

July 17, 2025

Dear Gorge Road Business or Resident,

**Re: Victoria to Esquimalt Cable Replacement Project – Construction Work – Letter #2**

I would like to update you on our construction work along Gorge Road for our 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.

There are three construction sections for our work along Gorge Road between Viaduct Park and Dunedin Street. Please follow the directions of our flaggers and the detour signs. The westbound lane of Gorge Road is needed for the new duct bank and associated construction activities. The sidewalks along Gorge Road remain open and flaggers will be guiding pedestrians and cyclists to the south sidewalk during work hours Monday to Friday. The work activities and timing and traffic management for each section is listed below. The trench excavation for the duct bank is quite large so the westbound lane, at the location or section we may be working, will be closed 24/7.

Please note that construction schedules can change with unforeseen underground conditions.

**Section 1: Gorge Road (west of Jutland Road)**

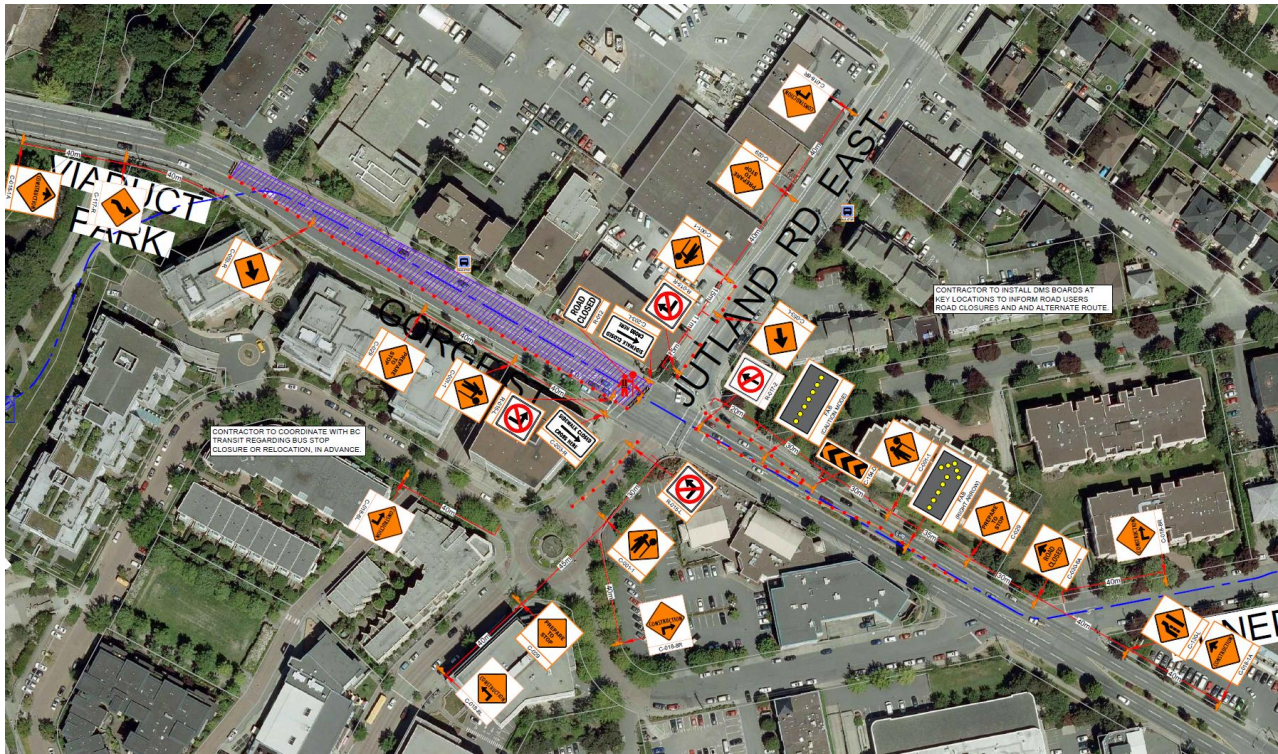
**Work activities and timing:**

- Road cutting is complete.
- Duct bank excavation is underway as of July 7.
  - Work is slowed by the presence of bedrock.
- The restoration of the westbound lane with re-paving, repainting and curbing install commences in early August.
- Estimated completion of all construction and restoration work within this section is early to mid-August.

