Media Advisory

Johnson Street Rail Bridge Removal by Crane

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012 For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC – On Friday, February 24, a large crane will lower the Johnson Street Rail Bridge onto a barge in the harbour. The crane work is expected to occur no earlier than 9:30 a.m. and sometime before 2 p.m. and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

What: Johnson Street Rail Bridge removal by crane
When: Friday, February 24 between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Where: Best views will be locations north of the Johnson Street Bridge

For public and worker safety, the Johnson Street Bridge will be closed to all vehicle, cyclist and pedestrian traffic for approximately 30 minutes while work is underway.

Members of the public will not be allowed to be on the bridge or within a close proximity of the bridge while the rail bridge is being lowered onto the barge. Public works staff and VicPD will be on site to divert traffic. Anyone wishing to view the rail bridge coming down is encouraged to find a location a safe distance away from the bridge. The best views will be north of the bridge, on both the east and west sides.

There will be no media or public access to the construction site on Friday, February 24 due to safety considerations.

Once the rail bridge is removed, it will go to a local business in the Upper Harbour for recycling. The 500 tonne counterweight will be deconstructed on site over the next two weeks.

The project webcam will be capturing live coverage of the rail bridge removal. The public is encouraged to visit www.JohnsonStreetBridge.com for the latest traffic updates and to check out the webcam.

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