



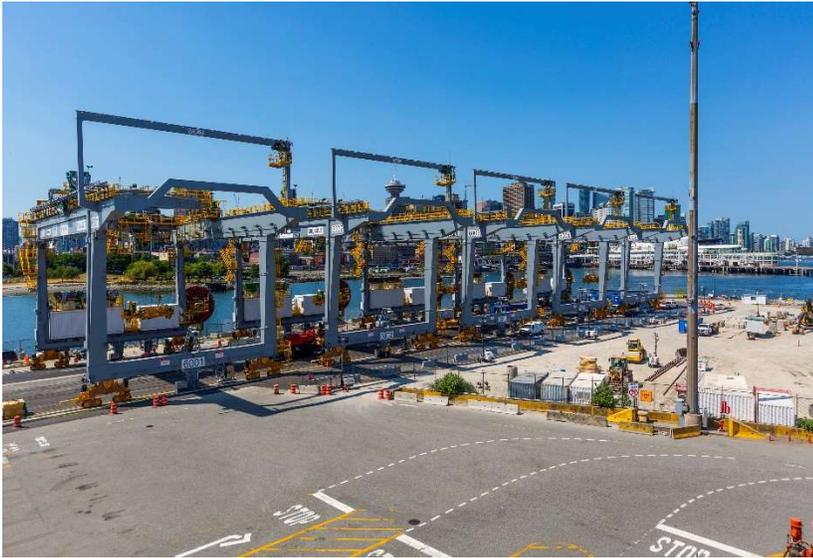
Centerm Expansion Project Newsletter

August 2021

You are receiving this email because you signed up to receive updates about the Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project.

What to expect this month

This month, work on the terminal and on the south shore continues.



Pictured: The five new rail-mounted gantry cranes in their new location on terminal.

Road work - Where to enter the port this month

Commissioner Street entrance

- Open to Port Pass holders driving passenger vehicles
- Open to all commercial trucks (including non-Port Pass holders)

Clark Drive overpass

- Entrance for visitors driving passenger vehicles without Port Passes (relocated from Heatley Avenue)
- Open to Port Pass holders with commercial straight trucks (five-tons maximum)
- Open to Port Pass holders driving passenger vehicles
- Closed to semi-trailer, container, and dump trucks

Heatley Avenue overpass – Permanently closed on August 15, 2021

- Closed to all commercial vehicles, regardless of access permissions. Please use Commissioner Street entrance
- **The Heatley Avenue overpass will be permanently closed to all traffic on August 15, 2021**
- Heatley Avenue overpass will remain accessible to pedestrians and cyclists with a valid port pass (entering and exiting port lands)

To exit the port:

- All vehicle traffic west of Rogers Street – port authority maintenance, CXP, DP World (including container, commercial, semi-trailer, and dump trucks) **must use the new Centennial Road overpass** exiting at either Clark Drive or Commissioner Street as of [date]
- All vehicle traffic east of Rogers Street – Rogers Sugar/Lantic, Alliance Grain Terminal (AGT) and Vanterm (including container, commercial, semi-trailer, and dump trucks) **must use the Low Road, south lane underneath the new Centennial Road overpass** exiting at either Clark Drive or Commissioner Street as of July 4, 2021

Stewart Street overpass – Open to two lane traffic (one lane eastbound and one lane westbound)

Stewart Street – West of Clark Drive

- Single-lane alternating traffic may be in place Low Road periodically between the Clark Drive overpass and Rogers Street to facilitate ongoing construction activities
- Please adhere to traffic flagger direction and traffic signage

Centennial Road overpass

- **The new Centennial Road overpass opened on July 4, 2021**
- Port road users can expect intermittent staged alternating lane closures during working hours on the overpass
- Lanes will remain open during construction to allow access to Centerm Terminal
- Signage and flaggers are in place to minimize delays and direct traffic, and pedestrians will continue to have access

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Project progress update

On-the-terminal work

The third phase of construction for the north yard reconfiguration is ongoing. Construction in this area will be completed shortly and handed over to the terminal operator before construction can progress to the fourth phase of the reconfiguration.

Demolition of the Heatley Avenue overpass is underway, and the first section of the overpass was demolished in early July. This will allow for construction of the foundations for the new truck gate infrastructure. The permanent closure of the Heatley Avenue overpass, scheduled for mid-August, will allow for the demolition to continue later this month.

