

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

- Work continues on a new retaining wall on Portage Road
- Drainage installation is underway along Highway 1 and Burnside Road
- Paving is underway on the Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge
- Construction of the new island at the northwest corner of Helmcken Road and the redesigned right-turn lane is complete
- Installation of electrical bases, junction boxes, conduit and streetlight locations continues
- Asphalt rehabilitation along Burnside Road and Helmcken Interchange is complete
- Guide sign installation has begun, including drilling, formwork and foundation construction

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.

One Month Lookahead (September 2026)

- Retaining wall construction will continue along Portage Road
- Existing concrete islands will be removed and new islands built at Helmcken Road
- Work on Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge and trail approaches will continue
- Drainage work continues along Highway 1
- Installation of a concrete block retaining wall to begin at the Highway 1 on-ramp from Island Highway
- Guide sign foundation work will continue
- Continue paving works along the corridor

Galloping Goose Trail Bridge Site Plan



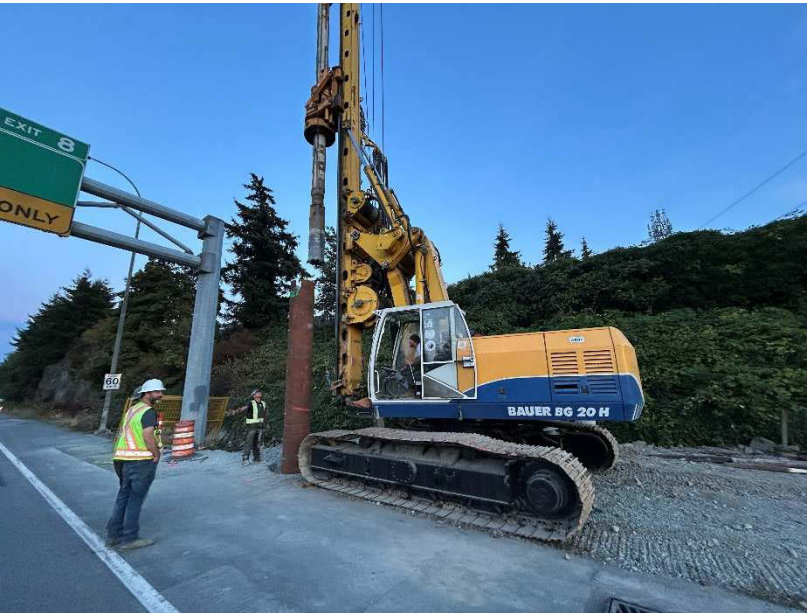
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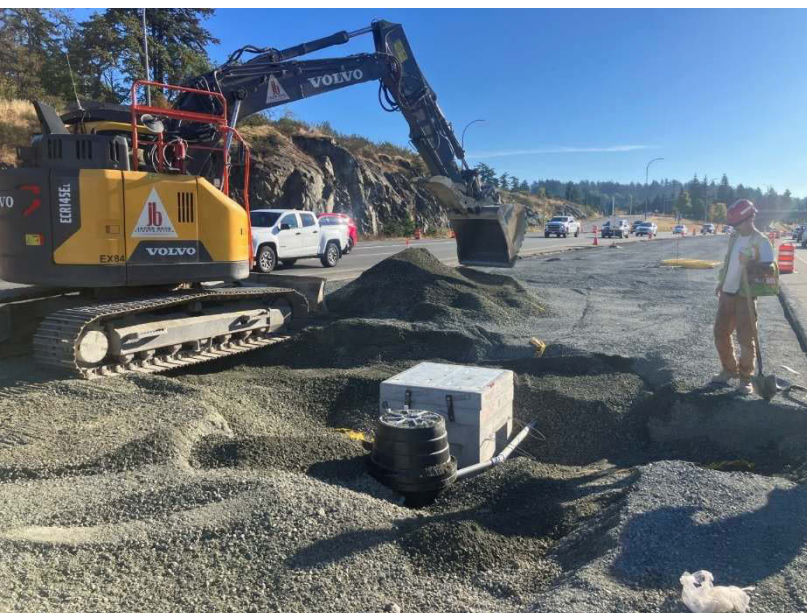
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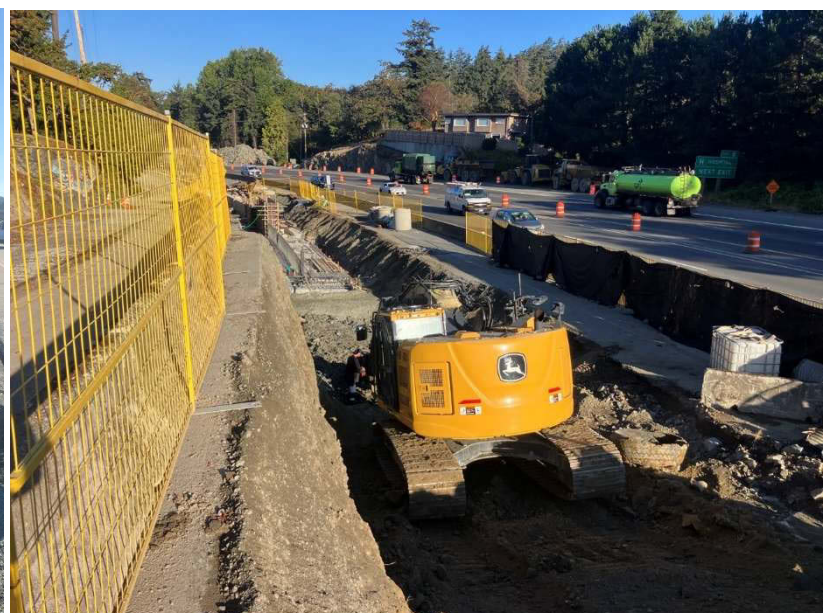
Hwy 1 Guide Sign construction west of Helmcken Interchange



Paving installation at Helmcken Interchange



Highway 1 median drainage works



Portage Road retaining wall construction

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