

NEWS RELEASE

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Bastion Bridge set to close to traffic beginning May 21

Bridge expected to be closed for six weeks

Summary

Downtown Nanaimo drivers can expect changes to their commutes downtown as work continues on the Bastion Street bridge renewal and seismic retrofit project. The bridge will close to traffic for approximately six weeks beginning Tuesday, May 21 as crews replace the concrete deck.

The bridge closure will affect RDN Transit operations. On April 8, the transit exchange was relocated to Front Street, at Port Place Mall for the time being.

Strategic Link: Asset Management

Key Points

- The bridge will be closed to vehicles for approximately six weeks between May 21 and June 28.
- Pedestrian access across the bridge will be maintained during the bridge closure.
- Buses will be affected by the bridge closure and the downtown transit exchange will be temporarily relocated to 1 Port Drive subject to RDN Board approval.

Quotes

"Detours will be in place for vehicles travelling in the downtown area. We ask that drivers slow down, obey all signage and watch out for workers and flagpersons."

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Quick Facts

- The Bastion Bridge was originally constructed in 1936 and there was a complete retrofit of the bridge in 1978.

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