

# 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 continue work on a new retaining wall on Portage Road.
- Drilling and rock blasting on hold along Highway 1 west of Wilkinson Lift Station; rock removal completed east of the lift station.
- Drainage installation along Highway 1 and Portage Linear Park continues.
- Continue Highway 1 median excavation and base construction works, west of Helmcken interchange.
- Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge structure assembly completed, abutment construction and rip rap placement continues.
- Clearing and invasive plant removals along Craigflower Creek and Cuthbert Holmes completed

## Protection of Environment

Tree planting is complete at Cuthbert Holmes Park, with more than 160 new trees planted. 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 (April 2026)

- Continue building sound walls and retaining walls along Portage Road.
- Rock removal (drilling and blasting) to continue along the north side of Highway 1.
- Continue Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge construction.
- Continue drainage work along the corridor.
- Continue Highway 1 median excavation and base construction west of Helmcken Interchange.
- Commence installation of concrete block retaining wall at Highway 1 on-ramp from Island Highway.
- Begin guide sign foundation work.

## Galloping Goose Trail Bridge Site Plan



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**Rock removal along Highway 1, east of Wilkinson pump station**



**Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge abutment construction**



**Invasive plant removal at the Beaver Pond near Craigflower Creek (Highway 1 offramp to Colwood)**



**Portage Road retaining wall construction**

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