

HIGHWAY 1 COLQUITZ BRIDGES PROJECT INFORMATION & UPDATES

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Highway 1-Colquitz River Bridges Widening project will widen and seismically retrofit both existing two-lane bridges over Burnside Road on Highway 1 in Victoria, as well as establish a dedicated bus-on-shoulder lane. Widening the Colquitz River bridges will make for a more reliable, efficient commute for south Islanders while protecting local waterways and ecosystems. The Project will provide environmental enhancements by planting native trees, removing invasive species and treating highway runoff via a rain garden before discharging into the Colquitz River. Pomerleau Inc was awarded the construction contract in March 2024 for the project. This will be the last edition of the Newsletter until after the British Columbia Provincial Election.

PROJECT UPDATES

Construction activities continue to progress onsite, including ongoing widening work on the South and North Colquitz Bridges. Structural works for the South Bridge are ongoing, including completion of concrete preparation and pouring for the pier and footings. Initial works along the North Bridge began at the beginning of September. Foundation works for the North Bridge will continue through September and October. Highway 1 traffic management work continues, and includes shifting of concrete roadside barriers to facilitate working room for grading and demolition works. The temporary median crossover continues to be used during nighttime works.

1 MONTH LOOKAHEAD

The following construction activities are anticipated to begin/continue over the next month:

- South bridge structural improvements.
- Ongoing north bridge foundation and demolition works.
- North bridge curb and gutter concrete pour.
- Traffic control and temporary crosswalk along Burnside Road West.
- Traffic control along Highway 1.
- Civil work along Burnside Road West.

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The Highway 1 Colquitz Bridges Project continues to conduct regular third-party environmental audits throughout construction. The latest audit conducted on September 11th, 2024, noted that there are no signs of turbidity in the Colquitz River, and turbidity is within baseline levels. The newly installed water treatment facility continues to effectively treat runoff from concrete cutting. Tree protection fencing along with sediment fencing is being maintained correctly within the project site.

The Project team conducted an onsite meeting on September 11th, 2024, with Peninsula Streams Society, to discuss current site conditions, invasive plant removal options and replanting strategies. Invasive species removal and replanting will be scheduled in 2025 towards construction completion.



Figure 1: Looking Upstream at Water Quality Station

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Figure 2: Overhead View of the South Bridge



Figure 3: Roadworks Along Highway 1



Figure 4: Overhead View of Highway 1



Figure 5: South Bridge Existing Pier Work