



# Container Capacity Improvement Program

## PLANNING AHEAD FOR CANADA'S TRADE FUTURE

The Container Capacity Improvement Program is Port Metro Vancouver's long-term strategy to deliver projects to meet anticipated growth in container capacity demand. The Program looks at opportunities to create container capacity through improvements at existing terminals, conversion of existing terminals and development of new infrastructure.

In 2014, more than 3.5 million twenty-foot equivalent container units (TEUs) moved through terminals on the Canadian west coast, with more than 2.9 million TEUs moving through terminals within Port Metro Vancouver's jurisdiction. Port Metro Vancouver is planning ahead to ensure that terminals have the capacity to meet growing demand for containerized goods.

## ROBERTS BANK TERMINAL 2 PROJECT

The Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project is a proposed new three-berth container terminal at Roberts Bank in Delta, B.C., on Canada's west coast. The Project would provide 2.4 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) of container capacity and is needed to meet forecasted demand for trade of goods in containers.

Even with recent, current and proposed improvements to infrastructure at container terminals within Port Metro Vancouver's jurisdiction, and the planned expansion at the Fairview Terminal in Prince Rupert, demand forecasts indicate that Canada's west coast will need additional container capacity by the early to mid-2020s, which the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project would provide.

To learn more about the work that Port Metro Vancouver has undertaken to examine options to meet forecasted demand for goods shipped in containers and the rationale for developing the Roberts Bank Terminal Project, read **Meeting Canada's Trade Demand: Project Rationale**, available at [portmetrovancover.com/RBT2](http://portmetrovancover.com/RBT2).

### Environmental Assessment

The Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project is undergoing a federal environmental assessment by an independent review panel, under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*.

The Project is also undergoing an assessment under the British Columbia *Environmental Assessment Act*, and requires other permits and authorizations before it can proceed. The environmental assessment process for the Project is anticipated to take two to three years to complete.



## Environmental Impact Statement

Port Metro Vancouver has filed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. The filing of the EIS initiates a thorough review, including multiple opportunities for public comment.

The EIS documents four years of extensive scientific study and consultation with regulators, Aboriginal groups, local government and the public to assess the potential environmental, economic, social, heritage and health effects of the terminal's construction and operation. The EIS includes proposed mitigation measures to reduce, avoid or offset potential effects and describes the monitoring and follow-up program that would be undertaken to ensure mitigation measures are effective.

The EIS concludes the Project should be approved to proceed, given that the Project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, and given the benefits of the Project to Canada and British Columbia. The EIS will be reviewed by an independent review panel appointed by the federal Minister of the Environment.

An executive summary of the EIS can be found at [portmetrovancover.com/RBT2](http://portmetrovancover.com/RBT2) and the complete EIS can be found at [www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca](http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca) (Reference: 80054).

**Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project**  
Environmental Impact Statement

**77** environmental studies

**35,000+** hours of fieldwork

**100+** professional scientists



## DELTAPORT TERMINAL, ROAD AND RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Deltaport, at Roberts Bank in Delta, B.C., is the largest container terminal in Canada, with a current capacity of 1.8 million TEUs. Current road and rail constraints limit the capacity of Deltaport to meet forecast demand for additional container movements.

As part of the Deltaport Terminal, Road and Rail Improvement Project, an overpass to separate road and rail traffic on the Roberts Bank causeway was completed in November 2014. The construction of a Vehicle Access Control System is now underway.

The primary objectives of the Vehicle Access Control System are to:

- Increase the overall security framework at terminal facilities at Roberts Bank;
- Ensure that the safety and environmental objectives of the Port Metro Vancouver Truck Licensing System are met; and
- Improve terminal efficiency and container reservation validation.

Construction of the Vehicle Access Control System is taking place during daylight hours. There are no anticipated impacts on terminal operations or the surrounding community.

Planning for the remaining elements of the Project, including reconfiguration of the rail intermodal yard at Deltaport, is currently underway. Additional information will be posted once it becomes available later in 2015.

To learn more about the Deltaport Terminal, Road and Rail Improvement Project, please visit [portmetrovancover.com/DTRRIP](http://portmetrovancover.com/DTRRIP).

## CENTERM EXPANSION PROJECT

Port Metro Vancouver is working with DP World Vancouver, operators of Centerm, to increase container capacity in the inner harbour of Burrard Inlet. Concept studies suggest that the Centerm Expansion Project could increase the container capacity of Centerm from its current 900,000 TEUs to up to 1.5 million TEUs, reduce existing road and rail congestion and improve safety for all port users. Preliminary Design will continue until late 2015. If approved and permitted to proceed, construction could commence in late 2016.

Port Metro Vancouver is committed to consulting with the community and other stakeholders prior to finalizing the design for the Centerm Expansion Project.

### Contact Us

For further information, or to sign up for Container Capacity Improvement Project updates, please visit the Port Metro Vancouver website at: [portmetrovancover.com/CCIP](http://portmetrovancover.com/CCIP).

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