



Wharf Street Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements Open Tomorrow

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VICTORIA, BC — A segment of Victoria's newest protected bike lanes along Wharf Street will open for public use tomorrow. The phased opening will start from the Johnson Street Bridge to Fort Street and will include the pedestrian scramble crosswalk adjacent to the Victoria Visitor Centre.

The section from Fort to Government will open August 8, followed by Government to Douglas on August 15.

When complete, new features along the Wharf/Humboldt corridor will include:

- a two-way protected bike lane from Pandora Avenue to Douglas Street and a shared, traffic-calmed road from Douglas to Vancouver Streets
- eight improved pedestrian crossings and a new pedestrian scramble crosswalk
- two urban plazas with street trees, benches and urban play features
- a new pedestrian-controlled traffic signal at Yates Street
- a new traffic signal at the Johnson Street Bridge
- new transit stops near the entrance to Reeson Park and on Government Street

The City encourages everyone to watch for and obey new traffic signals, to use caution when navigating the corridor, and to respect others by always following the rules of the road. Safety ambassadors will be stationed along Wharf Street and at the new scramble crosswalk throughout August to help answer questions about the new facilities and provide educational materials to road users.

These investments are a part of the 32km cycling network that will connect every neighbourhood in Victoria by the end of 2022. Each project focuses on improving road safety and balancing the needs of all road users. The new bike lanes and pedestrian areas also contribute to increased vibrancy of the waterfront and connect existing facilities on Pandora Avenue and Fort Street.

For more information visit: victoria.ca/cycling

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