



Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project Newsletter

February 2021

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Road works starting in March

After a pause in construction activities to allow for selection of a contractor, construction on the Commissioner Street Road and Rail Realignment Project will resume as early as March 1, 2021 and is expected to be complete by spring 2022.

Construction activities

During construction, Commissioner Street from Renfrew Street to Nanaimo Street will be rebuilt to make room for CP to add additional tracks in its right of way. To complete this work, excavators and/or other equipment will be used to cut concrete, load materials into dump trucks for disposal, and install new concrete pavement. Utilities such as sanitary, storm, water, and electrical will be relocated and new utilities will be installed. Some trees will also be removed near the Columbia Containers' site, however, they will be replaced once construction is complete.

What to expect

Nearby residents and businesses can expect noise associated with construction activities, such as saw cutting, excavating, dumping material, concrete removal and grinding, and loading materials into trucks. During construction, residents and business operators can also expect some light impacts, however these may be less noticeable as the days get longer.

Engagement reporting

We recently concluded a public comment period regarding a permit amendment request that is currently under review. The [engagement summary report](#) is available on our website.

Permit amendment request under review

In November 2020, the project team submitted a request through the port authority's [Project and Environmental Review](#) process to conduct some construction activities outside of regular work hours, between 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., Mondays to Sundays from March 1, 2021 to September 4, 2021, as needed.

Reason for permit amendment request

The amendment to the project permit is required because construction of this project is in the same area as construction activities for the [Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project](#). The area is narrow and complex, presenting a number of challenges for construction and users of port roads. To address these challenges, the project construction team needs to be able to work during extended hours and on Sundays.

Public engagement on permit amendment request

The public comment period for the proposed amendment was held from December 14, 2020 to January 6, 2021.

Status of permit amendment request

The permit amendment request is currently under review. We will provide notification, including proposed mitigation measures, should the amendment be approved.

Girder installation on Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project



Pictured: First span of girders installed in early February.

With substructure work for the overpass well underway, the next span of concrete beams that provide support for the bridge deck, known as girders, will be installed in early March. Extended flatbed truck will deliver these humongous and heavy concrete beams to the front of Terminal Dock on Commissioner Street for a period of about 24 hours before they are moved to project site for installation.

Any impacts to residents?

As with the first girder delivery in February, no noticeable impacts are expected with the delivery and staging of the next span of girders.

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 the project received funding from the Government of Canada through the [National Trade Corridors Fund](#).

The project is being delivered by B&B Heavy Civil Construction Ltd.

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