# **Cache Creek Crossing Restoration Project**

February 2024 Project Update



#### Construction is underway on the Cache Creek Crossing Restoration Project

This \$7.4 million project is addressing significant impacts to local infrastructure from flooding by building a 13-metre-long, four-lane bridge to replace the culvert at the Highway 97-Cache Creek crossing. Acres Enterprises Ltd., in partnership with Bonaparte First Nation, is the Prime Contractor for construction.



Cross-section rendering of the new bridge once complete.

# **Work Completed**

The project team is working on an accelerated schedule, with the upcoming spring freshet considered as part of construction planning. Environmental assessments, geotechnical investigations to inform project design, and preconstruction activities, such as relocating utilities within the project area and other site preparation, were completed last fall.

Major works construction of the new bridge started in January 2024 and is anticipated to be complete later this summer.



This temporary culvert was installed under the crossing and will be removed once the new bridge is in place.

## **Work in Early 2024**

Residents can expect to see the following project work in the coming months:

- Realignment of the creek, including excavation to widen and lower the creek bed
- Bridge foundation construction, including pile driving
- Installation of a precast bridge girder on the west side of the new crossing to support the bridge deck

Two temporary lanes (one in each direction) on the west side of the new bridge are anticipated to be complete before freshet. Timing is subject to change.

# **Upcoming Work in Spring 2024**

After spring freshet, the focus of construction is expected to turn to the two eastern lanes of the new bridge. Once that half of the bridge is complete, it will be opened to traffic as crews transition back to work on finishing the west side of the crossing. More details on these activities and what can be expected after will be shared in the coming months.

# **Traffic Management**

Construction of the new bridge will likely require the closure of a single lane of traffic in each direction for the majority of the project. Drivers can expect lane configurations to change as the project progresses. Traffic control will be in place during construction to minimize delays through the work zone.

Access for pedestrians, including students, will be maintained. Priority will also be maintained for emergency vehicles.

## **Construction Notification**

During construction, a variety of tools will be used to inform road users of potential impacts to traffic. We would encourage residents to check the following websites for further information:

- Website notifications and project email signup at gov.bc.ca/cachecreek
- Traffic advisories at drivebc.ca



Bridge foundation is underway, including pile driving on the west side of the new crossing, as seen in this photo.

## **Get in Touch**

If you have any additional questions about the Cache Creek Crossing Restoration Project, please get in touch through any of the following channels:



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