

# Victoria to Esquimalt Cable Replacement Project – Community Construction Report #11

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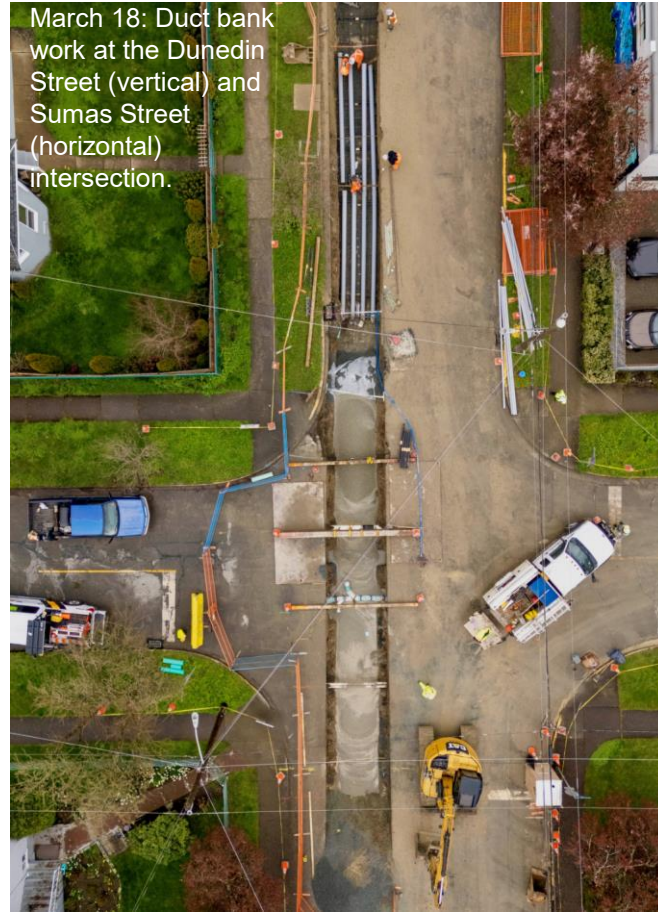
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# Project status

- Crews have been working in Banfield Park, Viaduct Park, Dunedin Street, Esquimalt Substation by the E&N Trail, Gorge Road East, and the Devonshire Road intersection.
- Banfield Park: Crews are nearing completion of the duct bank installation from the concrete vault to an area close to the foreshore. Construction work will continue into April.
- Viaduct Park: Work has begun to build the duct bank up to Gorge Road East. A small area between the vault and the edge of the Galloping Goose Trail will also be completed this spring.
- Dunedin Street: Duct bank work is complete.
- Esquimalt Substation and proximity to E&N Trail and Hereward Green Park: Ongoing work on the removal of the slope within the newly fenced area and the new cable duct bank placement.
- Gorge Road East: Work commenced March 16 and was originally planned to close westbound traffic for about four weeks. The work was completed and open to two-way traffic at end of day March 31 – ten days early.
- Hereward / Pine / Dominion / Devonshire intersection: Work commenced March 23 and will close the intersection for up to eight weeks. See traffic management plan on page 9.
- Gorge Waterway marine work: This is the shallow burial work to connect the duct bank from Viaduct Park to Banfield Park. We are working with Fisheries and Oceans Canada on a potential earlier start date that could be as early as mid-May. Details of the constructability plan, and the Construction Environmental Management Plan, will be provided in the April construction report.



# Duct bank construction: schedule

Esquimalt Substation (left) and Horsey Substation work February 2025 to November 2026.

Pine/Hereward/Dominion/Devonshire intersection: March-May 2026.

Pine St and a section of Banfield Park completed June 2025

Banfield Park: work to November 2026

Gorge Waterway shallow burial: Summer 2026 fisheries work window – dates to be determined in coordination with DFO

