



November 26, 2021

**Re: Permit amendment update and winter 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 construction activities outside of regular work hours in December 2021 and January 2022 for the [Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project](#). Should the hours be approved, construction activities between December 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022 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 winter construction schedule.

About the project permit amendment

The new amendment to the project permit is required to allow the project to complete two outstanding construction activities (see attached schedule). Both activities are weather dependent and must be conducted in dry conditions. These activities were planned for November but were delayed due to recent extreme weather.

While we anticipate to substantially complete the project by end of December, the requested amendment to the project permit is to allow the project flexibility to complete key construction activities when weather permits, which may extend to the end of January depending on weather conditions.

Construction activities

Between December 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022, 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.

Starting on December 1, low-impact construction activities will take place overnight from Monday to Saturday between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and general construction works will take place on Sundays between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Also, starting on December 1, construction crews will need to run temporary bypass pumping 24 hours a day, seven days a week for a duration of up to 25 days, depending on the weather. If the weather does not permit this activity, bypass pumping will be postponed to January 2022. Shrouded pumps to mitigate noise will be located near the two work sites, at Maintenance Hole S1 and near the New Brighton Road work site.

Construction activities that will take place during the day include underground utility work, electrical work, cast-in-place concrete and asphalt paving, as well as relocating sanitary sewer. Paving will be done during the day on weekdays and weekends, however if lane closures are required, work will start late in the day (from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.) in order to finish before 10:00 p.m. We will conduct work on Sunday, weather permitting. No work is planned over the holiday period, between December 24 and 26, 2021, December 31, 2021, and January 1 and 2, 2022.

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

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- Face lights on construction site away from residences
- Use silent pumps where possible during the bypass pumping for Metro Vancouver sanitary sewer relocation activities, or use shrouding around the pump station
- Ensure all noticeable noise (such as white noise back up beepers on equipment) is well within 70 dBA, as per WorkSafeBC construction guidelines
- Use noise monitoring station to monitor noise along the road

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. 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
- Realigning Commissioner Street and adding traffic lanes near Columbia Containers to improve traffic flow (complete)
- Installing additional rail track to increase rail capacity (led by CP, and currently being reviewed under the port authority's Project and Environmental Review process)

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 December and January.

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