

An Update on BC Ferries' Langdale Terminal Redevelopment Plan

Hello Sunshine Coast Residents,

As I mentioned in my August update, we are working hard to develop our plan to limit construction impacts on the parking lots and terminal's operations as we undertake improvements. Due to the popularity of the terminal, we are focusing on ensuring minimal disruption to our customers throughout the process.

Construction Phases and Closures

The planned work requires us to close areas of the parking lots and holding compound throughout the construction period. We currently have six phases we are considering for the parking lots and three phases for the work around the ticketing plaza. The length of these closures will range from a couple of weeks to a couple of months. There will also be multiple areas around the property that will need short-term closures to complete the trenching for the terminal's upgraded underground utilities. We will share the phasing plans once they are finalized in the next several months. These plans will guide all other areas of planning during the project.

Utility Upgrades

The underground utility upgrades will support many improvements, including

the customer Wi-Fi service. The existing Wi-Fi equipment is dated and the terminal's redevelopment presents an opportunity to improve this service to our customers. We have conducted wireless site surveys to make sure we place the Access Points in optimal areas for physical coverage, and also accommodate the more densely populated passenger areas. We are proposing to increase the number of Access Points from five to approximately 30. The newer equipment will also connect more users and have higher bandwidth to provide a faster Wi-Fi experience at the terminal.

Landscape Design

In addition to construction phasing and utility upgrades, we are working on an interesting aspect of the proposed landscape design. As part of the terminal building's design, we will be constructing an engineered slope on the waterside of the building. To meet the environmental and coastal engineering requirements, this slope will be landscaped with a blanket of native shrubs and grasses, root balls from trees removed from the site and logs laid on their side. The shrubs will include thimbleberry, salal and sword ferns because they are tolerant to high winds and wet soils. This design ensures the slope is resilient to storms during high

tides. This slope will include stairs or a ramp at the north end to provide people access to the beach.

New Cycling Amenities

For cyclists who use the terminal, the development plan also includes adding to the existing covered bike lockers currently located at the terminal. We plan to have five units in place that will hold 10 bikes securely. This initiative is in partnership with the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD).

SCRD Langdale Water Pumping Station Project

Following up from last month, we have reviewed the SCRD's Langdale Water Pumping Station project plans. The pumping station is located adjacent to the overflow lot within our terminal property. We are confident that both projects can be delivered without any significant impacts to stakeholders.

Terminal Signage

The signage design for the terminal has gone through another stage of review and continues moving forward. We expect a strong wayfinding signage package that will help both new and returning customers find their way effortlessly



An example of covered bike lockers. The development plan includes adding to the existing bike lockers at the terminal.

around the redeveloped terminal. We also continue to engage with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on updating their highway signage.

This project is complex and subject to a number of approvals from various jurisdictions. These approvals are taking longer than anticipated, and we expect construction to begin on the project in the spring. I will keep you posted once I have further details on the schedule.

I expect to have more information in the New Year, and will provide my next community update in January. In the meantime, if you have any questions please send them to me at michael.pearson@bcferries.com.

Thank you,

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