



Traffic Signal Shutdown on Pandora at Douglas and Blanshard Streets Next Week

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VICTORIA, BC — Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians are advised that traffic signals will be shut down next week on Pandora Avenue at the intersections of Douglas and Blanshard Streets so electrical work can be completed.

On Tuesday, February 28 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., traffic at the intersection of Blanshard Street and Pandora Avenue will be reduced to a single lane in each direction. To minimize congestion, turns from Blanshard Street onto Pandora Avenue will be prohibited during this time.

On Thursday, March 2 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., traffic at the intersection of Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue will also be reduced to a single lane in each direction, and turns from Douglas Street onto Pandora Avenue prohibited.

Flag-persons will be present both days to direct vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians moving through the intersection. The lane closures and turning restrictions are necessary in order to safely control and maintain traffic flow. Safe pedestrian and wheelchair access will remain a priority.

The work is part of building Victoria's first protected bike lanes along Pandora Avenue, expected to be open to the public this spring. When the project is complete, it will include a two-way, physically protected bike lane with new traffic signals for bikes with a combination of on-street parking spaces, bollards, paint and planters used to separate the bike lanes from vehicle traffic. Construction started in the 500 block of Pandora in October and is moving east past City Hall and ultimately ending at Cook Street.

The City of Victoria and its contractor, Brunnell Construction, have been working to minimize impacts during the course of the project. Local access will be maintained to businesses in the area and construction zones clearly signed. The public is encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

For more information visit: www.victoria.ca/cycling

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