

NEWS RELEASE

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Work set to begin on Highway 19A/Northfield and Boundary intersection

Upgrades designed to improve traffic safety

Summary

Working in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation, the City of Nanaimo has developed a design for roadway improvements with the goal of making the intersection at Highway 19A/Northfield and Boundary safer for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. The budget for the project is \$3,000,000. The City of Nanaimo and the Ministry of Transportation have agreed to share the costs of the project 50:50. ICBC has also indicated they will contribute \$95,000 to the project. Construction is anticipated to start in the Fall of 2015 and be completed by Summer 2016.

Strategic Link: Taking responsibility to be an excellent municipal government, Transportation and Mobility.

Key Points

- The primary objective of the project is to improve the safety of the intersection for all modes of transportation.
- Other organizations, including the Island Corridor Foundation, Southern Rail and ICBC, have been consulted regarding the project.
- To ensure safety, drivers are asked to be patient and watch for workers and equipment while construction is underway.

Quotes

"This frequently used intersection has presented safety concerns to Nanaimo's residents and visitors for years. The funding being provided by the Province, ICBC and the City to address these concerns will greatly improve the safety for those passing through this intersection by car, truck, bus or bike."

Bill McKay
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- Drivers are advised that while the intersection may be more efficient after construction is completed, significant increases in traffic capacity are not expected. The improvements being planned are aimed primarily towards improving safety.

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