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Transportation Improvements Coming to James Bay

VICTORIA, BC — Construction starts this week on major transportation improvements in James Bay. Road safety upgrades include a combination of protected and painted bike lanes and traffic calming on Superior, Montreal and Government Streets. The project also includes 835 metres of road paving, upgraded crossings at 15 intersections, an EV fast-charging station, a community-designed berry garden and a new traffic signal at the intersection of Belleville and Menzies Streets.

“We heard strong support from the public to improve transportation options and safety in James Bay,” said Mayor Marianne Alto. “This project will connect the neighbourhood with the rest of the City’s AAA cycling network and result in a more welcoming and accessible environment for residents and visitors alike.” More than 1,300 residents participated in a two-phased engagement process in 2021 which informed the design’s focus on improved connectivity for people walking, rolling and cycling, as well as street renewal and clean transportation options.

Funding for the project includes support from the Canada Community Building Fund, the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and the Province of BC through the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.

Statistics Canada data from the 2021 Census indicates more people are using active transportation, a trend that will likely continue as the City’s AAA cycling network expands. Later this year, AAA cycling routes will also be built on Fort Street and Gorge Road.

All efforts will be made to minimize impacts to residents, visitors, businesses, commuters and special events while maintaining worksite safety for crews and the public. Anyone traveling through the neighbourhood is advised to allow extra time and follow direction of signs and crews.

Visit victoria.ca/roadwork for more information.

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Attachment: Map of James Bay Transportation Improvements

James Bay Transportation Improvements Construction Overview










One-way protected bike lanes

Advisory bike lanes

Advisory bike lanes
(Michigan to Toronto St)

BEACON HILL PARK
Multi-use pathway

Legend

-  James Bay cycling routes
-  Protected / off-street cycling facility
-  Traffic calmed shared-use road
-  Painted bike lanes
*interim treatment
-  Road paving
-  New EV fast-charging station
-  New or upgraded crossing

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