Shore mountains would still be visible.



Current view of Centerm from CRAB Park at Portside



Rendering of proposed Centerm Expansion Project – view from CRAB Park at Portside

Should the project proceed to the application phase, there would be another opportunity for public comment on the project.

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