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Transport Canada orders closure of access on West Beach and higher fencing after safety review

Following on July 2013 and February 2014 rail incidents, Transport Canada reviewed the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railway track and access points along White Rock waterfront. On Friday 6 June, Transport Canada has ordered two Orders to be immediately actioned:

- The boat launch access point will be closed to the public immediately.
- Trains from Coldicutt Ravine to Semiahmoo First Nations Reserve will blow horns intermittently from dawn to dusk.

Further identified safety items identified by Transport Canada will be addressed by the end of June

- Fencing will be installed by Burlington Northern Santa Fe along the west edge of Bayview Park to halt individuals from walking along the tracks.
- Fencing will be installed by Burlington Northern Santa Fe to halt individuals from crossing the tracks at the bottom of the Coldicutt Ravine stairs.
- Fencing will be installed from the far east crossing at Finlay Street alongside the track to the Semiahmoo First Nations Reserve.

"The safety of our residents is incredibly important," said Greg St. Louis, Director of Engineering and Operations. "While these Transport Canada orders will be a difficult change to the waterfront, we recognize that the health and wellbeing of our residents and visitors comes first."

The boat launch access point will be closed to the public until installation of an audio and visual warning system with crossing arm.

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