



JSB Pedestrian-Only Walkway Open to the Public Tomorrow

Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2018

For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Starting tomorrow at 6 a.m., the south side pedestrian-only walkway and bascule pier observation deck on the new Johnson Street Bridge will open for public use. In addition to the new walkway, the interim public plaza spaces and sidewalk connections on the east and west sides of the bridge will also open to the public.

Media Opportunity:

What: Johnson Street Bridge wrap-up interview with Jonathan Huggett

When: Wednesday, August 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: New southeast plaza near the pedestrian walkway

The new bascule pier observation deck is a unique amenity of the new Johnson Street Bridge design. The platform allows pedestrians to walk under the bridge deck and view the internal machinery that raises and lowers the structure. This location also provides unique views of the upper and inner harbours. The new pedestrian walkway creates a new connection between Victoria West and downtown that will allow pedestrians quick and convenient access when travelling south to the Legislative District and James Bay.

This pathway is for pedestrians and those on wheelchairs or mobility devices and not open for cyclists, who are able to cross the water via the main vehicle deck and the multi-use pathway on the north side of the bridge. Cyclists wanting to access the bascule pier observation deck must dismount when on the pathway or park their bicycle on either end and walk in.

The plazas connecting the downtown and Victoria West to the JSB will continue to be enhanced in the coming months, and into 2020. The southeast plaza creates a new downtown space for people to enjoy views of the harbour. This plaza will be developed to connect Reeson Park to the JSB underpass, linking the David Foster Harbour Pathway north and south of the bridge. The new plaza on the southwest side of the bridge is another space for the public to enjoy views of downtown Victoria and connects the bridge to Victoria West, via the West Song Walkway and Harbour Road, and will form part of the future waterfront park.

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

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