

March 6, 2026

Dear Gorge Road East Business or Resident,

Re: Victoria to Esquimalt Cable Replacement Project – Construction Work – Letter #4

I would like to update you on our construction activities for the Victoria to Esquimalt Cable Replacement Project, an emergency-driven project to replace an existing underground power cable that is at high risk of failure from corrosion.

We will begin work on Gorge Road East on March 16 to connect the cable duct bank in Viaduct Park to the duct bank that was installed last summer along Gorge Road East. Please refer to the planned Gorge Road East work area shown below.



There will be an approximate four-week westbound road closure, with a detour to Burnside Road and then Harriet Road to Gorge Road. We've coordinated with the City of Victoria's Bay Street Bridge Project to keep eastbound traffic flow open along Gorge Road East during this time.

We expect to encounter rock below the road surface. Expect to hear excavator rock chipping sounds will be heard within the surrounding area.

We will need to implement short closures to George Road East with single-lane alternating traffic on March 10, during non-commuting periods, for asphalt cutting and underground utility locates.

Section 1: Gorge Road East westbound lane work

Work activities and timing:

- Trench excavation and duct bank installation.
- Restoration of the westbound lane with re-paving.
- Bike lane re-curb and line painting.

- Estimated completion of all restoration work by April 10.

Traffic management:

- The westbound lane will be closed at Jutland Road
 - Road detour will be Burnside Road and then Harriet Road to Gorge Road.
- The eastbound lane remains unaffected.
- Sidewalks will remain open.

Traffic management plan: Gorge Road East and Jutland Road.



Section 2: Gorge Road East eastbound lane work

Work activities and timing:

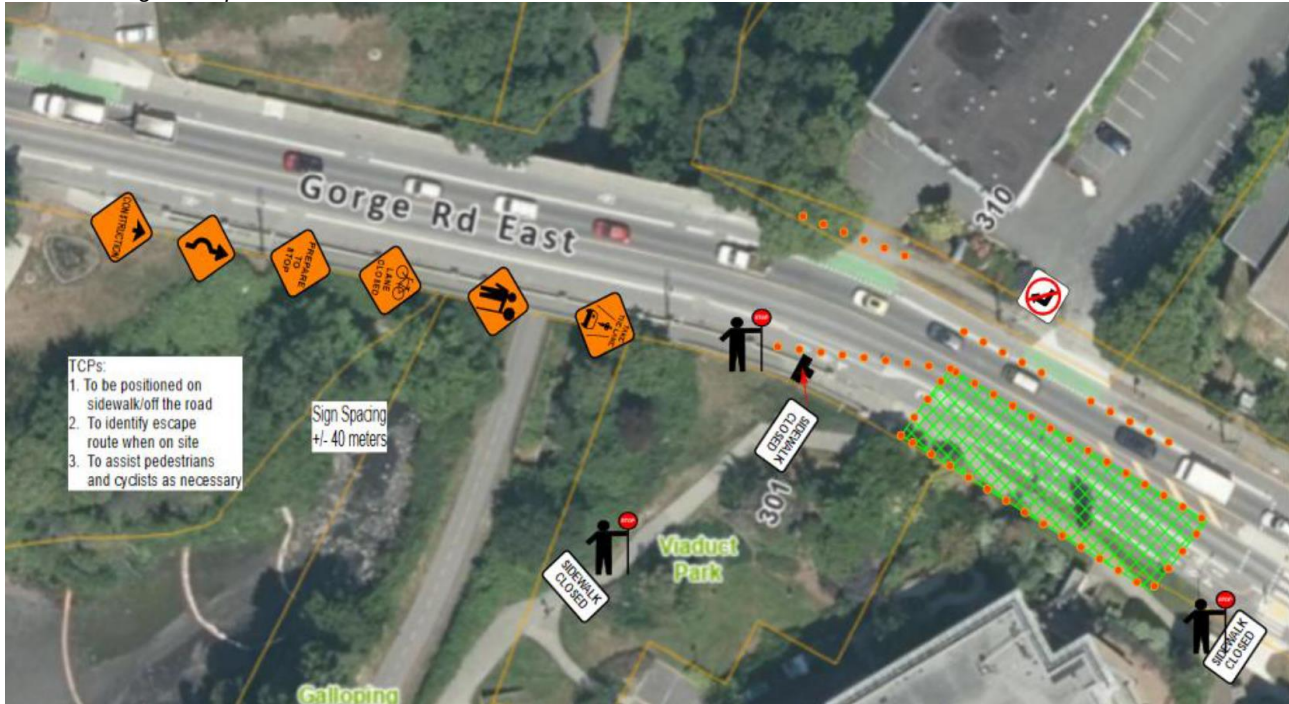
- Trench excavation and duct bank installation.
- Restoration of the eastbound lane with re-paving.
- Bike lane re-curb and line painting will be done at a later date.

Traffic management:

- Eastbound traffic will be redirected into the westbound lane (see map below).

- The westbound lane remains closed to westbound traffic.
 - Road detour will be Burnside Road and then Harriet Road to Gorge Road.
- South sidewalk and bike lane closed and detoured.

Traffic management plan.



Please note that construction schedules can change. Please follow the directions of our flaggers and the electronic detour signs.

To learn more about the project visit: www.bchydro.com/victoriatoesquimalt.

Please contact me if you have any questions. We thank you for your patience and understanding during the construction of this important project to maintain Greater Victoria's electricity reliability.

Sincerely,

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