

Quayside Crossing & Brookes Street Pedestrian Crossing

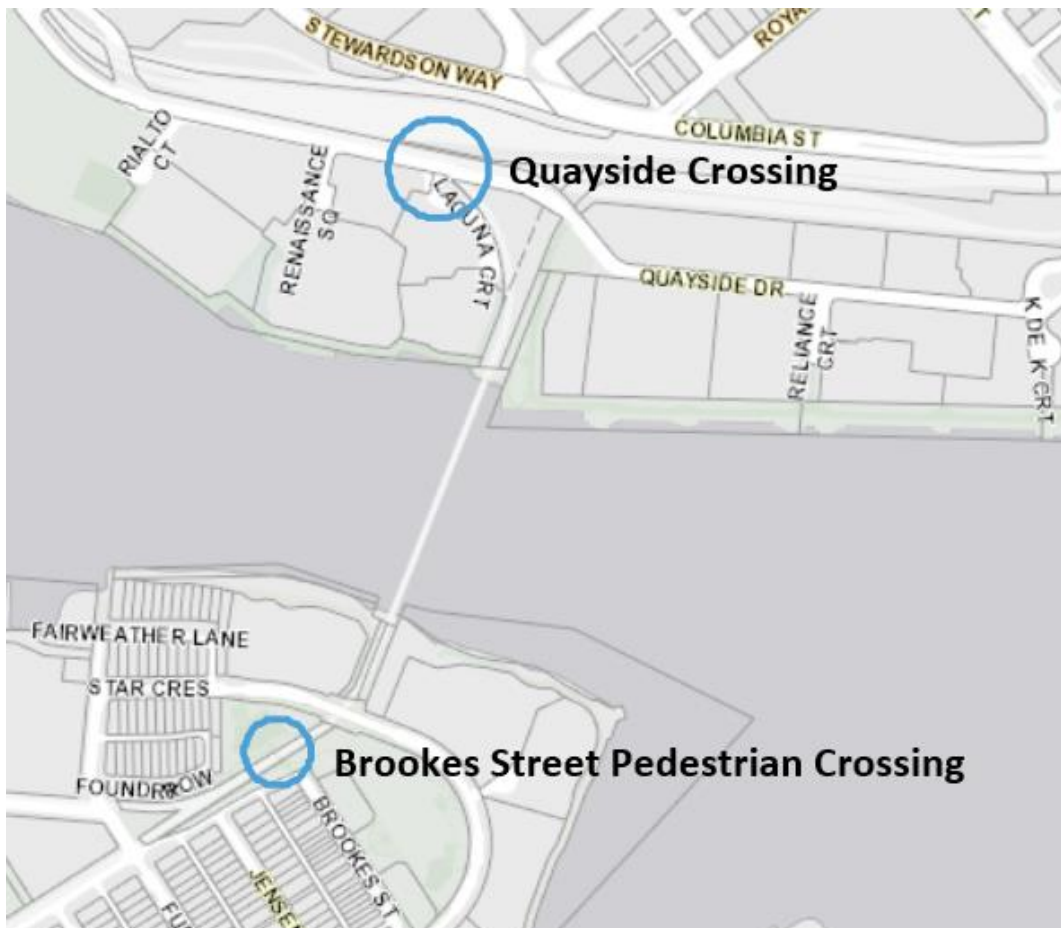
December 15, 2020

In accordance with Section 23.1 of the Railway Safety Act the City of New Westminster passed a resolution to implement train whistle cessation at two (2) grade railway crossings in 2014, through "Train Whistle Cessation Bylaw 7698, 2014".

Railway Crossings to Attain Train Whistle Cessation

The two (2) at grade crossings considered for train whistle cessation are located at Quayside Drive and Laguna Court as well as the foot of Brookes Street in Port Royal. They can be identified as follows:

1. Quayside Crossing Queensborough Branch Line Mile 0.30
2. Brookes Street Pedestrian Crossing Queensborough Branch Line Mile 0.69



Background Information

The City of New Westminster has been working closely with Technical Safety British Columbia, Transport Canada and the four railway companies currently operating in the city towards eliminating the use of locomotive whistling within city limits.

The City signed an agreement with Southern Railway of BC (SRY) in November 2019 for the installation of all of the required safety upgrades identified through safety audits conducted at each of the crossings. All of the improvement works have now been completed. In December 2020, the Provincial Railway Safety Regulator inspected the works for compliance with the regulations to determine eligibility for whistle cessation and has approved cessation.

The City is continuing to work with SRY to ensure a smooth transition toward cessation at these crossings and the whistle cessation order will be enacted on Friday December 18, 2020. It should be noted that pursuant to section Sec. 23.1 of the Railway Safety Act, that the use of railway whistles be prohibited at the Quayside Drive Crossing at Mile 0.30 and the Brookes Street Pedestrian Crossing at Mile 0.69 unless:

- a) An emergency exists; or
- b) Rules in force under section 19 or 20 of the Railway Safety Act require whistle use; or a railway safety inspector orders whistle use under section 31 of the Railway Safety Act.

Should you have any questions with respect to this order, please contact the City of New Westminster Engineering Department.

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