



Significant Intersection Upgrades at Blanshard Street and Hillside Avenue

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VICTORIA, BC — Intersection upgrades, including storm drain repairs, sidewalks improvements and paving of the intersection at Blanshard Street at Hillside Avenue will start on Tuesday August 2 and are scheduled to last seven weeks. As this is one of Victoria's busiest intersections, work will be scheduled to minimize impacts during the morning and afternoon commute hours, however, some delays are expected due to necessary lane closures.

Please note that street closures and detours will be in effect on the day of final paving, which will be scheduled for a Sunday in September. The City will send out an additional notification of final paving one week prior to the paving date that will require the intersection to be closed for up to 24 hours.

The improvements for this project will include and result in:

- A new asphalt surface: Resurfacing of the intersection by removing a portion of the existing surface and replacing with new asphalt
- Improved signals: New signal poles will be installed at the south east corner and the south median
- Safer pedestrian mobility: Sidewalk and wheelchair ramp improvements at the southeast corner
- Repair of sewer and storm drains: Storm catch basins will be upgraded to improve drainage and an assessment of the sewer and storm drains will identify defects and repairs made to ensure they are functioning properly

People who ride bikes and walk will be accommodated during construction and are advised to use caution while travelling past the construction zone. The City of Victoria will be responsible for restoration of the construction area and will minimize inconveniences during the course of the project. Local access will be maintained to businesses in the area and construction zones will be clearly marked with signs during the project.

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