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Upgrades to Bastion Bridge set to begin March 25

Summary

The Bastion Street Bridge Renewal and Seismic Retrofit Project will address the current maintenance requirements, improve the seismic performance and extend the service life of the bridge. Work is scheduled to start March 25 and will be ongoing until August. One element of the maintenance work required is replacing the concrete deck - this will result in the bridge being closed to vehicles for approximately six weeks between May 21 and June 28. Pedestrian access across the bridge will be maintained during the project.

The bridge closure will affect RDN Transit operations. The transit exchange will be relocated temporarily to 1 Port Drive on April 8 and will remain there until the end of August, subject to RDN Board approval.

Strategic Link: Asset Management

Key Points

- Construction on the Bastion Street Bridge Renewal and Seismic Retrofit Project is scheduled to start March 25.
- 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

"The last major upgrade of the bridge took place over 40 years ago, in 1978. This major upgrade will extend the life of the bridge by 20 to 30 years."

Phil Stewart
Manager, Engineering Projects
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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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