



June 25, 2021

Re: Permit amendment decision and construction schedule on the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project

Dear resident,

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is writing to notify you of the permit amendment approval to continue some construction work activities outside of regular work hours for the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project from late June to October 2021.

About the project permit amendment

A new amendment to the project permit was required because a new period of extended construction hours was requested. The amendment to the project permit was required because construction of this project is in the same area as construction activities for the Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project. The area is narrow and complex, with a number of challenges for construction and users of port roads. To address these challenges, the project team needs to be able to continue to work during extended hours and on Sundays until late October 2021.

Construction activities

General construction work is during the day, Monday to Friday between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Low-impact construction activities overnight Monday to Saturday between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. (see schedule for details). The approved extended hours work will continue between June 28, 2021 and late October 2021. In response to the feedback received for the previous permit amendment request, there will be no construction activities on statutory holidays, and no construction work on Sunday nights.

Night works will take place along Commissioner Street, north of the CP tracks, between Nanaimo Street and New Brighton Road. Construction activities that will take place during the day include underground utility work, installing overhead and underground infrastructure, electrical work, constructing retaining walls and asphalt paving, as well as relocating sanitary sewer.

Attached is an approved schedule with specific construction activities and work hours outlining activities from June 28 to August 31, 2021. Activities include general construction work, high-impact work during the day, and low-impact night work. Given the complexity of the project, the dates and specific construction activities may change.

What to expect

As much as possible, we will limit the nightshift and Sunday work. Please note that activities will generate noise and some light from the project site, but will not be continuous. To address these impacts, we will implement the following measures to reduce noise and light as much as possible:

- Conducting activities that may result in more noise, such as excavation using a vacuum truck (hydrovac), in the early hours of the night shift (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
- Shrouding stationary equipment to contain the noise
- Facing lights on construction site away from residences
- Using silent pumps during the bypass pumping for Metro Vancouver sanitary sewer relocation activities
- Ensuring all noticeable noise (such as white noise back up beepers on equipment) is well within 70 dBA as per WorkSafeBC construction guidelines

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A new process, in place since April 2021, has been created to field project-related noise related inquiries and complaints. Please share any queries to csrr@portvancouver.com. To effectively monitor and respond to your queries, please submit the following information:

- Date and time of noise
- Description of noisy activity
- If this noise is new or has been heard since the start of construction on the project
- Location of the source of the noise or where it is being heard from

About the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project

This project is underway in coordination with Canadian Pacific (CP) to help improve the cargo capacity of port terminals on the south shore of Burrard Inlet in preparation for growth in Canadian trade. The project includes:

- Removing the old Columbia Containers grain silo (complete)
- Building new retaining walls
- Relocating and building new utilities
- Realigning Commissioner Street and adding traffic lanes near Columbia Containers to improve traffic flow
- Installing additional rail track (led by CP) to increase rail capacity

These improvements will:

- Improve port truck movements and traffic flows
- Improve access to terminal facilities for commercial traffic
- Enable safe and efficient access to port lands for employees and service providers
- Provide land for rail track expansion, supporting trade growth and more local and national jobs

The project is funded by the port authority and the Government of Canada through the National Trade Corridors Fund.

Project map



We are providing notification to the public through website updates and our project email newsletter. Please send any questions you may have about the project to our project team at csrr@portvancouver.com, or we encourage you to sign up to receive project updates through our newsletter at portvancouver.com/commissioner.

Sincerely,

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority