



Holdom Overpass

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Holdom overpass update

You are receiving this email because you signed up for the Burnaby Rail Corridor Improvements Project newsletter.

Congratulations, CN! Burnaby rail corridor components completed

We're proud to announce that earlier this year, our partner CN completed the rail components of the Burnaby Rail Corridor Improvements Project! This is a major milestone for the project that is already enhancing the movement of trade-related cargo through Greater Vancouver to port terminals on the North Shore.

The rail components of this project included:

- Upgrades to the Thornton Tunnel ventilation system to reduce the time between trains travelling through the tunnel
- A new rail siding track from Willingdon Avenue to Piper Avenue, parallel to existing tracks, to stage trains accessing the Thornton Tunnel

With these improvements complete, the amount of time trains wait in Burnaby for the tunnel to vent has been cut in half, meaning more trains per hour can deliver goods to North Shore terminals for export, and there is less train idling in Burnaby.

Successfully delivering the rail components of the Burnaby Rail Corridor Improvements Project required strong partnerships between government, project partners and contractors. Congratulations to everyone involved for delivering these improvements safely and completing this important upgrade to Canada's trade routes.

Holdom overpass: RFP issued

Earlier this year we wrapped up the RFQ (request for qualifications) for detailed design and construction of the Holdom overpass; thank-you to all the companies who responded.

Following a thorough evaluation, we were pleased to shortlist the following proponents:

- AECON | GIG General Partnership
- Graham Lafarge Partners
- Peter Kiewit Sons ULC

Over the coming months we will continue to work with these shortlisted proponents, and we expect to award the design-build contract early next year.

Holdom overpass: engagement timing update

While CN has been busy with the rail components of the Burnaby Rail Corridor Improvements Project, the port authority project team continues to make good progress on the planned Holdom overpass.

Since our second phase of engagement in spring 2021, we have been hard at work analyzing feedback from the community, stakeholders, and local Indigenous groups, completing technical and environmental studies, and working on procurement activities. The third phase of engagement, which was originally planned for earlier this year, has been delayed while we complete these important activities.

Once we have a design-build contractor on board, they will finalize the overpass design. We expect to have this work complete in spring 2023, and look forward to sharing it with you then prior to the start of construction.

Between now and our third phase of engagement, we will continue to share project updates through this newsletter, and to update [our project webpage](#).

About the Holdom overpass

The Holdom overpass will be a new, four-lane overpass that elevates and extends Holdom Avenue south over the rail corridor and Still Creek, and connects it with Douglas Road. It will improve safety and emergency response options, enhance community access and support more reliable travel times, and deliver an asset that has been in the City of Burnaby's transportation plans for decades.

The overpass, which is part of the Burnaby Rail Corridors Improvement Project, is part of the port authority's Gateway program - a plan for 40 smart infrastructure investments that will enhance trade capacity and remove bottlenecks, while making our communities more livable. These projects are funded by the Government of Canada through its National Trade Corridors Fund, the port authority, and project partners.

For more information about planned and funded projects, and procurement opportunities, visit our [Gateway program procurement processes and opportunities webpage](#).

More information

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