

HIGHWAY 1 COLQUITZ BRIDGES PROJECT INFORMATION & UPDATES January 17, 2025



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.

PROJECT UPDATES

Construction activities continue to progress onsite, including ongoing widening work on the South and North Colquitz Bridges. All piling works for the project have been completed. The construction crew has begun the formwork for the South Bridge deck extension. At the North Bridge, works continued for the installation of the new Bent. This included concrete curing, formwork installation, and rebar placement. The new culvert along the ditch of the South side of Highway 1 to support drainage around a new sign base was completed.

1 MONTH LOOKAHEAD

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

- 3 lanes to be opened on the South Bridge of Highway 1.
- Ongoing deck work for the South Bridge, including formwork and rebar installation and concrete pouring.
- Ongoing foundation works for the North Bridge, including formwork and rebar installation and concrete pouring.
- Lane closures, traffic control and temporary crosswalk along Burnside Road West.

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Regular third-party environmental audits are being conducted throughout construction. The latest audit conducted on January 13th, 2025, included in-situ water quality monitoring and noted the project was in compliance with turbidity levels from measurements conducted midway and downstream of the project. Silt fencing installed at the beginning of construction remains in good condition and is functioning as intended for erosion and sediment control.



Figure 1: Location of Colquitz River for Water Monitoring

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Figure 2: Installation of New Bent at the North Bridge



Figure 3: Ongoing Maintenance of Snow Fencing and Tree Protection Fencing



Figure 4: Colquitz River Turbidity Monitoring



Figure 5: Completion of New Culvert