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Re: **South Shore construction update and associated traffic impacts**

The Port of Vancouver plays a vital economic role in Canada by connecting consumers and businesses with the global marketplace, ensuring the supply of important and essential goods right across the country. As we respond to the extraordinary circumstances of COVID-19, the safety and health of our employees, customers, operators, and other stakeholders is our top priority. The port remains open for business, and we continue our work to deliver on critical trade-enabling projects such as the Centerm Expansion Project.

As part of the [Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project](#), we are building the Centennial Road overpass which will improve port roads and emergency response, and reduce travel delays and congestion for port users and businesses.

The new overpass, located west of Clark Drive, will eliminate road and rail conflicts along Stewart Street and Centennial Road at Vanterm West, Alliance Grain Terminal, and Rogers Sugar/Lantic.

We are experiencing high container volumes leading up to the holiday season. To manage traffic flow on the South Shore, we are working with our project contractor, terminal operators, and the trucking community.

Current construction activities:

- Pier and column construction for the overpass underway along Stewart Street adjacent to Vanterm's truck entrance and exit

The map below shows the Centennial Road overpass pier and column locations, identified by the red dots from A0 to A12.

Traffic changes:

- Along the construction area on Stewart Street, vehicles will enter a **single-lane alternating** traffic zone (identified in the map below as A12, P11, P10, and P9 to Rogers Street)



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What to expect:

- Road users on the South Shore are likely to notice an increase in traffic, including possible delays and congestion along Stewart Street.
- The current detour will continue: one lane westbound (on top of the Rogers Sugar/Lantic rail siding) shared by Alliance Grain Terminal for their rail switches.

Work on the overpass construction began in July and is ongoing. Work hours are Monday to Saturday between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Portions of construction on Centennial Road will take place 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To help manage traffic impacts in the area, we are:

- Adjusting traffic signal timing on Heatley Avenue to reduce truck congestion
- Removing southbound parking at Heatley Avenue to allow trucks to turn (lane south of Powell Street to Cordova Street, and lane south of Cordova Street to Hastings Street)
- Installing signage to ensure truck drivers follow appropriate truck routes
- Using traffic control personnel to manage traffic

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete these important upgrades to port roadways.

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 and sign up to receive our monthly email update.

Sincerely,

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority