

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 blasting are on hold west of the Wilkinson Lift Station; rock removal is complete to the east.
- Drainage installation is underway along Highway 1.
- Grading work continues along Highway 1, including clearing and excavation.
- Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge work includes abutments, deck construction and rip rap placement.
- Clearing and invasive plant removal are underway along Craigflower Creek and in Portage Park.
- Installation of electrical bases, junction boxes, conduit and streetlight locations is underway.

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 (May 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 and trail approaches.
- Commencement of Helmcken concrete island removals and new island construction
- Continue Highway 1 grading work and drainage work along the corridor.
- Commence installation of concrete block retaining wall at Highway 1 on-ramp from Island Highway.
- Guide sign foundation work to begin.

Galloping Goose Trail Bridge Site Plan



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Grading works along Highway 1, east of Wilkinson pump station



Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge construction



Road widening works at Burnside Rd West (Highway 1 offramp to Colwood)



Portage Road retaining wall construction

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