



UPDATED: Upcoming Traffic Changes: Summer – Fall 2026

August 25, 2026: Following the notice posted on July 7, 2026, this memo provides an update on the timing for ramp openings and road closures. We will continue to provide updates over the coming months as the work progresses.

Key Traffic Changes

Opening of the new Columbia on-ramp

- Starting Saturday, August 29 at 6 a.m., the new Columbia Street on-ramp to the stal'əwasəm Bridge will be open to traffic 24/7.

Front Street Truck Route Closure

- Starting August 31, Front Street will be closed for approximately four months to construct a new retaining wall along Front Street.
- In the spring of 2027, a second closure for approximately two months is required to remove the existing Pattullo Bridge span over Front Street and railway lines.
- While these closures are in effect, drivers will be detoured to Columbia Street. Commercial vehicles will be detoured to designated truck routes.
- Front Street Mews will remain open and access to businesses in downtown New Westminster will be maintained at all times.

Opening of the Bridge off-ramp to Highway 17

- The new Highway 17 off-ramp is scheduled to open in early September.

Weekend directional closures of the stal'əwasəm Bridge

- Two weekend directional closures of the bridge are required over September and October to shift traffic onto the new south bridge abutment.
- Both northbound lanes will be closed over one weekend and both southbound lanes will be closed over another weekend. Work will include roadway realignment, barrier work and paving.

Overnight full closure of the stal'əwasəm Bridge

- In October, there will be one overnight full closure of the stal'əwasəm Bridge for finishing works.

Additional daytime/nighttime lane closures may be required on the stal'əwasəm Bridge and local roads. These will be communicated by the project team with as much advance notice as possible.

Communications and engagement

Notifications will be issued for all work and posted to the Project's [Current Works](#) page and emailed to our mailing list. To sign up for notifications, please visit [Newsletter – Pattullo Bridge](#). Public questions can be directed to the Project's 24/7 phone line, 1-844-815-6149, or to pattullobridgeproject@gov.bc.ca.