

Highway 1 – Bus on Shoulder McKenzie to Colwood

October 22, 2025

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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 continue work on a new retaining wall on Portage Road.
- Burnside Road widening is ongoing.
- Drainage improvements continue along Highway 1.
- Electrical work is underway on Burnside Road and near the Portage Road retaining wall.
- Crews are installing piles for the new Galloping Goose multi-use bridge.
- Preparation is underway for planting in Cuthbert Holmes Park.
- Crews are starting work on new transit shelters at the McKenzie / Admirals interchange.

Protection of Environment

Tree planting is underway at Cuthbert Holmes Park, with more than 160 new trees going in. Any trees removed for the project will be replaced at a 3-to-1 ratio, in line with bylaws in View Royal and Saanich. Crews will also restore the beaver pond area downstream of the Galloping Goose Trail bridge. The ministry's environmental team will carry out regular checks during construction to make sure all requirements are met.

1 Month Lookahead (October 2025)

- Continue building the sound wall and retaining wall along Portage Road.
- Begin rock removal (drilling and blasting) along the north side of Highway 1.
- Continue pile installation for the Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge.
- Begin Highway 1 (northbound) embankment construction and pre-loading near Wilkinson Lift Station
- Continue electrical work along Burnside Road.
- Finalize transit shelter preparation works at McKenzie / Admirals interchange.

Galloping Goose Trail Bridge Site Plan



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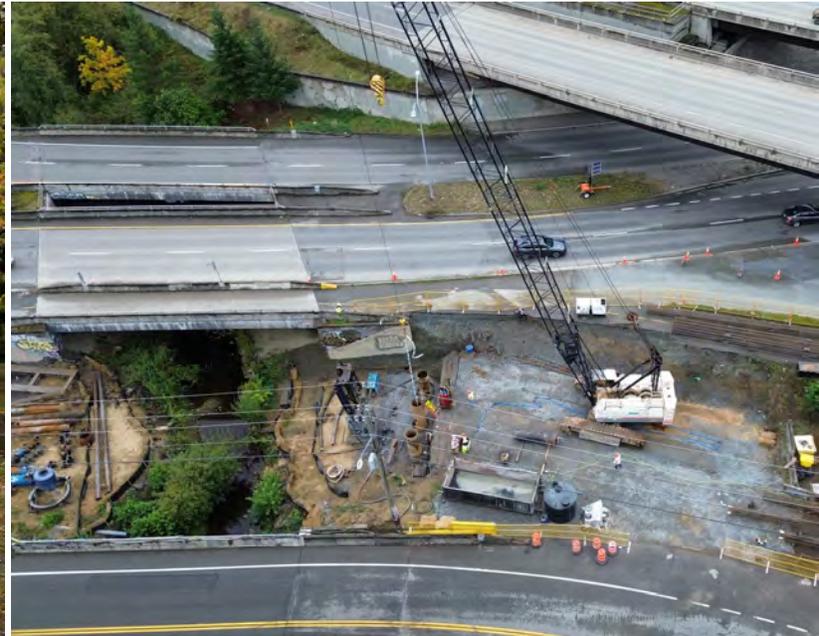


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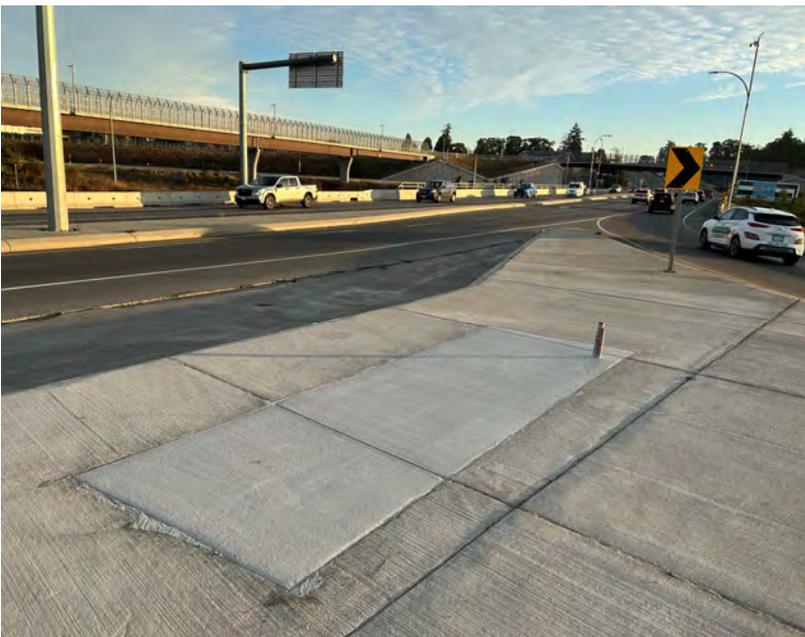
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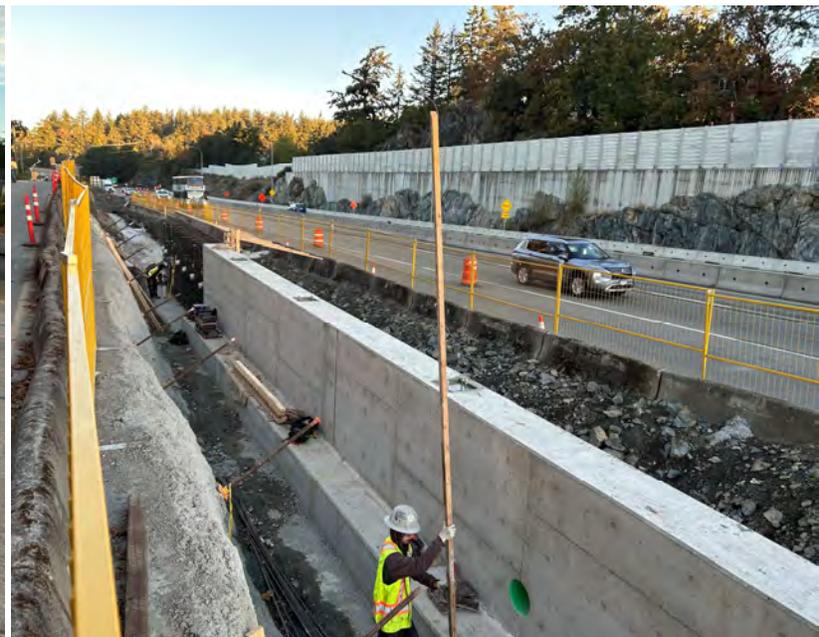
Drainage works along Highway 1 (southbound) near Portage Linear Park



Pile installation for GGT multi-use bridge



Transit stop foundation at McKenzie Ave/Admirals Rd



Portage Road retaining wall construction

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