



June 10, 2022

Re: Update on the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project - Extended work hours and summer construction schedule approved

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is writing to notify you that we received approval to conduct construction activities outside of regular work hours, including bypass pumping and complete the relocation of the Metro Vancouver sanitary sewer, between June 29 and July 31, 2022.

This work is one of the final major activities underway as part of the [Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project](#). Project construction started in February 2021 and will be completed in the summer of 2022.

Extended work hours

We requested extended work hours outside of the port authority's regular Monday to Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. work hours to complete the following remaining project activities:

- Setting up for bypass pumping for Metro Vancouver new sewer (starting late May)
- Bypass pumping (planned to begin the first week of July 2022)
- Lane painting (planned for July 2022)
- Relocating Bell fibre system along the rail corridor (planned for summer 2022)

Activities are weather dependent and must be done in dry conditions. These activities were originally planned for November 2021, but were delayed until summer 2022 due to rainy weather.

What to expect

Between June 29 and July 31, 2022, we will be completing bypass pumping activities and related road works and lane painting during port authority standard work hours along a portion of Commissioner Street. In addition, some work will take place outside of port authority standard work hours, as shown in the schedule attached. Pending weather conditions, the dates in the schedule may change.

Starting on June 29 until July 9, 2022 (inclusive), high-impact construction activities will take place overnight between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to run temporary bypass pumping until the installation of the new Metro Vancouver sanitary pipe is complete. Bypass pumping has to run continuously during this period of time because the sewer flow from the old sanitary pipe has to be diverted to avoid spillage while we switch to the new Metro Vancouver sanitary pipe. We are using shrouded pumps to mitigate noise near the two work sites at Victoria Drive and New Brighton Road.

As much as possible, we will limit the night shift work. Activities will generate noise and localized lighting from the project site, but will not be continuous except for the bypass pumping, as noted above. We recognize this is a disturbance to the surrounding community and to minimize impacts, the contractor will implement the following mitigation measures:

- Conduct those 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

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- 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 allow us 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

Supporting the community

The project set up a community amenity to thank the community for your patience during construction. With input from the East Vancouver Port Lands (EVPL) committee, we have identified community organizations in East Vancouver that would benefit from funding. More details to be released shortly.

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](#).

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