

HIGHWAY 8 INFORMATION & UPDATES

January 2025



Ministry of
Transportation
and Transit

PROGRESS REPORT

The Highway 8 team has continued its progress to prepare more sites for construction of permanent repairs.

A new office trailer has been installed at Site 8 (pictured). It will be used as a central construction trailer for all other sites during permanent repairs.

Large construction signs are now in place at each end of the corridor, showing drivers a map of all 24 sites and listing up-to-date information about active construction.

For up-to-date information on construction:



Call

1-855-425-9416



Visit

gov.bc.ca/highway8recovery



Email

highway8.information@gov.bc.ca

17 Sites



2 Sites



5 Sites



IN DESIGN

Permanent repairs are in planning or design at:

- Sites 1,6, 8
- Sites 9 and 10
- Sites 11 to 19
- Sites 20 to 22

IN CONSTRUCTION

Permanent repairs are in construction at:

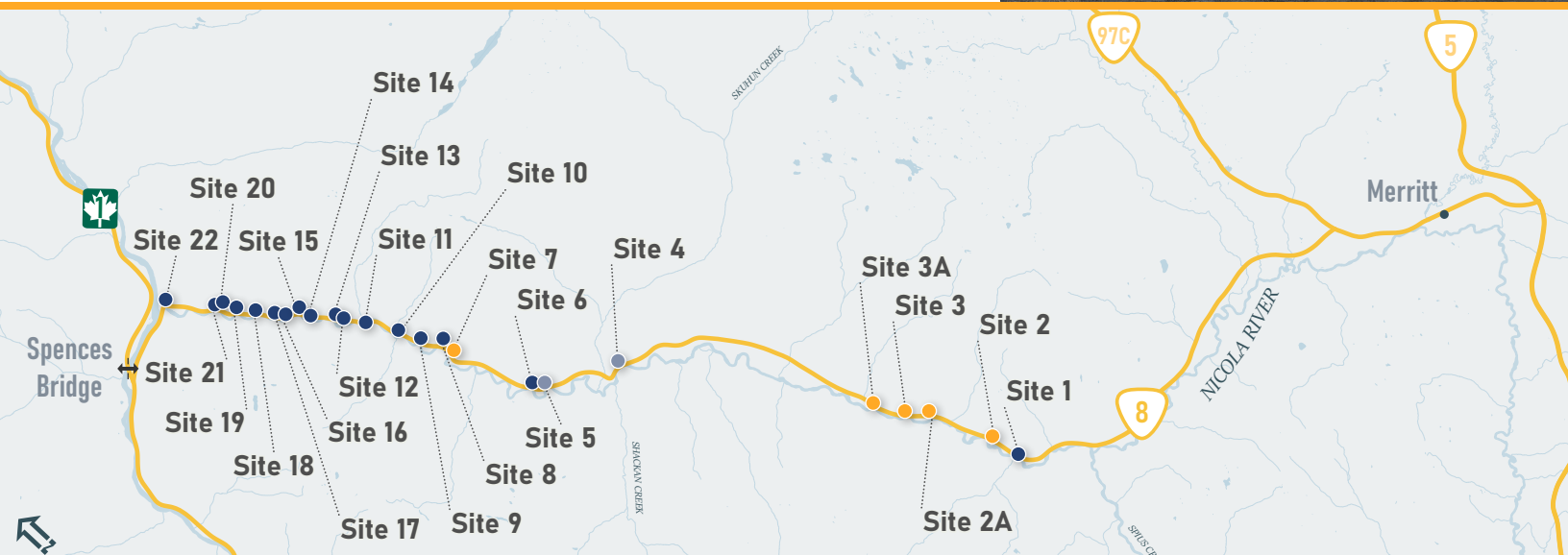
- Sites 4 and 5

COMPLETE

Permanent repairs are complete at:

- Site 2
- Site 2A
- Site 3
- Site 3A
- Site 7

Site 8 Office Trailer



MEET THE HIGHWAY 8 ALLIANCE TEAM: THE NICOLA VALLEY PARTNERS

The Nicola Valley Partners team will be working on planning, designing and constructing permanent repairs at sites 9 and 10 on the Highway 8 corridor over the next three years. This includes replacement of the two single lane alternating bridges, construction of approximately 3 km of highway connecting the bridges, and work to prevent rockfall and improve safety along this section of the highway.



Kyle Rhoda
Project Manager



Lindsey LeBlanc
*Deputy Project
Director*



Christine Cziglan
*Senior Advisor,
Indigenous Relations*



Ryan Malcolm
*Indigenous Relations
Liaison*



Jared Wilkison
Design Manager



Ethan Leigh
*Construction
Manager*

CONSTRUCTION STARTING AT SITES 4 & 5

Construction on the permanent repairs at sites 4 and 5 will begin in early 2025 following the successful award of the work to local Shackan First Nation contractors and their business partners.

Work is anticipated to begin with the installation of large rock armouring (riprap) to improve the resiliency of Highway 8. Culvert and other drainage infrastructure will be installed at the sites, followed by grading and paving of the permanent road.

During construction, single-lane alternating traffic will be in effect. Check [DriveBC](#) for current conditions before you travel.



FISH HABITAT ASSESSMENT

Highway 8's environmental team regularly monitors fish habitats to minimize the effects of repair work happening along the Nicola River. Recently, the Highway 8 Team completed fish habitat assessments at 15 sites where in-stream work is scheduled to take place.

One of the assessments took place at site 21, located at Rattlesnake Bridge. The team recorded what fish species were present at the site, habitat conditions, and any potential impacts on habitats during construction. This information allows the Ministry to plan and schedule work in a way that reduces impacts on the ecosystem.

The results of the site 21 assessment included:

- Additional rocky material (riprap) will be added to the riverbed to construct groynes, which are structures that create pools with calmer water for young fish to rest.
- Wood debris will be added around the rock groynes, which will create shade and attract insects for feeding fish.
- In-stream work will be scheduled for the spring and summer, when water levels are higher and fish are less impacted by construction.

This is just one of several assessments that are part of the regulatory and permitting requirements for permanent repairs. Environmental impact remains a top priority for the Ministry and its projects.

