

Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project Newsletter

November 2021

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Permit amendment approval

Construction on the [Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project](#) is progressing well, including for critical weather-dependent work.

The Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment project team received approval to conduct certain construction activities outside of regular working hours in November 2021. The amended project permit can be found [here](#).

Construction activities in November 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 [schedule](#). Activities include general construction work, high-impact work during the day, and some low-impact work overnight. The low-impact overnight activities include bypass pumping, maintenance hole excavation and installation, pipe laying for Metro Vancouver sewer pipe, asphalt paving and line painting. Given the complexity of the project and weather conditions, the dates and specific construction activities may change.



What to expect

As much as possible, the project team will limit work overnight. Please note that activities will generate noise and some light from the project site, but will not be continuous, except for the temporary bypass pumping. Once initiated, bypass pumping will need to run 24 hours a day, seven days a week for a duration of up to 20 days (weather dependent). Bypass pumping will be located at Manhole S1 and at the New Brighton Road work site.

To address these impacts, the project team will implement the following measures to reduce noise and light where applicable:

- 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.)
- Implement shrouding to stationary equipment
- Face lights on construction site away from residences

- Use silent pumps during the bypass pumping for Metro Vancouver sanitary sewer relocation activities where available or use shrouding around the pump station to minimize noise
- Keep noticeable noise (such as back-up beepers on equipment) within 70 dB, as per WorkSafeBC construction guidelines
- Apply broadband backup alarms for equipment operating after 8:00 p.m.
- Use noise monitoring station to monitor noise along the road

Noise monitoring stations

Noise monitoring on the project is taking place at a few locations near the project site. There are two stationary noise monitors on the Commissioner Street, one along Renfrew Street and one along Nanaimo Street. We also use a mobile device to monitor noise on the hill from Dusty Greenwell Park when performing noisy activities.

Noise inquiries

The project team has implemented a process to track and respond to project-related inquiries about noise. We invite you to direct any noise queries pertaining to the project to csrr@portvancouver.com.

To effectively monitor and respond to your noise queries, please include the following information:

- Date and time of noise (day and night)
- Description of noisy activity
- If this noise is new or has been heard since the project started construction on April 12, 2021
- Location of the source of the noise, or where it is being heard from

Photo gallery



Pictured: Paving completed in front of Columbia Containers



Pictured: Two lanes are now open on north side of the road for traffic

About the project

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is undertaking a roadwork project to widen and realign Commissioner Street to the north between Nanaimo Street and Slocan Street in order to make room for Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) to add additional rail tracks. This project is being done to help improve the cargo capacity of port terminals on the south shore of Burrard Inlet in preparation for growth in Canadian trade, and to fulfill our mandate to enable trade through the Port of Vancouver. The project received funding from the Government of Canada through the [National Trade Corridors Fund](#).

B&B Heavy Civil Construction Ltd. is completing the project.

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