

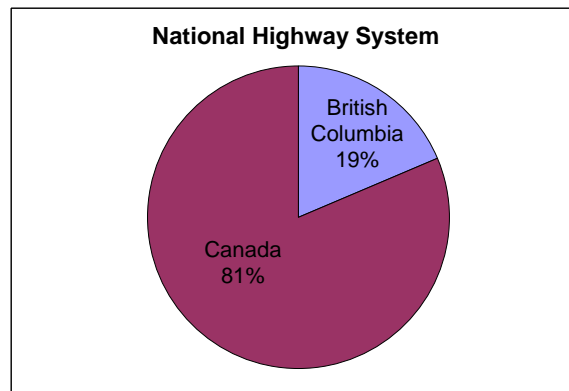
National Highway System

The National Highway System (NHS) is a designated set of highways that support functions of national significance. In British Columbia the bulk of the NHS is composed of provincial highways that have been funded by the province, and are generally much more expensive to construct and maintain than in other provinces, due to more challenging terrain and climate.

Canada's NHS was first established in 1988 and consisted of a 24,500 kilometre *Core Network*, of which 5,388 kilometres were in British Columbia. The NHS was updated in 2004 by adding 2,700 kilometres to the *Core Network* across the country, including the addition of 412 kilometres in British Columbia. Then in 2005 the NHS was expanded by adding:

- *Intermodal Connections* to the *Core Network* – 65 kilometres in British Columbia
- a *Feeder Network* of routes and international border crossings providing key linkages to the *Core Network* – 446 kilometres in British Columbia
- a *Northern and Remote Network* – 721 kilometres in British Columbia

This resulted in British Columbia's portion of the NHS amounting to 7,032 kilometres, which is 19% of the entire NHS at 37,579 kilometres.



NHS Core Network – Routes

Rte #	Route Description	Total Length (km)	Length by Responsible Government (km)		
			Prov.	Fed.	Mun.
<i>1988 National Highway System</i>					
1	Alberta Border – Victoria (Dallas Rd)	993	889	101	3
2	Alberta Border – Dawson Creek (Jct 97)	42	42	0	0
3	Alberta Border – Hope (Jct 5)	833	833	0	0
5	Tete Jaune Cache (Jct 16) – Hope (Jct 1)	531	531	0	0
16	Alberta Border – Prince Rupert (Pacific Ocean)	1074	1074	0	0
17	Victoria (Oswego/Belleville) – Ladner (Jct 99)	44	41	0	3
97	Cache Creek (Jct 1) – Yukon Border (near Watson Lake)	1812	979	833	0
99	US Border (Peace Arch) – North Vancouver (Jct 1)	59	47	0	12
Subtotals 1988 NHS		5388	4436	934	18
<i>2004 Additions</i>					
11	Abbotsford (Jct 1) – US Border (Huntington)	3	3	0	0
19	Nanaimo (Jct 1) – Parksville (Jct 4A/19)	41	41	0	0
97	Near Peachland (Jct 97C) – Swan Lake (Jct 97A)	80	80	0	0
97A	Swan Lake (Jct 97) – Sicamous (Jct 1)	65	65	0	0
97B	Grindrod (Jct 97A) – Salmon Arm (Jct 1)	14	14	0	0
97C	Merritt (Jct 5) – Near Peachland (Jct 97)	106	106	0	0
99	Horseshoe Bay (Jct 1) – Whistler (Lorimer Road)	103	103	0	0
Subtotals 2004 Additions		412	412	0	0
Grand Totals Core Network Routes		5800	4848	934	18

NHS Core Network – Intermodal Connections

Route #	Route Description	Length (km)
McGill St.	Hwy. 1 – Port of Vanc. (Vanterm & Centerm)	4.0
Deltaport Way	Hwy. 17 – Port of Vancouver (Deltaport)	10.0
River Rd. and Elevator Rd.	Jct 17/99 – Fraser River Port	15.0
Fairview Terminals Rd.	Hwy. 16 – Port of Prince Rupert	2.0
Hwy. 19 (link to Duke Pt. ferry terminal)	Hwy. 1 – Duke Point ferry terminal	7.6
Bridgeport Rd./Sea Island	Hwy. 99 – Vancouver Int. Airport	1.7

Way Couplet		
McTavish, Canora & Willingdon	Hwy. 17 – Victoria Int. Airport	0.8
Airport Way	Hwy. 97 – Kelowna Airport	0.3
Mt. Lehman Rd.	Hwy. 1 – Abbotsford Airport	2.9
Old Cariboo Hwy.	Hwy. 16 – Prince George Airport	5.0
176 th St. & 104 th Ave.	Hwy. 1 – CN Vanc. Intermodal Terminal	2.0
Hwys. 7B, 7 & Kennedy Rd.	Hwy. 1 – CP Vanc. Intermodal Facility	14.0
Grand Total Core Network Intermodal Connections		65.3

Many of these are not provincial highways.

NHS Feeder Network

Route #	Route Description	Length (km)
<i>Feeder Routes</i>		
4	Downtown Port Alberni – Jct 19	38
19	Parksville (Jct 4A) – Campbell River (Jct 28)	118
37	Terrace (Jct 16) – Kitimat (Nalabila Blvd.)	58
97	Near Peachland (Jct 97C) – Downtown Penticton	44
101	Downtown Powell River – Vancouver (Langdale ferry terminal)	112
Subtotal Feeder Routes		370
<i>International Border Crossings</i>		
95	Curzon (Jct 3) – US Border (Kingsgate)	11
97	Downtown Penticton – US Border (S. of Osoyoos)	65
Subtotal Border Crossings		76
Grand Total Feeder Network		446

NHS Northern and Remote Network

Route #	Route Description	Length (km)
37	Kitwanga (Jct 16) – Yukon Border	721
Grand Total Northern and Remote Network		721