



September 15, 2021

**Re: Fall 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 fall construction schedule for the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project. The construction schedule outlines some construction work activities outside of regular work hours from early September to the end of October 2021.

Construction activities

Between September 1 and October 31, 2021, construction activities will continue during port authority standard work hours (Monday to Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.). In addition, some works will take place outside of port authority standard work hours, as shown in the attached schedule.

These include some low-impact construction activities overnight from Monday to Saturday between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and general construction works on Sundays between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Starting September 26, crews will need to run temporary bypass pumping 24 hours a day, seven days a week for a duration of up to 20 days. Silent pumps will be located at Manhole S1 and at the New Brighton Road work site. The approved [permit](#) allows for the continuation of extended hours of work between September 1, 2021 and October 31, 2021.

Construction activities that will take place during the day include underground utility work, installing overhead and underground infrastructure, electrical work, cast-in-place concrete and asphalt paving, as well as relocating sanitary sewer.

Attached is an approved fall schedule with specific construction activities and work hours from September 1 to October 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 work. Please note that activities will generate noise and some light from the project site, but will not be continuous except the bypass pumping as noted above. 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

Since April 2021, the port authority has a new process in place 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 (complete)
- Relocating and building new utilities
- Realignment 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