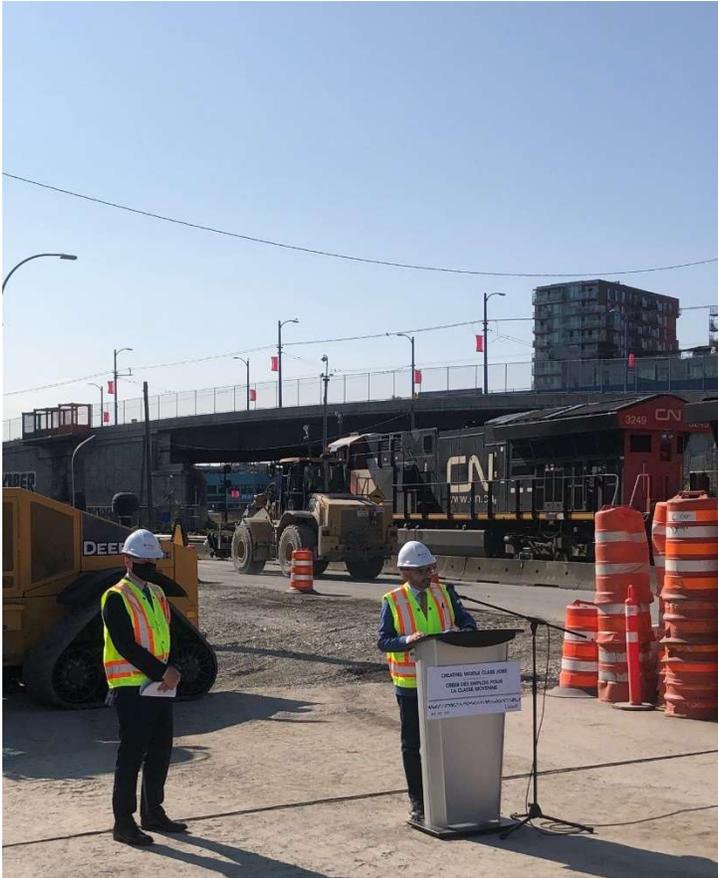
Container operations facility

The exterior of the container operations facility is substantially complete. Inside the facility, work is underway to complete the mechanical and electrical systems, while the terminal operator has started the office fit-out.

Special guest at the opening celebration for the Centennial Road overpass

Last month, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, minister of transport was in Vancouver to announce the recapitalization of the [National Trade Corridor Fund](#) and announce the opening of the new Centennial Road overpass.

Minister Alghabra expressed his thanks to the teams and partners working on this project in Vancouver, and recognized the challenging circumstances faced during the pandemic to keep the supply chain fluid and efficient.



Pictured: Omar Alghabra, minister of transport delivering congratulatory remarks

Maplewood Marine Restoration Project update

This summer, the port authority is undertaking eelgrass transplanting work as part of the planting phase of the [Maplewood Marine Restoration Project](#). Marine works construction for the project wrapped up in May 2020, and this remaining phase of the project is nearing completion.

The Maplewood Marine Restoration Project, located in Burrard Inlet along the North Shore, was identified as a restoration priority by the Tsleil-Waututh Nation and will in part, offset the expansion of the Centerm container terminal.

The project involves transplanting about 125,000 eelgrass shoots to create a 1.5-hectare eelgrass bed, which will be the largest eelgrass transplant ever performed in Burrard Inlet. Eelgrass provides important refuge and nursery habitat for juvenile fish.

As of the end of July, over 90% of eelgrass harvesting and transplanting was completed, and this phase of the project is expected to be entirely complete by mid-August.

How is eelgrass transplanted?

Eelgrass transplanting is a three-step process which involves divers harvesting eelgrass shoots at sites in Bedwell Bay and at Roberts Banks, hand-preparing these eelgrass shoots ashore by attaching metal weights to them to help these shoots remain in the seabed once they have been transplanted, and then planting each shoot. Through consultation, the port authority worked with Indigenous groups to assess and select the eelgrass harvesting sites, and community members have been involved in the work.

Did you know?

To date, 112,411 eelgrass shoots have been transplanted in the Maplewood basin on the North Shore.



Pictured: Eelgrass shoots hand-prepared prior to transplant



Pictured: Dive vessel at the Maplewood basin site

Maintenance dredging

This month, the port authority is undertaking its annual maintenance dredging at berths five and six at the Centerm Terminal. Dredging will begin on August 16 and end on August 31, 2021, and will take place up to 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

During this time, nearby residents and businesses can expect to hear typical ship and crane noise associated with the dredge equipment and stand-by tug. We are mitigating noise impacts by positioning stationary equipment to minimize noise disturbance and shutting down heavy equipment when not active. Directional and motion activated lighting will be used where appropriate to minimize light impacts.

For more information, see the [notification letter](#) that was distributed to residents and businesses in the area on August 2, 2021.

Full closure of the Heatley Avenue overpass

On August 15, 2021 the Heatley Avenue overpass will be permanently closed to all vehicle traffic. This will enable the progression of the staged demolition of the overpass, which is anticipated to be complete in spring 2022. During the first two stages of stage of demolition, pedestrian, and cyclist access will be maintained on the overpass in order to allow for port pass holders to access port lands.

The staged demolition of the Heatley Avenue overpass began in July 2021 and, to date, excavators have removed the concrete retaining walls at the base of the ramp.

For more information, see the [notification letter](#) on the project website.



Pictured: Excavators breaking down the concrete

Photo gallery



Pictured: Truck travelling on the new Centennial Road overpass



Pictured: Container operations facility

About the projects

The port authority is building the Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project to help meet anticipated near-term demand for containers shipped through the Port of Vancouver. The projects include a new overpass for Centennial Road, making Waterfront Road a continuous road along the south shore of the harbour, and a reconfiguration and expansion of the Centerm terminal.

Construction work on these projects is being done by CXP.



Centerm: Current view



Centerm: Rendering of view following construction completion

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