

# Highway 1 – Bus on Shoulder McKenzie to Colwood

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## Project Overview

The Highway 1 Bus On Shoulder McKenzie to Colwood project is building new bus-on-shoulder lanes between the McKenzie interchange and the Colwood interchange, ending at the Island Highway intersection. It will complete the Rapid Transit corridor along Highway 1, connecting downtown Victoria to the Juan de Fuca Bus Exchange.

The project includes:

- Widening ~3.7km of Highway 1 to incorporate the new bus facilities
- Constructing a new multi-use bridge on the Galloping Goose Trail (GGT)
- New RapidBus stops at Helmcken Interchange

## Project Updates

- Crews continue work on a new retaining wall on Portage Road.
- Installation of settlement gauges and embankment fill underway along Highway 1 near Wilkinson Lift Station.
- Drainage improvements continue along Highway 1.
- Removal of concrete roadside barriers and lane shift including repaved median lane complete along Highway 1.
- Crews continue installing piles for the new Galloping Goose multi-use bridge.
- Planting at Cuthbert Holmes Park is complete.
- Crews have completed Transit Shelter foundations at the McKenzie / Admirals interchange.

## Protection of Environment

Tree planting is complete at Cuthbert Holmes Park, with more than 160 new trees planted. Any trees removed for the project will be replaced at a 3-to-1 ratio, in line with bylaws in View Royal and Saanich. Crews will also restore the beaver pond area downstream of the Galloping Goose Trail bridge. The ministry's environmental team will carry out regular checks during construction to make sure all requirements are met.

## 1 Month Lookahead (November 2025)

- Continue building sound walls and retaining walls along Portage Road.
- Remove rock (drilling and blasting) along the north side of Highway 1.
- Install piles and start abutment work for the Galloping Goose Trail multi-use bridge.
- Construct the Highway 1 embankment and pre-loading near Wilkinson Lift Station.
- Do drainage work along the corridor.
- Start maintenance at the Cuthbert Holmes planting area.

## Galloping Goose Trail Bridge Site Plan





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**Embankment fills and installation of settlement gauges near Wilkinson Lift Station**



**Pile installation for GGT multi-use bridge**



**Cuthbert Holmes tree planting**



**Portage Road retaining wall construction**

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