

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Major Capital Project Plan: Highway 1 – Monte Creek to Pritchard

Budget Transparency and Accountability Act Disclosure

Project Scope

The Monte Creek to Pritchard Project is part of the Trans Canada Highway Four Laning program identified in the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's (MoTI) 10 year plan called BC on the Move. The project is located on Highway 1 between the junction with Highway 97 at Monte Creek and the unincorporated community of Pritchard.

The scope of work includes upgrading 10.5 km of two lane highway to a 100 km/h four lane standard, construction of an interchange at Pinantan / Duck Range Road at Pritchard including 1.9 km of two lane side road connections to the interchange, and 1.2 km of two lane frontage road connecting Old Bostock Road intersection and a number of private driveways to a new highway intersection at Miners Bluff Road, construction of two emergency vehicle turn around points, and installation of 3.3 km of concrete median barrier with median drainage improvements on the existing four lane segment connecting to the Pritchard to Hoffman's Bluff improvement project.

Project Objectives and Benefits

The Monte Creek to Pritchard project achieves the following objectives:

- Improved safety, mobility and reliability of the Trans Canada Highway (Highway 1) corridor which is a vital transportation link between British Columbia and the rest of Canada, supporting regional, provincial and national economic growth.
- Improved safety for local residents of Pritchard and the surrounding area with a grade separated crossing of the highway, channelized upgrades to farm accesses, and commercial access for the Pritchard General Store and post office.
- Improved cyclist and pedestrian accommodation along the highway through a widened paved shoulder complete with rumble strips.
- Mitigation of impacts on First Nations interests. The project is located in an area of unprecedented cultural significance to the Secwepemc Nation.

Project Schedule

The project has been delivered in 2 phases. Phase 1 of the project was tendered in August 2011 and completed in the Fall of 2012. Phase 2 was tendered in the spring of 2013 and reached substantial completion in fall 2015.

Project Cost

The estimated total project cost is \$68.9 M. The project is cost shared with a federal government contribution of \$16.7 M.

The project reached substantial completion in the fall of 2015, with minor works scheduled for the spring of 2016 to achieve final completion.

Archeological work on the project is complex with several sites dating back more than 9,500 years . Finds included ancestral remains locations, a village site, and other pre-contact sites. MoTI worked closely with the First Nation communities to ensure legislative requirements were met.

The estimated total project cost includes allowance for settlement of final construction claims, completing archeological work, and outstanding land expropriation costs.

Risks

The project is substantially complete. The primary risks on the project are noted below:

- Contract dispute with Prime Contractor. The Ministry continues to negotiate with the contractor on outstanding construction claim issues linked to changes in construction requirements. The project estimate contains adequate allowance for the settlement of outstanding issues.
- Additional archaeological works. Cataloguing of artifacts and preparation of the final reports is on-going and anticipated to take another year to complete. Cost to complete the remaining archaeological works is accommodated in the current estimate.
- Property loss claims. Owners of properties acquired through a Section 3 expropriation have the option to file a claim within one year of project completion for additional compensation, provided they can show damages greater than the appraised value. The project cost estimate includes adequate allowance for the settlement of future claims.

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