

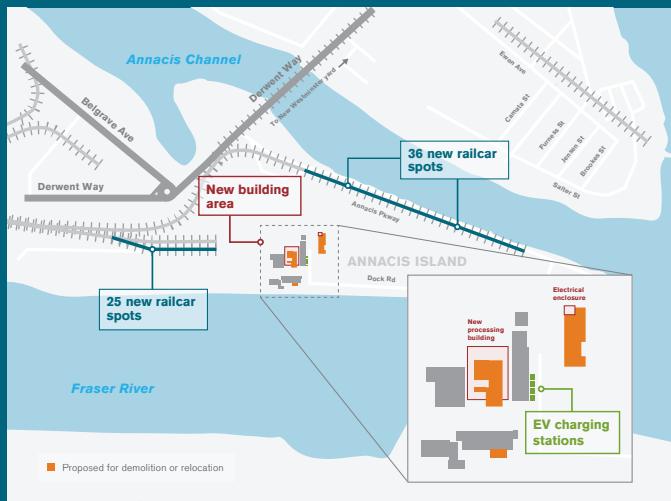
Annacis Auto Terminal Optimization Project



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 manufactured 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 federal mandate to enable Canada's trade through the Port of Vancouver and is working with partners on infrastructure projects to improve supply-chain efficiency and the movement of trade-related cargo through the region.

The port authority's role is to ensure the Port of Vancouver is ready to handle Canada's growth in trade, including the forecasted increase in the auto sector. The Port of Vancouver receives nearly 100% of Asian-manufactured vehicles destined for the Canadian market and serves more than a dozen of the world's top auto manufacturers.



About the project

Automobile imports have increased in recent years due to consumer demand for hybrid and more fuel-efficient vehicles. The Annacis Auto Terminal and Richmond Auto Terminals are operating at maximum capacity and modifications are needed to improve existing operations and accommodate growth in demand for auto imports.

The proposed Annacis Auto Terminal Optimization Project will allow the port authority to consolidate the two existing port automobile terminals into a single terminal at the Annacis site and repurpose the Richmond Auto Terminal for other port-related activities.

The terminal improvements include:

- Expanding two existing terminal rail yards
- Installing electric vehicle charging stations
- Replacing selected terminal buildings with a new vehicle processing facility

The port authority is working with Indigenous groups, municipalities, and stakeholders to better understand their interests as they relate to this project. This work includes technical studies and engagement, advancing project design and planning for project construction, should the project be approved.

In partnership with terminal operator WWL Vehicle Services Canada Ltd, the port authority is leading proposed improvements to the Annacis Auto Terminal in Delta, B.C. The Annacis Auto Terminal Optimization Project will improve the efficiency of the terminal's operations within the existing footprint, increase its ability to handle a greater volume of automobile imports in the future, and help meet emerging climate change targets by responding to increased demand for electric vehicles.

At the same time—and independent of the terminal works—the port authority will undertake separate maintenance works to enhance shoreline protection, which will help safeguard the terminal lands against erosion.

From February 23 to March 29, 2022, the port authority invites everyone with an interest in this proposed project to learn more and provide their feedback. Find out how on the project webpage.

Project benefits

The port authority has a strong track record of delivering high-quality projects based on best practices in environmental sustainability and protection, and community engagement. Benefits of the Annacis Auto Terminal Optimization Project include:



Improving efficiency and capacity of the auto terminal to support Canada's growing auto sector



Supporting climate change resilience by responding to increased demand for electric vehicles and enhancing shoreline protection



Increasing the resilience of the transportation system by reducing the extent of switching and train building required within the existing yard, leading to smoother operations and increased capacity



Supporting further economic development by allowing for auto terminal expansion and freeing up valuable trade-enabling industrial land to be re-purposed in for other port-related activities

For more information about project impacts, visit the project webpage.

Project partner roles

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

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

Transport Canada

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

WWL Vehicle Services Canada, Ltd.

WW Solutions is a partial funding partner.

Timeline

- **2019**
Project submitted to the National Trade Corridors Fund for funding
- **2021**
Preliminary design and project definition report
- **2022**
Project and environmental review, public engagement and Indigenous consultation
- **Spring 2022**
Anticipated Project and Environmental Review decision
- **Fall 2022**
Construction begins
- **Fall 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. It is financially self-sufficient and accountable to the federal minister of transport, and operates pursuant to the *Canada Marine Act*. The port authority's mandate is to facilitate Canada's trade objectives, ensuring goods are moved safely through the Port of Vancouver, while protecting the environment and considering local communities.

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