



Centerm Expansion Project Newsletter

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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: View of the completed western expansion area.

Road work – Where to enter the port this month

Commissioner Street entrance

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

Clark Drive overpass

- **Only entrance for pedestrians and cyclists** accessing/exiting DP World, CXP and the port authority maintenance facility with Port Passes via the detour route under the Centennial Road overpass
- **Only entrance for visitors** driving passenger vehicles without Port Passes
- 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 – use Commissioner Street entrance**

Heatley Avenue overpass – Permanently closed to vehicle traffic and pedestrians and cyclists and demolition underway

To enter the port:

- Access via Clark Drive for pedestrians and cyclists accessing/exiting DP World, CXP and the port authority maintenance facility with Port Passes via the detour route under the Centennial Road overpass

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**
- 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

Centennial Road overpass

- The overpass is open during construction to allow access to Centerm Terminal
- Signage and flaggers are in place to minimize delays and direct traffic, and **pedestrians and cyclists can access Centerm and the port authority maintenance office from Clark Drive** after the permanent closure of the Heatley Avenue overpass on April 25, 2022

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Project progress update

On-the-terminal update

Our work to reconfigure the container yard on terminal is ongoing, including removing and grading asphalt, constructing the high-mast light tower, rubber-tire gantry (RTG) crane beam and paving.

The terminal is now also now equipped with additional shore power. Shore power is a technology that enables ships to shut down their engines while they load and unload, and plug into a land-based electrical power source on the terminal. It reduces air emissions and engine noise.

Resuming demolition work on the project

The process of demolishing the Heatley Avenue overpass also involved dismantling DP World's former operations centre, located at the foot of the overpass.

In April, DP World staff moved into the new container operations facility on the terminal, and this allowed us to demolish the vacant building. Excavators took down the building in just two days! It was impressive to see this machinery tear down the walls and the structural beams with ease.

Did you know?

Before the demolition of the building at the foot of the Heatley Avenue overpass took place, the Vancouver Police Department used DP World's former operations facility as a training site for a day. The training included simulating various scenarios and it enabled police officers to update their operational skills in real-time. This proved to be a great opportunity for the police department, as the vacant building was ideal for a training exercise.



Pictured: Keeping a close eye on the demolition!

Extended work hours approved for the demolition of the Heatley Avenue overpass

Last week, we received [approval](#) to carry out activities outside of regular work hours for the demolition of the Heatley Avenue overpass. We requested extended work hours outside of the port authority's regular Monday to Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. work hours to continue to carry out demolition activities associated with the removal of the portion of the Heatley Avenue overpass over the rail tracks.

The demolition of the Heatley Avenue overpass is one of the final major activities underway as part of the project. The demolition has been scheduled in phases, with phase one completed at the end of 2021, and phase two expected to be complete by September 2022.

The demolition of the three bridge spans over the rail tracks will occur over three weekends between 4:00 a.m. on Saturdays to 11:59 p.m. on Sundays to accommodate the closure of rail lines below the overpass. The three weekends of work will be spaced out over three consecutive months of May, June, and July 2022. The first weekend scheduled for demolition activities is May 28, 2022. Demolition work during weekends in June and July is subject to approval by the railways.

On Saturday mornings at 5:00 a.m., activities will include equipment mobilization, preparation, surveys, and setup. Heavy demolition would follow during daytime hours Saturdays, cleanup Saturday nights and Sundays, and contingency for rail repairs on Sundays, with return to service of the affected rail tracks by early Monday mornings. There will be no heavy demolition taking place at night. Advance notification to residents and businesses will be provided through the project newsletter, web updates and [mail drop](#) to residences and businesses near the Heatley Avenue overpass.

Community benefits

Once we remove the Heatley Avenue overpass, there will no longer be any truck traffic coming over the overpass. This will reduce truck traffic on city streets, as trucks leaving the terminals on the south shore will have to use the new Centennial Road overpass to get to Highway 1.

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete this important project activity as safely and efficiently as possible. This demolition of the Heatley Avenue overpass is the last piece of significant work as we near project completion.

Let's keep wildlife safe

Springtime brings new blossoms, longer days, and lighter evenings, as wildlife becomes more active and visible.

The project is located in an area abundant with biodiversity, and preventing conflicts in urban areas during construction is our responsibility and a key priority for the project given the rich sea life, mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians that live in the area.

Here are some ways that we are working to keep them (and us) safe:

- Do not touch or feed wildlife
- Protect wildlife from accidental injuries by reducing vehicle or boat speed when sighted
- Ensure that wildlife attractants such as food, garbage, or other materials with strong odours are well disposed of. Where garbage containers are required, use containers inaccessible to wildlife likely to frequent the site (secure lid).



Pictured: One of the project's neighbours

Photo gallery



Pictured: Aerial view of DP World's former operations centre before demolition



Pictured: Rubble from the demolition of DP World's former operations centre, to be disposed offsite

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.

CXP is completing the construction work on these projects.



Centerm: Current view



Centerm: Rendering of view following construction completion

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