

Highway 1 – Bus on Shoulder McKenzie to Colwood

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Project Overview

The Highway 1 Bus On Shoulder McKenzie to Colwood project is building new bus-on-shoulder lanes between the McKenzie interchange and the Colwood interchange, ending at the Island Highway intersection. It will complete the Rapid Transit corridor along Highway 1, connecting downtown Victoria to the Juan de Fuca Bus Exchange.

The project includes:

- Widening ~3.7km of Highway 1 to incorporate the new bus facilities
- Constructing a new multi-use bridge on the Galloping Goose Trail
- New RapidBus stops at Helmcken Interchange

Project Updates

- Crews are building the foundation and supports for a new retaining wall along Portage Road.
- Soil excavation is underway along the Highway 1 northbound off-ramp to Colwood.
- Drainage work continues along Highway 1.
- Electrical work is taking place on Burnside Road and near the Portage Road wall.
- Work on the Galloping Goose multi-use bridge includes removing utilities, grading, and building a crane pad.
- Preparation for new transit shelters is in progress.

Protection of Environment

Environmental work is ongoing, with bird nesting surveys complete along with removal of trees. All trees removed for the project will be replaced at a 3:1 ratio, following municipal bylaws in the Town of View Royal and the District of Saanich. Additional restoration will take place at the beaver pond, located downstream of the Galloping Goose Trail bridge. The ministry's environmental team will complete regular audits during construction to ensure that all requirements are met.

1 Month Lookahead (September 2025)

- Continue building sound walls and retaining walls along Portage Road.
- Begin rock removal along the north side of Highway 1.
- Complete drainage and berm work at Portage Linear Park.
- Install piles for the Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge.
- Excavate soil between Helmcken and the Wilkinson Pump Station.
- Continue electrical work along Burnside Road.
- Begin installing foundations for new transit stops at McKenzie Avenue and Admirals Road.

Galloping Goose Trail Bridge Site Plan



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GGT detour for GGT multi-use bridge construction



Pile installation for GGT multi-use bridge



Transit stop preparation at McKenzie Ave/Admirals Rd



Portage Road retaining wall construction

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