



Final Blue Bridge Steel Removal and Traffic Closures

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VICTORIA, BC — Starting next week, the Dynamic Beast crane barge will return to Victoria to help remove the remaining pieces of the old Johnson Street Bridge. The crane barge will be parked south of the new bridge and blocking the marine channel from Thursday, June 7 until Sunday, June 10.

As with previous heavy lifts that have taken place during the project, whenever there is a possible risk to public safety there will be a full closure to vehicle, cyclist and pedestrian traffic across the bridge. There are four large pieces of steel to be removed, so temporary closures will be required between Thursday and Sunday.

The City's contractor PCL has estimated the steel lifts and necessary closures of the Johnson Street Bridge will be as follows:

June 7 & 8:

- Temporary full bridge closures to vehicle, cyclist and pedestrians during necessary crane lifts for approximately one hour between **9 a.m. – 4 p.m.** (during non-peak traffic times)

June 9 & 10:

- Temporary full bridge closures to vehicle, cyclist and pedestrians between **7 a.m. – 6 p.m.**, as necessary, for several hours at a time

The City will notify the media and the public through www.JohnsonStreetBridge.com and @CityofVictoria on Twitter approximately one hour before the temporary closures take place.

Note: The lifts are weather dependent as the steel pieces cannot be lifted during high winds. If required the work could be extended if more time is needed to remove the old bridge.

The best view of construction activities will be from the downtown side near Reeson Park or the Victoria West side at the waterfront walkway near the Delta Ocean Point Hotel.

For the latest information on the project or to view the webcam, visit www.JohnsonStreetBridge.com

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