Viaduct Park: work to November 2026

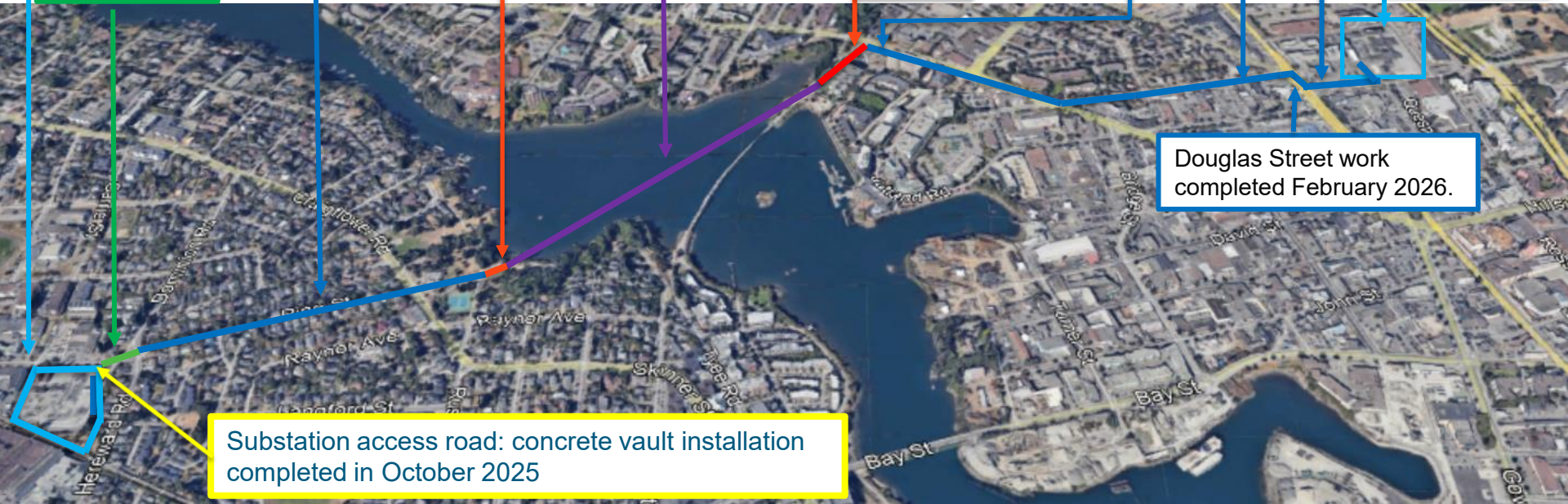
Gorge Road East: completed March 2026

Dunedin Street: completed March 2026

Topaz Avenue: completed December 2025

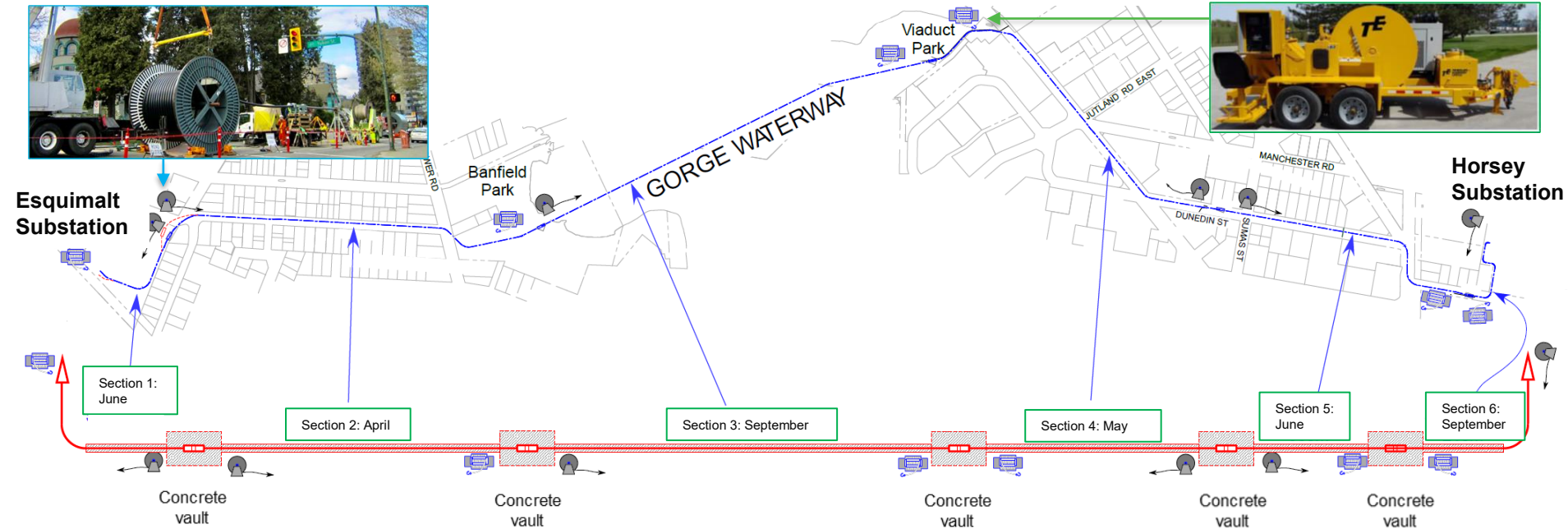
Douglas Street work completed February 2026.

