Metro Vancouver plays a key role in providing safe, efficient wastewater conveyance and treatment for over 2.5 million people in the Lower Mainland. Operating this vast liquid waste system requires ongoing upgrades, improvements, and maintenance.

Project Overview

As part of Metro Vancouver’s commitment to protecting public health and the environment, the Front Street Sewer Upgrade will take place at the intersection of Columbia Street and Front Street in the City of New Westminster this spring. This upgrade will provide additional sewer system reliability and capacity in order to accommodate projected population growth in New Westminster, Coquitlam, Port Moody, Burnaby and Port Coquitlam.

This work will involve the construction of three large sewer pipes and two underground chambers. **As a result, a small section of Front Street will be closed to all traffic for the duration of construction.** All truck traffic with three or more axles will be required to use detour routes (please see map on reverse).

The work is scheduled to take place at an accelerated rate with a fixed deadline in order to reduce the construction time and minimize impacts to the community, commuter and truck traffic.

Schedule & Hours of Work

Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2018 and take approximately six months to complete.

Work will generally occur from Monday to Friday, between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. However, there may be times when crews will need to work longer hours or on weekends to complete certain tasks.

All work will comply with City of New Westminster bylaws or granted bylaw variances.

Traffic Impacts for Trucks

From April to October, Front Street will be closed to truck traffic with three or more axles. **Trucks with three or more axles will be detoured along Royal Avenue during daytime hours to avoid sharp turns required at Begbie Street and Columbia Street** (see map on reverse for details). In addition, 10th Avenue will remain open to all truck traffic.

Location of the Front Street Sewer Upgrade at the intersection of Columbia Street and Front Street. Trucks with three or more axles will not be permitted due to sharp turns along the detour route.
Detour Routes

Smaller delivery trucks will be able to access businesses along Columbia Street and Front Street as usual but should be aware of sharp turns and should expect delays. Please use extra caution near pedestrian areas and follow the directions of traffic control personnel.

Community Liaison Officer

A Community Liaison Officer (CLO) has been assigned to this project who will be available on an ongoing basis to provide project updates. The CLO will be available by phone to address any questions or concerns. Trucking companies will receive ongoing notification through newsletters, web updates, email and on site signage.

Contacting Metro Vancouver

Community Liaison Officer: 604-432-6200
(Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

After Hours Emergency: 604-451-6610

Email: icentre@metrovancouver.org (Please include “Front Street Sewer Upgrade” in the subject line)

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