



Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project Newsletter

December 2021

You are receiving this email because you signed up to receive updates about the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project.

Happy holidays!

Warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year from all of us at the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.



Permit amendment approval

Construction on the [Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project](#) is progressing well, considering the recent weather events.

The Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project team received approval to conduct certain construction activities outside of regular working hours in December 2021 and January 2022. The original project permit and subsequent permit amendments can be found [here](#).

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 [winter construction schedule](#).

Starting on December 1, 2021, low-impact construction activities began overnight and will continue 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. Additionally, as of December 2, 2021, 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 early 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. We will conduct work on Sunday, weather permitting.

No work is planned over the holiday period, between December 24 and 26, 2021, on December 31, 2021, or on 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
- 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 stations 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 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 enquiries

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

To help us effectively monitor and respond to your noise queries, we ask that you 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: New vegetation (rock garden broom and Karl forester reed grass) planted in front of Columbia Containers



Pictured: Pouring concrete for the grit chamber covers, part of the new sewer line

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.

Contact us

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