

NEWS RELEASE

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Midtown Gateway project reaches major milestone

A section of the new roadway will soon be open for use, connecting Northfield to Rosstown Road

Summary

While construction continues on the Midtown Gateway Project, a major milestone has been reached. On September 25, a new section of Boxwood Road and the new Powder Works Road (connecting Northfield Road to Rosstown Road) is set to open to vehicle traffic, cyclists, pedestrians and the #30 bus.

Powder Works Road will now replace the Bowen and Rosstown intersection as the new access point for Rosstown Road. Drivers will have a week to adjust their commute and get used to the new streets; access to Rosstown Road from Bowen Road will be permanently closed starting Tuesday, October 1 at 10 a.m.

On September 25, RDN Transit #30 NRGH will reroute and buses will travel between Rosstown Road and Meredith Road via Powder Works Road and Boxwood Road. Affected transit users should refer to [the new Rider's Guide](#) on the RDN Transit website.

Construction on the Midtown Gateway Project is expected to continue until next summer. This includes upgrades to the intersection of Bowen and Northfield Road, a new multi-use path on Boxwood Road, and a new traffic-signal-controlled intersection on Bowen Road opening later this fall, which will also serve as an enhanced access into Beban Park.

Access to businesses within the project area will be maintained during construction. For all the latest project information, including current traffic disruptions, visit [the Midtown Gateway Project Page](#).

South of the Midtown Gateway Project, the Midtown Water Supply Project also continues. For updated project information and traffic disruptions along Bowen Road, visit [the Midtown Water Supply Project Page](#).

Strategic Link: Council's commitment to capital projects ensures that the City can maintain and grow its services to meet our community's evolving needs.

Key Points

- A major milestone has been reached with the Midtown Gateway Project. On September 25, a new section of Boxwood Road and the new Powder Works Road (connecting Northfield Road to Rosstown Road) is set to open to vehicle traffic, cyclists, pedestrians and the #30 bus.
- Commuters will have a week to adjust their commute and get used to the new changes; access to Rosstown Road from Bowen Road will be permanently closed starting Tuesday, October 1 at 10 a.m.
- Construction on the rest of the Midtown Gateway Project is expected to be complete by summer 2025.
- Access to businesses within the project area will be maintained during construction.

Quotes

"Infrastructure! We literally can't have a city without it, and these additions and changes to our road infrastructure make great use of this brownfield site. Thanks for your patience, Nanaimo! This construction and its disruption to traffic will ultimately lead to the smoother and safer flow of people, goods and services in this area of the City."

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