



Traffic Signal Shutdown on Pandora at Quadra, Government and Blanshard Streets

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

Traffic signal shutdown details:

- On Friday March 24 between 9 a.m. and noon, traffic at the intersection of Quadra Street and Pandora Avenue will be reduced to a single lane in each direction. To minimize congestion, turns from Quadra Street onto Pandora Avenue will be prohibited during this time, except for buses.
- On Tuesday, March 28 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., traffic at the intersection of Government Street and Pandora Avenue will be reduced to a single lane in each direction. Turns from Government Street onto Pandora Avenue will be prohibited during this time, except for buses.
- On Thursday, March 30 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., traffic at the intersection of Blanshard Street and Pandora Avenue will also be reduced to a single lane in each direction. Turns from Blanshard Street onto Pandora Avenue will also be prohibited at that time, except for buses.

Flag-persons will be present each day to direct vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians moving through the intersections. 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. The bike lanes will be separated from vehicle traffic using a combination of on-street parking spaces, bollards, paint and planters. 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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