

Notice of Railway Maintenance – Ottawa, ON

Replacement of railway ties being planned in the City of Ottawa to improve safety of train operations in the region.

Ottawa, June 1, 2015 –VIA Rail Canada Inc. would like to notify residents adjacent to its tracks that we will be carrying out a rail tie replacement program along rail lines within the City of Ottawa taking place this week.

VIA Rail Canada is undertaking track maintenance work consisting of tie replacement and surfacing work. Around 1,500 rail ties will be replaced during the construction period to improve the stability of the tracks and improve the safety by holding the track gauge (distance between the rails). For a job of this magnitude, a [tie-replacement machine](#) is needed to get the work done efficiently.

The work will be carried along the tracks located between Industrial Avenue and Pleasant Park Road following Riverside Drive (mile 0.35 to 2) and between Bank St. and Riverside Drive following Colman Street and Fielding Drive (mile 3 to 5.2.) Please refer to the maps below for further detail.

Due to the nature of this work, VIA Rail Canada has received a noise by-law exemption from the City of Ottawa to conduct this work at night. Work will start on the evening of Tuesday, June 2nd and will continue to Friday, June 5. If required, the work will resume on Tuesday, June 9 to complete the program. The tie and surfacing crews are moving along as they progress, so they are not staying static behind any one location for an extended period of time, however, VIA Rail Canada apologizes for any inconvenience that may be caused to local residences.

Figure 1: Mile 0.35 to 2 – tie replacement program



Figure 2: Mile 3 to 3.5 – tie replacement program



About VIA Rail Canada

As Canada's national rail passenger service, VIA Rail Canada (viarail.ca) and its 2,500 employees are mandated to provide safe, efficient and economical passenger transportation service, in both official languages of our country. VIA Rail operates intercity, regional and transcontinental trains linking over 400 communities across Canada, and safely transports nearly four million passengers annually. The Corporation was awarded seven Safety Awards by the Railway Association of Canada over the last eight years, and was the recipient of the 2012 Agent's Choice Award voted by Canadian travel agents and presented by Baxter Travel Media. Since 2007, the Government of Canada has invested almost a billion dollars in VIA Rail.