

May 21, 2021

Columbia Avenue Redevelopment Project – Phase 2

Weekly Update

Over the last week, the contractor completed the water service installations and began installing the lines for Shaw, Telus, and electrical utilities. FortisBC continued working on upgrading their gas services at the south end of the project.

Except for some gas service work on May 21st, there will be no construction between Friday and Monday. Flaggers will be in place on Friday and Monday to assist long weekend traffic.

Next week, you can expect to see:

- Storm main installation on the west side of Columbia Avenue from 22nd Street, heading south;
- FortisBC upgrading gas services;
- Removal of old water and gas mains between 24th Street and 22nd Street;
- Road excavation to build up the final road structure south of 21st Street;
- Catch basin installations near 22nd Street; and
- Shallow utility installation (FortisBC electrical, Telus, Shaw) starting at 20th Street, heading south.

Traffic

The detour taking northbound traffic from Columbia Avenue to 6th Avenue will remain in place until the project is complete. We have made improvements to the detour in response to resident requests, including adding signage and requesting additional flagging. During the detour, drivers are asked to:

- be courteous and let people in from side streets and driveways; and
- avoid blocking driveways to homes and businesses and entrances to Ambulance and Fire Halls to ensure timely response to emergencies.

With the good weather, there has been increased traffic volumes through the construction zone. Copcan's flaggers are working hard to keep traffic flowing but you may experience slightly longer waits. Please be patient and kind to others on the road.

Did you know?

- The project makes use of "soil cells" which are installed under the sidewalk around the new trees. These cells capture rainwater from the street and catchbasins,

reducing pollution in our storm water system, watering our street trees, and also giving them more room to grow.

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