Substation access road: concrete vault installation completed in October 2025



# Cable pulling through underground conduits: tentative schedule

A key future milestone is the commencement of placing cable in the three underground conduits or pipes via the five concrete vaults along the 2.7-kilometre route. There are six cable pulling sections shown below that will have a large site footprint for equipment.



The first cable section to be done will be Section 2, starting as early as April 21, from the concrete vault beside the Esquimalt Substation to the vault in Banfield Park. Each section may take up to two weeks to move in equipment, pull (photo top right) or reel (photo top left) in the cable. The next section, Section 4, Viaduct Park to Dunedin Street, may take place in May with a traffic management plan for the 500-block of Dunedin during the 7:00 am to 7:00 pm workdays.

# Construction photos: Esquimalt Substation

March 18: Excavation work for the expansion of the substation site for the new cable placement. Wall shoring work by the E&N Trail.



# Construction photos: Esquimalt Substation

March 21: Crews moving a pole and power lines to a better location within the expanded substation area.



# Construction photos: Dominion Intersection

March 25: Pine Street view of the cable duct bank work across the Dominion / Pine / Hereward / Devonshire intersection.



# Construction photos: Dominion Intersection

March 27: Cable duct bank trench crossing at the Dominion / Pine / Hereward / Devonshire intersection. Pine Street in background.



# Construction photos: Dominion Intersection

March 27: Concrete placement.



# Traffic management plan

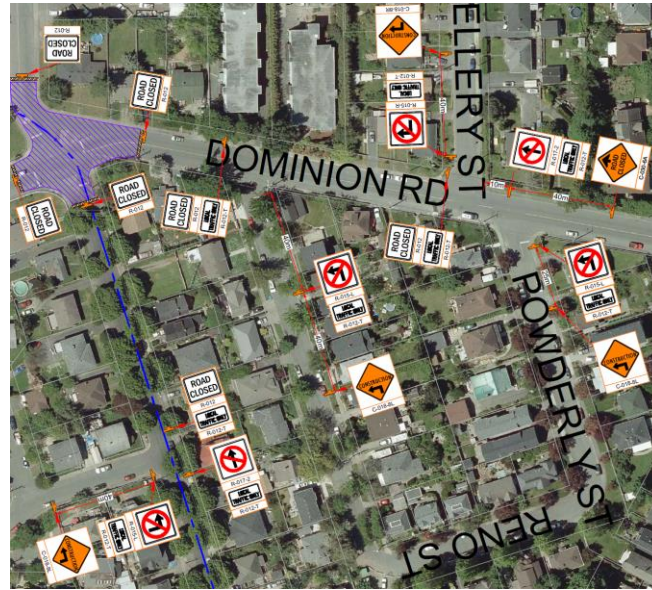
## Dominion, Pine, Hereward and Devonshire intersection

### Work plan:

- Duct bank work and intersection closure area shown in blue-hash mark in upper right map.
- The duct bank work also includes a ventilation vault and vent ducting placed in the intersection.
- Repaving of the work area.

### Traffic management:

- Intersection closure for up to eight weeks to all four roads. Use alternative routes.
- No parking on either side of the street within the designated work zones.
- Sidewalks open for bikes (must dismount) and pedestrians
- Follow flaggers and detour signs.
- See traffic management plan maps.



