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## **Highway 3 Hartley Creek Bridge #3207 Project Update**

This update provides information on the Ministry's current planning for the Hartley Creek Bridge Replacement Project.

The Ministry recognizes there has been significant public interest and discussion regarding this project. We appreciate the time community members have taken to share their perspectives.

Major project decisions require careful study and consideration of a range of factors, including costs, risks, logistics, long-term benefits, constructability, safety, local impacts, permitting, cost, schedule, investment and overall project value. As planning has advanced, the project has continued to refine understanding of these considerations.

The Project team is evaluating an alternative approach to move away from the previously planned detour using Dicken Road. At this time, the Ministry has paused planning for Dicken Road detour and has focused on assessing alternate options for detouring that continue to support site operations, community and public safety, and long-term investments. Additional technical, constructability, and feasibility assessments of an on-highway detour option are underway. No final decision has been made.

An on-highway detour approach is expected to involve additional procurement, mobilization, and installation activities. This will cause local delays during construction and extend the overall project schedule.

The Ministry is responsible for ensuring public investments deliver lasting value. While the Dicken Road detour option would have direct investment toward local road improvements, an on-highway approach will require those funds to be invested in other ways to support immediate project objectives. Improvements to Dicken Road that were previously discussed with the community will not proceed if an on-highway detour proves to be a feasible, constructable, option.



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Project direction is expected to be confirmed in the coming weeks. When a decision has been finalized, additional information will be provided on the project website (link below). If you are interested in regular updates, there is an option on the site to provide an email address to sign up for notifications.

Project webpage: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation-projects/other-transportation-projects/highway-3-hartley-creek-bridge>.

Questions and feedback can be directed to the dedicated project email address: [H3.Hartley@gov.bc.ca](mailto:H3.Hartley@gov.bc.ca).

We remain committed to keeping the community informed as the project progresses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hilary Barnett".

Hilary Barnett  
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