# Trans-Canada Highway 1 RW Bruhn Bridge and Approaches

## **Project Update**

Winter 2023



#### **Background**

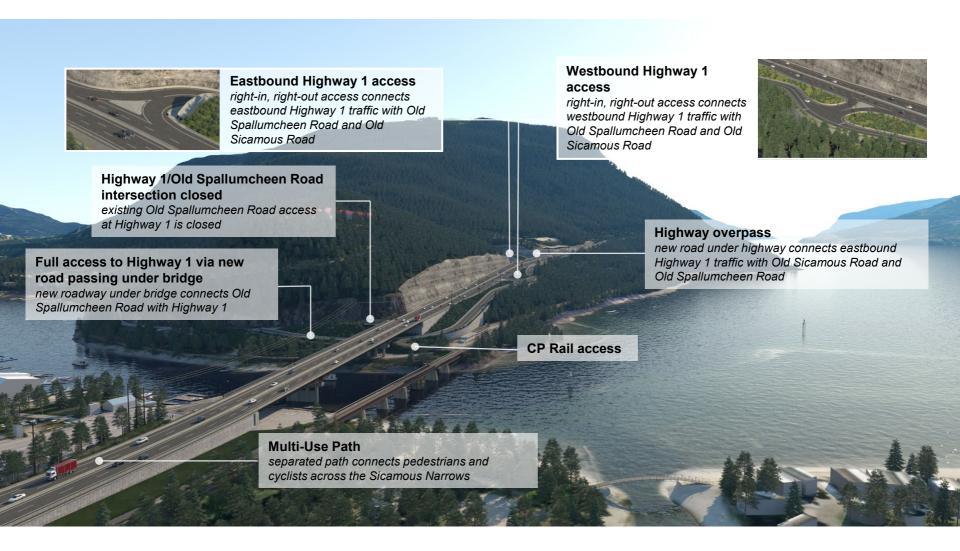
- In February 2018, the ministry held an open house to gather input from the community on replacement options for the RW Bruhn Bridge. For background, you can view the 2018 open house material here.
- In November 2018, \$224.5 million in joint provincial-federal funding was approved for the project. Funding announcement details can be viewed here.
- In December 2018, after extensive consultation, analysis and field work, the ministry identified a one-bridge design for replacement of the RW Bruhn Bridge. The information bulletin can be viewed here.

 The design for the project includes approximately 1.9 km of Highway 1 four-laning, replacement of the existing R.W. Bruhn Bridge with a new fourlane bridge, and intersection improvements between Old Sicamous Road and Silver Sands Road.

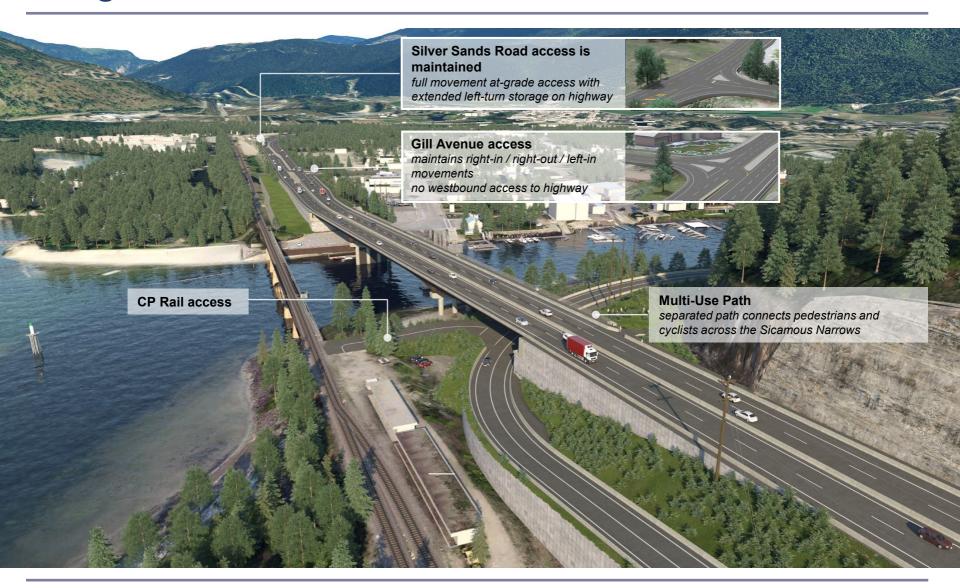




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#### **Progress since late 2018**

Since late 2018, the ministry has completed the following work:

- · independent engineering review
- · property acquisition
- relocation plans for impacted utilities
- · geotechnical investigation
- archaeological assessment
- environmental assessment
- hydrological assessment
- design progression
- · constructability review
- timber assessment
- navigable waters permit application
- environmental approval application

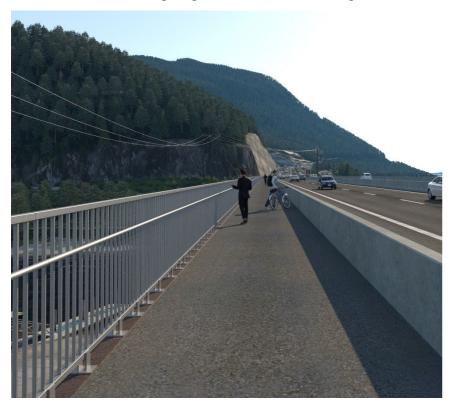
- engagement with local government staff on impacts to municipal infrastructure
- engagement with Splatsin leadership and staff
- engagement with Secwepemc communities



#### **Current Status and Next Steps**

A three-year construction period is anticipated for the project, with utility relocation and construction tender both planned to advance in 2023.

As engagement continues with First Nations communities, the ministry is working in partnership with Splatsin to finalize the design, given the cultural significance of the project area and the need to minimize impacts.



#### **Next Steps:**

- Continue technical engagement
- Complete property acquisitions
- Obtain environmental approvals
- Continued updates on the public website
- Initiate utility relocation work
- Complete tender documents and drawings

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