**Traffic management:**

- Westbound lane is closed and traffic is detoured via Jutland Road.
- Eastbound lane remains open.

Gorge Road area west of Jutland Road. The blue dash line shows the duct bank routing. This hash-mark area shows the construction zone.



## **Section 2: Jutland Road intersection**

### **Work activities and timeline:**

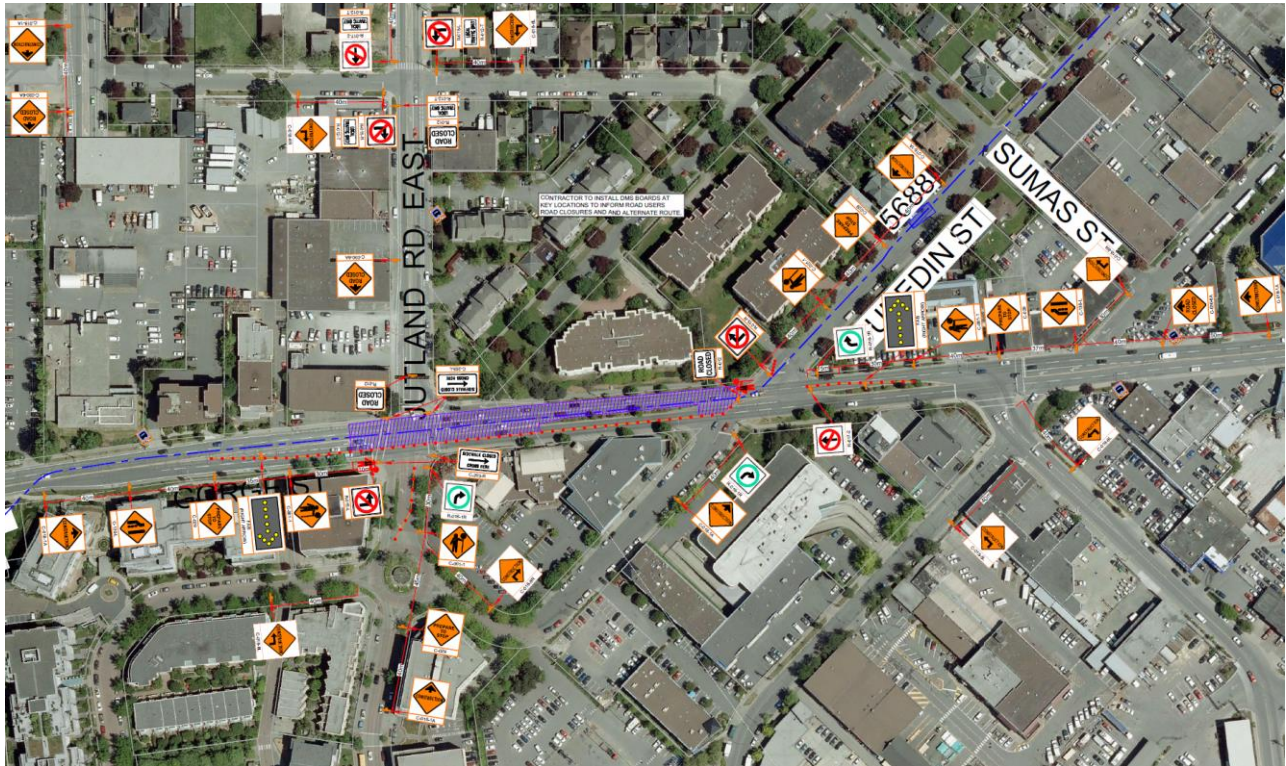
- Evening work is underway for road cutting and temporary trenching to locate underground utilities from July 22-24, 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
  - Work area will be restored each evening
- Duct bank excavation is underway in early August.
- The restoration of the westbound lane with re-paving, repainting and curbing work commences in mid-August.
- Estimated completion of all construction and restoration work within this section is mid to late-August.

### **Traffic management:**

- All traffic except for eastbound traffic detoured to alternative routes during July 22-24 work.
- Westbound lane closed and traffic detoured via Dunedin Street when duct bank work begins.
  - Douglas Street to Burnside Road is recommended as an alternate route.
- Eastbound lane will remain open.



