



October 27, 2021

**Re: Permit amendment update and November construction schedule on the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project**

Dear resident,

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is writing to notify you that we are awaiting approval to conduct some construction activities outside of regular work hours in November. Should the hours be approved, construction activities between November 1 and November 30, 2021 will continue during port authority standard work hours (Monday to Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.), and some works will take place outside of port authority standard work hours, as shown in the attached schedule.

**About the project permit amendment**

A new amendment to the project permit is required because we have two major activities on the critical path to complete the project: asphalt paving and bypass pumping. Both activities are weather sensitive and must be conducted in dry conditions. This request to amend the project permit is to allow the project to have flexibility to complete the activities described above. We anticipate completion of the project by end of November. However, this may extend of end of December depending on weather conditions.

**Construction activities**

Between November 1 and November 30, 2021, construction activities will continue during port authority standard work hours and some works will take place outside of port authority standard work hours, as shown in the construction schedule. Given the complexity of the project and weather conditions, the dates in the construction schedule may change.

Some low-impact construction activities will take place overnight from Monday to Saturday between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; and as requested by the East Vancouver Port Land (EVPL) committee, general construction works will take place on Sundays between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Starting November 1, crews will need to run temporary bypass pumping 24 hours a day, seven days a week for a duration of up to 20 days (weather dependent). Shrouded pumps will be located at Manhole S1 and at the New Brighton Road work site.

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. Paving will be done during the day, but will start late in the day on weekdays (from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.) in order to finish before 10:00 p.m. to avoid cold nights and quality issues. We will also take advantage of one or more Sundays in November if it is dry and pave the road during the day.

**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 for 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:

- Conduct 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.)
- Cover stationary equipment to contain the noise
- Face lights on construction site away from residences
- Use silent pumps where possible during the bypass pumping for Metro Vancouver sanitary sewer relocation activities

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- Ensure all noticeable noise (such as white noise back up beepers on equipment) is well within 70 dBA, as per WorkSafeBC construction guidelines

In April 2021, the port authority launched a new process to field project-related noise inquiries and complaints. Please direct any queries to [csrr@portvancouver.com](mailto: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**

The port authority is leading the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project and we are working 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:

- The removal of 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](#).

We are providing project status updates and notifications to the public on our website and via our project email newsletter. We will update our website and send a newsletter once a decision is made on the proposed extended hours in November.

Please send any questions you may have about the project to our project team at [csrr@portvancouver.com](mailto:csrr@portvancouver.com), or we encourage you to sign up to receive project updates through our newsletter at [portvancouver.com/commissioner](http://portvancouver.com/commissioner).

Sincerely,

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority