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New traffic signal, left turn lanes in the works for improved safety downtown

A new traffic signal and dedicated left turn lanes will provide a significant safety upgrade at the intersection and Dogwood Street and 16th Avenue.

Work is anticipated to start on the traffic signal replacement at this key downtown intersection Friday, March 24 and be completed by early April.

“This intersection is currently the top crash site in Campbell River, with 46 ICBC reported claims in the five years from 2011 to 2015. As such, ICBC will assist with funding these improvements. Nearly half the value of the work is funded through a grant from ICBC,” says Drew Hadfield, the City’s transportation manager.

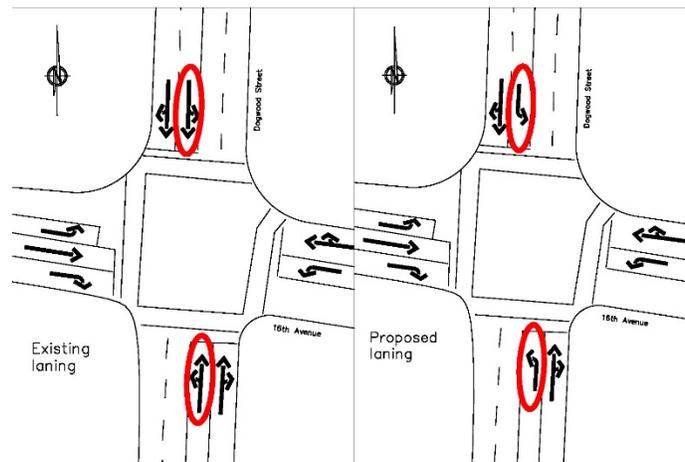
Because the traffic signal will not operate during construction, traffic control personnel will be on site to direct vehicles. Temporary lane closures will be required during construction, narrowing two travel lanes down to a single travel lane.

“Drivers should expect some delays at this intersection and are reminded to proceed with caution in the construction zone. If possible, please use an alternative route,” Hadfield adds.

The safety upgrades will provide left turn lanes in all four directions, with advance green arrows signaling safe turning. For north and southbound traffic, these upgrades will bring left-turn only lane designations. No changes to lane designations are planned for the east or westbound direction, and a right turn arrow will direct eastbound traffic. (See image.)

Other improvements at the intersection will include new:

- traffic controller and box
- signal timing
- bases and poles
- street name signs
- traffic signal heads
- LED luminaires
- accessible pedestrian system
- pedestrian countdown timers
- emergency vehicle pre-emption system



Raylec Power LP won the contract for this project. The work is valued at \$197,650 excluding GST. The work is partially funded through a \$92,300 road safety grant from ICBC.

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