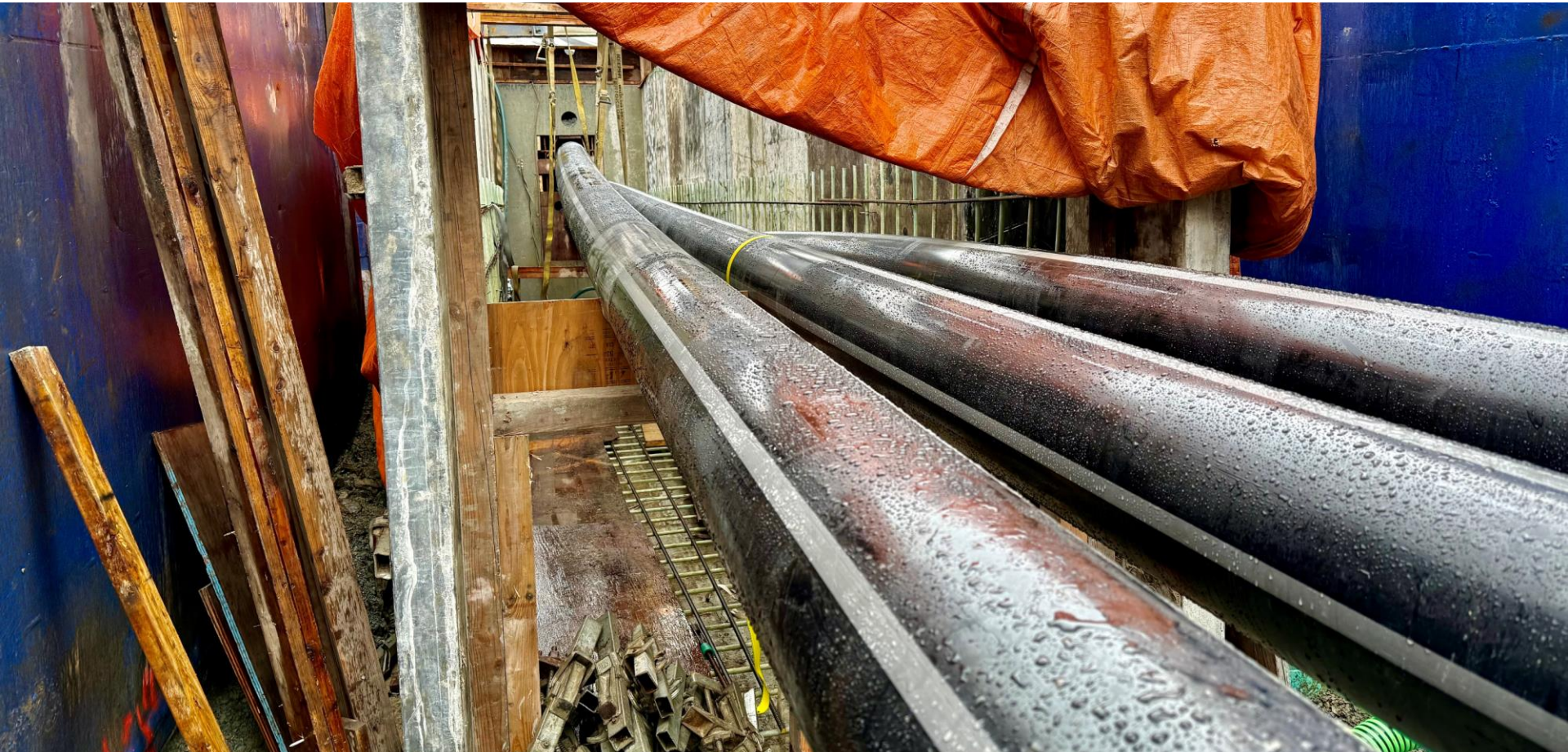
# Construction photos: Banfield Park

March 6: Work on the anchor block and conduit on the water side of the concrete vault.



# Construction photos: Banfield Park

March 6: The conduit coming out of the concrete vault, in the background, towards the Gorge Waterway.



# Construction photos: Banfield Park

March 18: Comprehensive view of the work on the anchor block and conduit.



# Construction photos: Banfield Park

March 18: Work within Banfield Park, with the Gorge Waterway and Viaduct Park in the background.



# Construction photos: Viaduct Park

March 6: Backfilling the area around the concrete vault.



# Construction photos: Viaduct Park

March 11: Concrete placement along the duct bank from the concrete vault heading up the access road towards Gorge Road East.



# Construction photos: Viaduct Park

March 18: Removed vegetation prior to bird nest season and placed coconut matting to prevent erosion. A safety fence, in coordination with the Capital Regional District, was installed along the side of the Galloping Goose Trail.



# Construction photos: Viaduct Park

March 18: Construction access road connecting Gorge Road East to the work within Viaduct Park. Duct bank construction work along the westbound lane of Gorge Road East that will cross over and connect to the duct bank within Viaduct Park.



# Construction photos: Gorge Road East

March 18: Excavation within the westbound lane for the duct bank placement. Eastbound only traffic maintained.



# Construction photos: Gorge Road East

March 18: Looking westward of the duct bank work.



# Construction photos: Gorge Road East

March 27: Duct bank work in the eastbound lane.



# Construction photos: Dunedin Street

March 6: Duct bank work along Dunedin Street looking eastward, and the asphalt repaving of the completed area.



# Construction photos: Dunedin Street

March 6: Excavation for the cable duct bank looking westward.



# Construction photos: Dunedin Street

March 11: Concrete placement as the duct bank conduit placement moves westward down the street.



# Construction photos: Dunedin Street

March 18: Cable duct bank crossing the Sumas Street intersection.

