R.W. Bruhn Bridge and Approaches Summer 2026 Newsletter

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

What's happened so far?

Progress continues on the R.W. Bruhn Bridge and Approaches Project construction! Key activities since our last newsletter (winter 2026) include:

Girder installation

The Project has recently reached a major milestone as girder installation is now complete! Between March and May 2026, five lines of girders, each with nine individual segments, were successfully bolted together in the field and lifted into place by a team of skilled Iron Workers.

These massive structural elements form the main support of the new bridge deck and their installation marks the transition from foundation work to building the new roadway. These girders will support four travel lanes (two in each direction) and a new multi-use path over the Sicamous Narrows, making highway travel safer and more reliable.

Placement of the first over-water girder segment (May 2026)

Placement of bridge deck panels (June 2026)

Deck panel installation

Deck panel installation was completed in mid-June 2026. 392 concrete panels were used to cover the recently installed girders and form the bridge deck. These concrete panels were prefabricated so that they could be placed quickly, reducing overall construction time. Rebar will be placed on top as forms to support a top concrete layer—the future driving surface—which will be poured later this year.

Highway 1 paving

Paving of Highway 1 at the west end of the Project and part of the new Old Sicamous Road Overpass was completed in early June 2026. Eastbound Highway 1 traffic is now using a portion of the newly paved area. Progress on the new roadway will continue throughout the summer. Travellers are reminded to watch for traffic pattern changes and obey all construction speed limit signs, which are there to protect the public and workers on the job. Let's all get home safely!

Old Sicamous Road Overpass paving (June 2026)

Paving of new Highway 1 lanes (June 2026)

Rock buttress

A rock buttress constructed from rock generated on the project was completed in June 2026. This buttress is a mass of rock placed on the slope above Highway 1 to prevent soil movement and strengthen the area at the east end of the project.

Rock buttress (May 2026)

Pedestrian/cycling access across the bridge

For safety reasons, the sidewalk across the bridge is closed until the new bridge is complete. Cyclists and pedestrians wishing to cross the bridge can use the shuttle service which is provided on-demand 24/7 when the bridge is open to traffic.

Upcoming activities

Here's what you can expect to see over the next few months:

Traffic impacts

A rotating three-week look ahead is available on the R.W. Bruhn Bridge and Approaches webpage. For the latest information on road conditions, please visit DriveBC.

Construction activities will continue throughout the summer; drivers are reminded to slow down and obey the 30 km/h speed limit through the work zone. Enhanced enforcement will be in effect to support safety for workers and the public.

Overnight closures of Highway 1 at R.W. Bruhn Bridge are planned from 10:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. on August 17, 24 and 31, 2026. These dates are subject to change due to weather. Please check DriveBC for the latest information. Single-lane-alternating-traffic may be in effect from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Monday to Saturday.

From September 16, 2026 to June 14, 2027 daytime full closures from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and single-lane-alternating-traffic from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. are expected.

Boat launch and Sicamous Narrows access

No closures of the Narrows are planned through summer 2026. Short term holds (10 min) make take place during working hours.

Old Sicamous Road Overpass

Once construction of the new R.W. Bruhn Bridge is complete, traffic will flow under the bridge to access Old Spallumcheen Road, instead of turning directly off Highway 1. This new access will be located further west, near the current access to Old Sicamous Road.

Structures work on the second half of the Old Sicamous Road Overpass will continue this spring. Concrete girders will be placed on the abutments that were cast in March 2026, followed by casting the new driving surface and concrete barriers. Once this work is completed, it will tie into the first half of the overpass and complete the structure.

Old Sicamous Road retaining wall and foundation

To build up the new roadway to match the current elevation of Highway 1, foundations and retaining walls are being constructed. Continuous placement of concrete wall panels and fill material along with foundation installation will continue throughout the spring and will support future access to Old Sicamous Road.

Old Sicamous Road Overpass progress (May 2026)

Old Sicamous Road retaining wall (May 2026)

Notice of project-related fieldwork or construction is posted on the R. W. Bruhn Bridge website in advance. For the latest information on road conditions, please visit DriveBC.