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Concerning: Work in train free periods pedestrian- and bike underpass De Suikerzijde

Dear resident,

Hereby we sent you the second newsletter on behalf of Van Spijker Infrabouw. Van Spijker is the contractor for the new pedestrian- and bike underpass between the inner city and the former Suikerunie area. In this area a new city district will be constructed, this is a project on behalf of the municipality of Groningen and Prorail. In this Newsletter we will tell you about the train free periods which are planned soon.

When are the train free periods?

Our work area covers the area from the Admiraal de Ruyterlaan until the terrain of the former sugar factory. The new bike lane will be constructed under the train tracks and the western ring road. It will then connect to the front area of the new residential area 'De Suikerzijde'. Because we have to go under the train tracks we will need three train free periods (TFP's). During these TFP's no trains will run between Groningen Central station and Groningen North. The planned dates for the TFP's can be found in the table down below. The TFP's have been confirmed by the municipality of Groningen and Prorail. During the TFP's we will work day and night, this is needed to keep the TFP's as short as possible. This way the train traffic can resume as fast as possible.

Train free periods	Start	Ending
Train free period 1	Saturday April 1st, 2023: 01:00 am	Monday April 3th, 2023: 05:00 am
Train free period 2	Saturday April 15th, 2023: 01:00 am	Monday April 17th, 2023: 05:00 am
Train free period 3	Saturday April 29th, 2023: 01:00 am	Friday May 5th, 2023: 02:00 am

What will we be doing?

- During the first train free period we will cause the most nuisance. We will be grinding the rails loose and we will be removing the rest of the railroad. Then we will insert sheet piling and we will drill poles into the ground. The final thing we will be doing is recreating the railway tracks, so that the trains can run again on Monday. We try to do as much of these works as possible during the day, but also work has to be performed during the night.

- During the second train free period we will mainly concentrate on working alongside the tracks. We will be boring anchors into the ground to stabilize the floor that will be constructed in the future under the viaduct. We will also perform works that we did not manage to complete in the first train free period.
- During the third and last train free period we will drive in the new underpass and finish the work around the railway.

During the train free periods you are invited to watch the works from the specially placed stands close to the Westerwal apartments. You can also watch the works online through the construction camera, the link will be shared in the Omgevingsapp.

What do we do for you?

We will keep nuisance down as much as possible, but residents that live nearby will experience some form of nuisance during the train free periods. Most of the work with nuisance will be carried out during the day, but some will have to be performed at night. Transports to site will mostly be done to the working area between the ring road and the train tracks. Some transports will have to be done through the Admiraal de Ruyterlaan to the eastern working area. We have done everything within our power to minimize nuisance to a minimum. If you are still experiencing nuisance, you can make a report through the Omgevingsapp. We will then contact you as soon as possible.

What is on the agenda?

- At this moment we are working on the deck for train tracks, at the end of march we will pour the deck. This is done to make sure the deck is ready for the last train free period.
- After the TFP's we will start the preparations to build the underpasses of the ramps of the western ring road.
- We will start demolishing the concrete parts of the old sea wall near the student housing on the Sugar area. This is so that we can start the construction of the new bike path.

Work on the train tracks near me

On prorail.nl/spoorwerk (website in Dutch) you can see when there is work on the train tracks near you. You can also subscribe to get an automatic email whenever there is work planned on the train tracks near you, go to <https://mijnprorail.prorail.nl>.

Do you have any additional questions?

If you have any additional questions, we urge you to download the Omgevingsapp. Earlier newsletters can be found here. If you don't find what you need, you can contact me (Auke Plantinga) at 06 3409 5225 or a.plantinga@vsib.nl. If you want to know more about De Suikerzijde you can visit the website www.desuikerzijde.nl.

Met vriendelijke groet,

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