



*Attachment # 1*  
**Memorandum from TiCorp**  
**dated September 11, 2023**



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**To:** Mayor and Council, City of New Westminster      **Date:** September 11, 2023

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**Subject:** Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project: Fall 2023 – Spring 2024 construction works and associated traffic impacts

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This memo is a follow up to the project update provided to New Westminster City Council on April 3. Construction is well underway on the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project. As construction progresses, more traffic impacts can be expected in New Westminster. Traffic pattern changes are required to support ongoing construction of the connecting roadways as well as the bridge infrastructure.

This memo outlines the traffic pattern changes anticipated in the next six months.



**1. Lane closures on Columbia Street between McBride Boulevard and Elliot Street: ongoing through Fall 2023**

Lane shifts and single lane closures on Columbia between McBride and the bridge onramp are ongoing for crews to construct a retaining wall on the south side of Columbia, as well as to complete utility work. One lane in each direction, as well as pedestrian and cyclist access, is being maintained.

**2. E. Columbia Street and McBride Boulevard intersection improvements: Fall 2023**

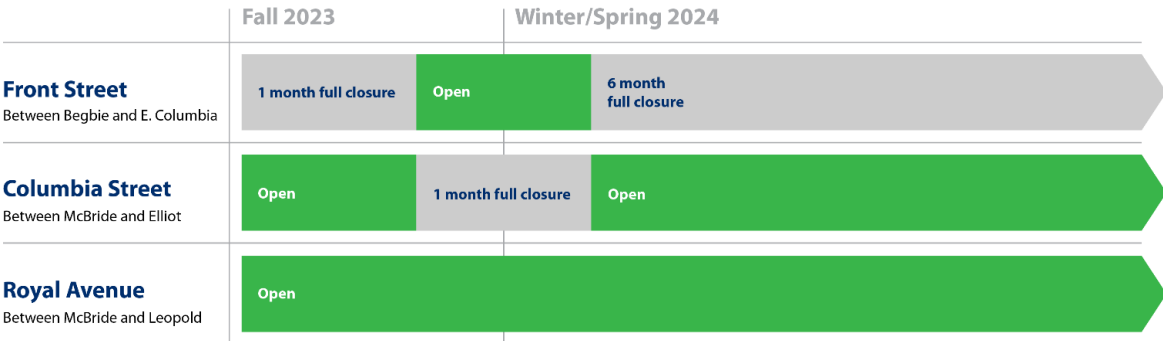
The McBride and East Columbia intersection requires modification to improve safety for walkers, cyclists and drivers, and to accommodate the new direct East Columbia off-ramp from the new bridge. Intersection improvement work at East Columbia Street and McBride Boulevard is ongoing. Construction of the rehabilitated heritage wall and revitalized plaza is underway, and intersection regrading work will take place this fall, which will require a partial closure of the intersection on 1-2 weekends. Further information about this closure will be provided in advance.

**3. Royal Avenue overpass rehabilitation – ongoing through Fall 2023**

Rehabilitation work on the Royal Avenue overpass has been ongoing since fall 2022. In May, the bridge deck that crosses over the southbound approach to the Pattullo Bridge was replaced. Lane closures will continue through the fall as crews complete the final stages of the overpass rehabilitation work.

**4. Front Street / Columbia Street closures for girder installation over both roadways – Fall 2023 through Spring 2024**

Starting this fall, the project will implement a series of full road closures on Front and Columbia near the Pattullo Bridge to install steel girders that will support the new bridge deck. Front Street Mews will remain open and road closures will be staged so that Front and Columbia are not closed at the same time. Detour routes will be in effect while these closures are in place, and further information about these routes will be provided in advance.



**Ongoing Communications and Engagement**

The Project team communicates traffic pattern changes through regular updates to local municipalities, affected stakeholders and the general public via the Project website and social media, emailed bulletins, road signage for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists, and traffic media.

To ensure residents and businesses and the travelling public have the most up-to-date information about traffic pattern changes, we distribute notifications in advance. This includes:

- E-mailing construction notifications to approximately 1,200 people who have signed up via [pattullobridgereplacement.ca](http://pattullobridgereplacement.ca) to receive project updates, as well as directly to resident, business and stakeholder groups
- Mailing / door-to-door delivery of construction notifications to nearby residents as required
- Ongoing regular meetings with local resident associations (Eagle Crest Advisory Committee, Victoria Hill and Ginger Drive Residents' Association) and project update meetings with other resident associations if interested
- Ongoing regular meetings with, and email notifications to, the Project's Traffic Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from the cities of New Westminster and Surrey, first responders, BC Trucking Association, TransLink, Coast Mountain Bus, Metro Vancouver, and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
- Meetings with the Downtown New Westminster BIA
- Door-to-door visits with businesses along Columbia Street and Front Street
- Outreach to commercial vehicle operators, active transportation groups and other transportation associations
- Social media campaigns and Project website updates
- Traffic media advisories

Public questions can be directed to the Project's 24/7 phone line, [1-844-815-6149](tel:1-844-815-6149), or e-mail address [info@fcgp.ca](mailto:info@fcgp.ca).