

Engineering Services Community Transportation

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معلومات مهمة: البحث على الترجمة

### Simplified and Traditional Chinese translations are available.

February 26, 2024

# RE: Full closure of Raymur Avenue Railway Crossing – UPDATE

Dear Community Member,

The City of Vancouver plans to close the Raymur Avenue railway crossing to all vehicles, walking, and cycling traffic in Strathcona. The closure addresses safety concerns at the crossing and meets Transport Canada's new safety standards.

### **Exploring design options**

The initial deadline to install the safety upgrades was the fall of 2021. The deadline was extended to November 2024 by Transport Canada.

The extension allowed the City to work with an engineering consultant to study different railway safety options for the Raymur Avenue crossing. The study included feedback collected from the Strathcona community in 2021 about keeping the crossing open or closed.

The consultant's assessment confirmed that a full closure of the Raymur Avenue railway crossing is the only feasible long-term option to meet the new safety standards.

Key safety improvements will include:

- Adding barriers along the north and south sides of the railway crossing
- Removing the bell and light warning systems at the Raymur Avenue crossing

The railway closure will:

- Reduce noise from the bell and light warning systems
- Stop people from driving, walking, and biking across the railway

See Figure 1 for more details.

While the closure planning is underway and timelines may change, we expect to finish the project by the fall of 2024.



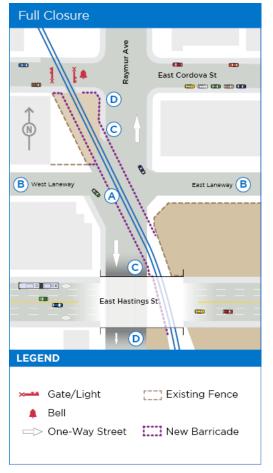
## **Questions?**

If you have any questions about the Raymur Avenue railway crossing closure, please visit <u>vancouver.ca/rail-safety</u> or contact our team at <u>railsafety@vancouver.ca</u>.

If you need language interpretation services, please call 3-1-1.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Lon LaClaire, M.Eng. , P.Eng. General Manager, Engineering Services City of Vancouver



# Figure 1 – Raymur Avenue Railway Crossing Closure

By the fall of 2024, the following changes will be implemented:

A) Adding new barriers (in purple) along the north and south side of the railway crossing

B) Continuing to allow two-way vehicle travel on both the east and west laneways

C) Removing the bell and light warning systems D) Placing "Do Not Enter" signs to notify people that the road will be closed to approaching vehicles travelling north (at Raymur Ave near the Hastings overpass bridge) and travelling south (at E Cordova St and Raymur Ave).