*Jutland Road intersection. The blue dash line shows the duct bank routing. This hash-mark area shows the construction zone.*



### **Section 3: Gorge Road (east of Jutland Road to Dunedin Street)**

#### **Work timeline:**

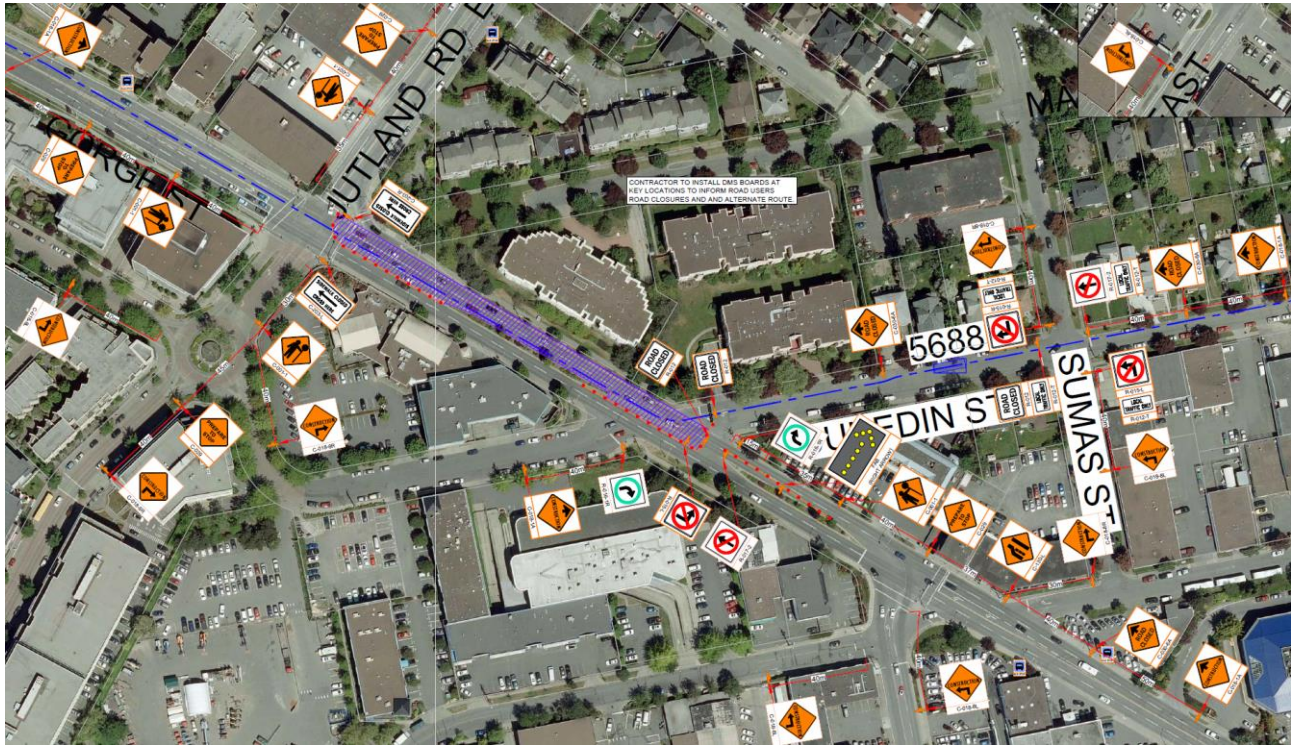
- Duct bank excavation is underway in mid-August.
- Restoration work including re-paving, repainting of road markings and curbing commences end of August.
- Estimated completion of all construction and restoration work within this section is early September.

#### **Traffic management:**

- Westbound lane closed and traffic detoured via Dunedin Street. Follow flaggers and detour signs.
  - Douglas Street and Burnside Road are recommended as alternate routes
- Eastbound lane remains open.



Gorge Road area east of Jutland Road. The blue dash line shows the duct bank routing. This hash-mark area shows the construction zone.



### Coordination with the City of Victoria on the Gorge Road work

We've been working closely with the City of Victoria to coordinate our project with other planned capital improvements along the Gorge Road corridor. Our project is emergency driven and has a short timeframe whereas the City's Gorge Road improvements had already been planned and a contractor in place. We worked with the City to not have certain road improvements done along the westbound lane of Gorge Road as we will do those works when we complete our project restoration work. We will also replace some improvements along Gorge Road.

To learn more about the project, including construction reports visit:  
[www.bchydro.com/victoriatoesquimalt](http://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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