



December 1, 2021

Re: Update on the Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project - Extended work hours and permit extension

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is writing to notify you of two updates on the [Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project](#):

1. The project received approval to extend work outside of the port authority's regular work hours between November 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022
2. The project received approval to extend the project permit for one year, from April 30, 2022 until April 30, 2023

The Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project includes the expansion of Centerm Container Terminal, and updates to port roads along the south shore, which connect to and service the terminal. Construction activity started in July 2019, with an anticipated completion date of April 2023.

Extended work hours

We requested extended work hours outside of the port authority's regular work hours (Monday to Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) in order to continue to carry out land-based construction activities required on the project. Earlier this week, the project received approval to conduct these activities between November 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022 and work will continue to take place 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Work began on November 1.

What to expect

During this time, construction activities on the terminal will continue to take place 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Activities on the terminal and along port roadways are generally low noise and low light emitting activities that should not significantly impact residents. Wherever possible, we will conduct noise producing activities during standard port authority working hours.

Construction activities

On the terminal construction activities include:

- Installation of new rail-mounted gantry cranes
- Rail construction, including intermodal yard track 5 construction
- Rubber-tire gantry crane grade beams construction
- Utility construction and upgrades work
- Electrical and communications works, including rail signalization work
- High mast light tower installation works
- Relocation of refrigerated container tower
- Building construction works, including truck gates canopy and guardhouse entrance construction
- Equipment and material mobilization/demobilization and creation/modification/close-out of work areas
- Concrete pouring, asphalt paving and line painting
- Surveys

Permit extension

The Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project received a project permit from the port authority in April 2018 that expires on April 30, 2022. While the construction of all components are progressing well, we requested to extend the project permit to April 20, 2023 to allow the project flexibility to complete some construction activities before the project can be deemed complete.

Permit amendment review process

As part of the port authority's project and environmental review process, a notice was posted on the Impact Assessment Agency (IAA) website and a 30-day public comment period was held from October 15 to November 14, 2021. During this time, the public was invited to provide feedback on the permit amendment request.

About the project

The Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project is a series of improvements to the Centerm container terminal and associated roadways to help meet anticipated near-term demand for container trade through the Port of Vancouver, and reduce travel delays. The terminal footprint will be increased by approximately 15% and the aligned reconfiguration of the terminal will allow for us to achieve a 60% increase in throughput capacity when complete. Roadway upgrades include building the Centennial Road overpass over nearby rail tracks, and extending Waterfront Road to connect it to Centennial Road. In July 2021 we completed the construction of the Centennial Road overpass, and it is now open to container truck traffic.

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete this important project as safely and efficiently as possible.

If you have questions about this project, please feel free to contact the project team at centerm.expansion@portvancouver.com or by phone at 604.665.9563. For more information about these projects, visit www.portvancouver.com/centerm-expansion.

Sincerely,

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority