



## Temporary Road Closure on Burnside at Douglas for Paving

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Burnside Road will be closed at Douglas Street on Friday, September 28 for intersection paving, as part of the Douglas Street BC Transit Priority Lane Project. Preparation work leading up to Friday's closure will also take place this week, impacting traffic operations in the area.

### Details:

- Tuesday, September 25 to Thursday, September 27 – crews will be on site between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day, milling existing asphalt and preparing the road surface for paving. During these times there will be intermittent traffic disruptions for Burnside Road traffic, and for southbound Douglas Street traffic.
- On Friday, September 28, Burnside Road will be closed to all traffic at the Douglas/Burnside intersection from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., while crews pave the intersection.
- Burnside Road between Douglas Street and Finlayson Street will be open to local traffic only – all southbound traffic on Burnside Road will be diverted to Gorge Road and/or Douglas Street at the Burnside/Finlayson intersection.
- Northbound left turns from Douglas Street to Burnside Road will be prohibited.
- Traffic on Douglas Street will be restricted to one lane in each direction.
- To minimize traffic disruptions on Douglas Street, the Douglas/Burnside traffic signal will be shut down – vehicle, cyclist and pedestrian movements will be managed by flag-persons. Safe pedestrian and wheelchair access will be maintained.
- Paving is weather dependent, and will be rescheduled, if necessary.

The public is encouraged to use alternate routes during these times, if possible.

The BC Transit Priority Lane Project is scheduled for completion in mid-November. Once complete, there will be exclusive bus priority lanes in either direction between Fisgard Avenue and Tolmie Avenue.

The new priority lanes are designed to shorten travel times for transit customers, increase the reliability of public transit and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by limiting idling and lowering the number of vehicles on the road. The new lanes are seen as the first step to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of public transit in the region and into the downtown core. The Douglas Street corridor currently supports as many as 1,700 vehicles per hour during peak travel times.

The City of Victoria and its contractor, Don Mann Excavating, continue to work to minimize impacts during the course of the construction. Local access is being maintained to businesses in the area and construction zones are clearly signed.

For information on the current expansion of the bus priority lanes, visit the [BC Transit website](#)

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