

Soda Creek- MacAlister Road Project

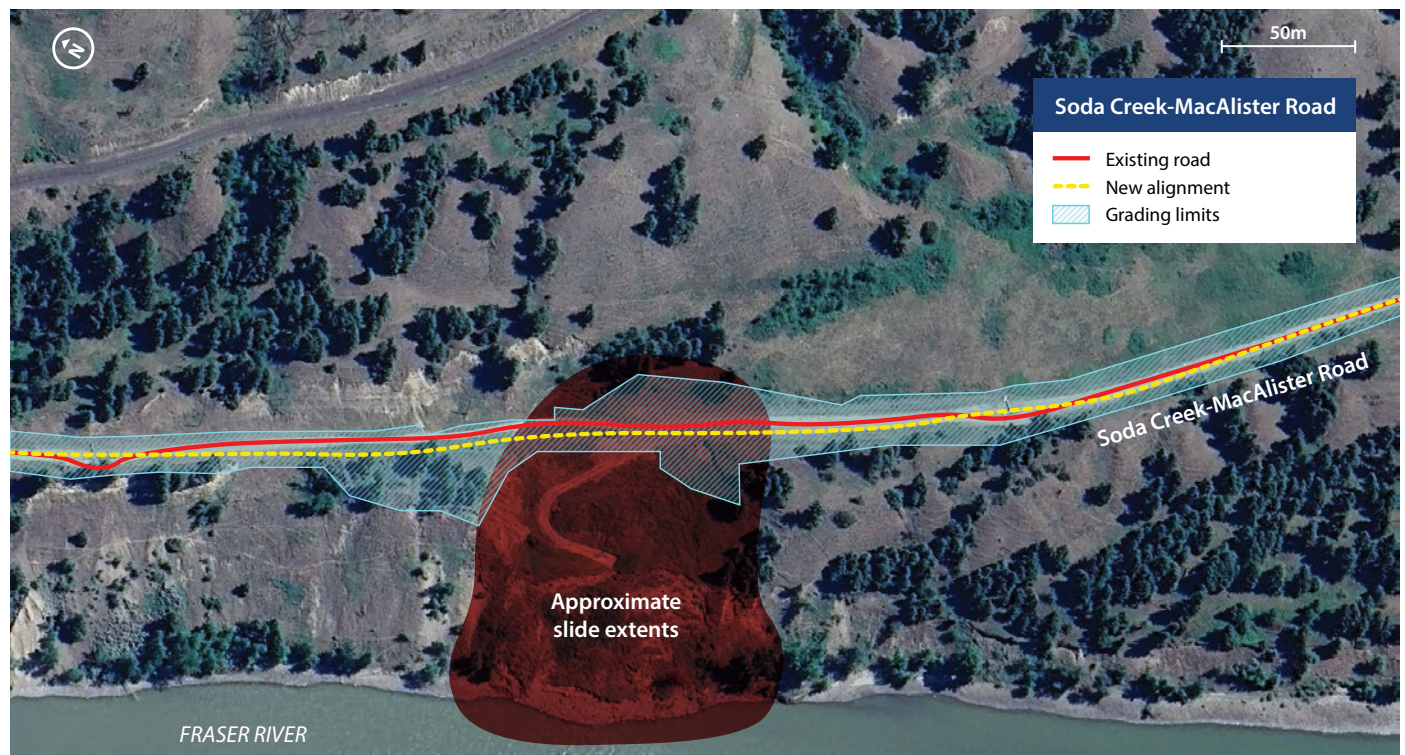


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Cariboo Road
Recovery Projects

April 2024 Project Update

After a comprehensive and technically driven process that began in late 2020, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is proceeding with a plan to re-open Soda Creek-MacAlister Road on its original alignment, with significant road regrading and drainage improvements. This decision follows the completion of extensive planning, detailed design work, and geotechnical investigation over the past three years that confirmed the online alignment was viable.



Reinstate existing road with significant road regrading and drainage improvements.

Restoration and Enhancement Works

A landslide in spring 2020 caused Soda Creek-MacAlister Road, located 45 km north of Williams Lake, to shift 8 metres vertically and 25 metres horizontally. To address these unstable slopes and distortions to the road surface, construction activities will focus on reopening the road in a way that ensures safety for road users and maintains community connectivity. This work includes:

- Significant road regrading
- Gravel road resurfacing
- Installing drainage improvements
- Unloading the crest of the landslide
- Compacting loose landslide material
- Constructing onsite ditches

Project design includes factoring in resilience to changing weather patterns, as well as additional stability and reliability of the road for the long term.



Crews used drill rigs in the Soda Creek-MacAlister Road Project area to collect soil and water samples, which informed options analysis.

Options Analysis

Since 2020, a multi-disciplinary team has been working to determine a solution to address issues from the slide. This work has included:

- Engineering design and options development
- Onsite field investigations to inform options
- Environmental reviews and inspections
- First Nations consultation
- Public engagement
- Ongoing monitoring of the road

Project Schedule

Preconstruction activities may be seen on Soda Creek-MacAlister Road as early as this spring. Once road construction begins, it's expected to take approximately one construction season to be completed.

The road will remain closed until restoration and enhancement works are done.

Project Updates During Construction

Residents can expect crews and equipment onsite as preconstruction begins. Please visit the following websites for further information:



Website notifications and project email signup at gov.bc.ca/cariboo



Traffic advisories at drivebc.ca

Get in Touch

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