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Low Level Road Construction Update

February 11, 2014

Dear Community Member,

The Low Level Road Project has been developed with input from stakeholders, industry, First Nations and the local community. You are receiving this update because you have identified an interest in receiving updated information about the Low Level Road Project.

Ongoing Construction

Main construction on the Low Level Road Project is 55% complete. Over the next month, ongoing construction activities include:

- BC Hydro work along East 3rd Street to relocate power lines, east of Heywood Street. This work is anticipated to be complete by the end of February.
- construction of the retaining walls east of St. Patricks Avenue.
- work on the Spirit Trail in Moodyville Park. With the trail now cleared, excavation work to prepare the site for the construction of the abutment has begun. Protection plans such as installation of a fenced barrier around the eagle tree and eagle monitoring by an environmental monitor to assess eagle behavior are in place. In addition, we are ensuring that the existing yew trees remain untouched.
- utility and road widening work on East 3rd Street, from west of Heywood Street to Gladstone Avenue. This work will last approximately three more weeks and will involve night work.
- utilities and road widening work will continue in the Kennard Avenue area for approximately 3 more weeks, with work taking place mostly at night.
- construction of the temporary Low Level Road detour at Esplanade. This involves realigning a section of Low Level Road, between St. Andrews and St. Davids Avenue, to the south to facilitate continued retaining wall construction. We have worked closely with the businesses in the 300 block of Esplande to ensure detour plans allow businesses to remain open as usual. This detour is scheduled for implementation in late February.



Top of grain terminal, looking west, showing the new Low Level Road alignment along the lower wall and the Spirit Trail on the upper wall.

Upcoming Construction

- With the installation of the Neptune/Cargill Overpass bridge girders, temporary closures of Low Level Road on weekends during off-peak traffic times, are expected to start in mid-February. Detour signage will be in place. Notices in the local papers, and traffic advisories issued via Campaign Monitor and posted on our website will provide additional information. To date, the closures we have confirmed are:

Friday, February 21st 9 p.m. to Monday, February 24th 5 a.m.

Friday, February 28th 9 p.m. to Monday, March 3rd 5a.m.

- In both cases, emergency access, as well as access to terminals will be maintained throughout the closure periods.
- Construction of the retaining walls east of St. Patricks are ongoing, but weather dependent. Cold weather, as well as very wet rainy weather has delayed this work which will now entail trucks traveling on Alder Street for approximately four weeks. After that, occasional use of Alder for trucking will be required for approximately six months. To minimize impacts to local residents, trucks will stage on the access roadway between Alder and the Spirit Trail, not on the street.
- Piling work for the Spirit Trail Overpass foundation will commence in mid March 2014 and will continue for approximately two weeks. Four piles will be installed. The work will take place on both the north and south side of East 3rd Street, just to the

west of Heywood Street. Due to the presence of heavy equipment, traffic management systems will be in place.

For More Information

As part of our commitment to providing updated project information, Port Metro Vancouver will continue to provide regular updates to subscribers to this database. We will also regularly update Port Talk to ensure that Port users and neighbours have timely, effective information about the project and construction activities. We encourage you to visit the website at www.porttalk.ca/lowlevelroad to check for updates.

Kind regards,
The Low Level Road Project Team

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