

NEWS RELEASE

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Complete Street upgrades on Fourth Street starting soon

Fourth Street, between Bruce Avenue and Pine Street, to close for construction

Summary

The City of Nanaimo will begin work on phase one of the Albert/Fourth Complete Street project this month. This first phase of the project will cover Fourth Street between Harewood Road and Pine Street. The project aims to increase the safety and comfort for people who walk, bike, take transit and drive along this corridor.

Upgrades will include new cycling and shared use facilities, new concrete sidewalks, improved transit stops, improved intersection crossings and replacement of underground water mains and storm sewers.

The Government of Canada contributed \$750,000 to the project through the Canada Community-Building Fund.

To help with construction activities, Fourth Street will be closed 24 hours a day to vehicle traffic between Bruce Avenue and Pine Street. A detour using Fifth Street and Park Avenue will be set up to direct traffic around the work zone. Access will be provided for local residents and businesses within the construction area.

Construction work on Phase 1 is expected to be completed before Summer 2022. For the latest project information, please visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/AlbertFourth

Construction on Phase 2 between Pine Street and Milton Street is expected to start in the summer of 2022.

Strategic Link: Environmental Responsibility, Livability, Excellence in Governance

Key Points

- Fourth Street will be closed between Bruce Avenue and Pine Street. Detours will be in effect for the duration of the project.
- Phase 1, covering Fourth Street between Harewood Road and Pine Street, will start construction in January 2022 and be completed by summer 2022.
- Complete Streets are designed for everyone and will increase the safety and comfort for people who walk, bike, take transit and drive.

Quotes

"Whether they walk, bike, drive or use public transportation, Canadians need to be able to get to their destination in a timely and safe fashion. Our Government is funding, in partnership with the City of Nanaimo, the upgrades to the Fourth Street streetscape that will benefit all commuters and encourage active modes of transportation."

Patrick Weiler, MP for West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country on behalf of
Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities
Government of Canada

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"Work is beginning soon to make Fourth Street safer for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and drivers. I'm glad our government can fund better sidewalks, bus stops and intersections, to make commuting more climate-friendly."

Sheila Malcolmson, MLA for Nanaimo, on behalf of
Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Province of B.C.

"The Canada Community Building Fund is playing a critical role in the renewal of infrastructure in B.C.'s communities. The City of Nanaimo's approach to "complete streets" is providing a comprehensive upgrade of facilities above ground and below. I am very pleased to see continued federal and provincial support for investments in the infrastructure local governments develop and maintain."

Laurey Anne Roodenburg
President
Union of B.C. Municipalities

"Council and I are excited to see this project take off. This is an important route connecting VIU with downtown and, when finished, will accommodate all types of commuters comfortably. In addition, funding from the Canada Community-Building Fund will offset some of the costs to taxpayers, making this project a win-win!"

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- Locar Industries Ltd. of Nanaimo was awarded the construction contract.
- The project includes 540 metres of water main upgrades, 470 metres of storm sewer upgrades, 470 metres of new sidewalks and 900 metres of new buffered cycle lanes.
- The project construction budget is \$1.8 million, and the Government of Canada contributed \$750,000 to the project through the Canada Community-Building Fund.

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