



Major Upgrades to Shelbourne Street

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VICTORIA, BC – The City started work this week on a major upgrade to a section of Shelbourne Street to improve safety and replace old storm drains and sanitary sewer connections.

The work is taking place along a three-block section of the Shelbourne Street corridor, between Coronation Street and Bay Street. Project upgrades include:

- **Crosswalks:** A new pedestrian crosswalk across Denman Street and an upgrade to the existing crosswalk at Pembroke Street. Both crosswalks will have new pedestrian-controlled push buttons, yellow flashing lights, and audible accessibility features for the crossing and push buttons.
- **Street and Sidewalks:** Shelbourne Street from Coronation Street to Bay Street will be fully repaved, including sidewalk repairs.
- **Sanitary Sewer:** The replacement of 75 metres of old clay sanitary sewer main with modern PVC pipe, as well as installing new service connections for homes.
- **Storm Drain:** The replacement of 40 metres of old clay storm main with modern PVC pipe, as well as installing new service connections for homes and catch basins.

The work is being coordinated as one complete street project to shorten the overall construction timeline. This section of Shelbourne Street will be temporarily closed starting June 10 for up to three weeks to ensure public and worker safety, after which it will remain open for the remainder of the project. The temporary closure has been coordinated with local residents to ensure access is maintained. BC Transit is detouring around Shelbourne, using Fern, Fort and Richmond Streets.

As part of the City's COVID-19 response, the City is expediting capital projects to take advantage of lower than average traffic volumes on streets. The project is expected to take approximately four months to complete.

The City is undertaking more than \$80 million in capital projects in 2020. This includes important upgrades such as fixing potholes, installing new traffic calming measures, maintaining and repairing water and sewer lines, and improving parks and playgrounds. Not only do these investments improve our community infrastructure, but they provide valuable stimulus to the local economy.

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