

NEWS RELEASE

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Construction season now in full swing

Summary

Construction season in Nanaimo is underway. There are a number of City projects already started, with more projects set to begin in the coming months. Some current major projects underway include:

Northfield/Boundary/Highway 19A Intersection Upgrades: Work has begun on this project and traffic patterns will change frequently during the course of construction and will involve detours as well as restricted movements at the intersection. While construction is not expected to be fully completed until the fall of 2018, the significant portions of the work is expected to be completed by the end of June.

Terminal Avenue Surface Works: Work has begun on the final stage of the Terminal Avenue upgrade from St. George Street to Stewart Avenue for road resurfacing. The majority of the work on Terminal Avenue is expected to occur in May and early June with traffic frequently reduced to one lane in each direction.

Terminal Avenue Watermain Replacement: Starting May 14, the watermain will be replaced on Terminal Avenue between Comox Avenue and Commercial Street. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction during construction which is expected to be completed in July.

Departure Bay Neighbourhood Utility Upgrades: Work to upgrade utilities in the Departure Bay Neighbourhood is well underway. The upgrades will include several neighbourhood streets in the area with either single lane alternating traffic or full road closures with access limited to local residents only in the work zones. Work is expected to be fully completed this fall.

College Drive Watermain Upgrades: This upgrade project has begun and drivers can expect traffic to be reduced to either single lane alternating or full road closures with access limited to local residents only in the work zones. Work is expected to be completed this fall.

Drivers can plan their commutes and avoid delays by visiting the City's Current Construction Projects page at www.nanaimo.ca/construction.

Strategic Link: These support the City of Nanaimo's commitment to asset management and improved transportation and mobility.

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Key Points

- Drivers are urged to use extra caution when driving through construction zones; be aware of on-site workers; obey posted construction signs; and follow the directions of traffic control personnel.
- Local businesses in construction zones are always accessible and open for business.
- To get to your destination on time, commuters on affected routes are encouraged to leave a few minutes early or find an alternate route.

Quotes

"I want to thank residents for their patience during this construction season. The City of Nanaimo cares about the safety of our employees, our contractors, our residents, our businesses and our drivers on Nanaimo roads. If everyone does their part, plans ahead and respects work zones, we will get through this year's construction season safely and successfully."

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