

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 approximately 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
- Drainage installation is underway along Highway 1 and Burnside Road
- Grading work continues along Highway 1, including clearing and excavation
- Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge work continues with completion of the deck and deck curb placement
- Helmcken concrete island removals continue alongside new island construction and redesigned right turn lane
- Installation of electrical bases, junction boxes, conduit and streetlight locations continue

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 (July 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 in late July
- Continue Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge construction and trail approaches
- 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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Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge construction



Paving works on Burnside Rd West



Helmcken Interchange new island construction



Portage Road retaining wall construction

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