



The Port of Vancouver is Canada's largest port. Each day, commodities and goods from across Canada arrive at the port by rail and road for export, and consumer and manufacturing goods from around the world are imported to Canada. This trade is growing, which means more trade-related traffic through the Lower Mainland.

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has a mandate to facilitate Canada's trade objectives and is working with partners on projects to ensure road and rail networks in the region operate efficiently and address impacts of increasing trade relating to safety, congestion, community access and general livability.

## About the project

The port authority is leading proposed road and rail improvements within the Fraser Surrey Port Lands to alleviate traffic congestion and rail crossing delays, and improve the ability of port tenants to move trade. The Fraser Surrey Port Lands is an industrial area situated alongside Highway 17 at Tannery Road, bordering the municipalities of Surrey and Delta.

Through a collaborative planning process, the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum identified upgrades to the Fraser Surrey Port Lands as a priority. In 2019, the port authority received funding from Transport Canada's National Trade Corridors Fund to complete design and construction of the Fraser Surrey Port Lands Transportation Improvements Project.

## The proposed project includes:

- Creation of a Timberland Road (south) route for traffic to travel through the Fraser Surrey Port Lands
- Conversion of the Timberland Road three-way intersection at Tannery Road to a standard four-way intersection
- Implementation of vehicle access control system gates
- Upgrades to six at-grade railway crossings to meet federal standards
- Implementation of street lighting, relocation of closed-circuit television cameras and integration of camera feeds into the port authority's operations centre

The port authority is working with Indigenous groups, municipalities, and stakeholders to undertake technical studies and engagement, advance project design, complete project definition and plan for project construction.

## Project partner roles

This project has two funding partners:

### **Vancouver Fraser Port Authority**

The port authority will lead technical assessments, design development and stakeholder engagement.

### **Transport Canada**

The Government of Canada is a funding partner through the National Trade Corridors Fund.

## Project benefits

The port authority has a positive track record of delivering high-quality projects based on best practices in environmental sustainability, environmental protection and engagement. The project is a priority for tenants within the Fraser Surrey Port Lands area, including DP World Fraser Surrey, off-dock container logistics and warehouse tenants. Anticipated benefits of the project include:



**Improved efficiency and capacity** of the transportation network serving the Port of Vancouver to support Canada's growth in trade



**Reduced congestion** to help improve container movements to and from warehouse facilities



**Improved emergency response** for police, fire and ambulance to get to incidents faster and more easily



**Improved and more reliable travel times** by removing rail crossing delays



**Improved security and safety** by adding street lighting, CCTV connection to the port authority operations centre, and secure VACS gates



**Improved safety** by reducing the risk of collisions between trains and people walking, cycling and driving



**Reduced train whistle noise** for the residential area south of Highway 17 through rail crossing upgrades

## Timeline\*

- 2019**  
Project submitted to the National Trade Corridors Fund for funding
- 2019–2020**  
Preliminary design and project definition report
- Summer 2021**  
Public engagement period
- Summer 2021**  
Detailed design
- Spring 2022**  
Construction start
- Spring 2023**  
Project completion

\* Timelines are subject to change.

## About the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is responsible for the stewardship of the federal port lands and waters in and around Vancouver, British Columbia. We are financially self-sufficient and accountable to the federal minister of transport and operate pursuant to the *Canada Marine Act*. The port authority's mandate is to facilitate Canada's trade objectives, ensuring goods are moved safely while protecting the environment and considering local communities.

## For more information

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