



Construction Bulletin

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Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project

In Cooperation with the District of Squamish – Early Work Begins Adjacent to Business Park Near Industrial Way

Starting during the week of February 13, the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project will begin clearing work on both sides of a 1.4 km section of Highway 99 between 700 m south of Industrial Way and 900 m north of Industrial Way. At the request of the District of Squamish, this work is being done in advance of other improvements in the Squamish area. The District of Squamish will be constructing a new access road approximately 500 m north of Industrial Way for a shopping complex in the business park.

This section of the highway will be widened to accommodate an intersection and lane configurations. The improved highway will be four lanes with a centre divider.

After the right-of-way is cleared of vegetation, crews and equipment will remove topsoil down to the hard layers of competent ground. Then embankment material will be hauled in and piled to a depth of 1.5 metres above the future roadbed. This construction is commonly referred to as "pre-loading". The clearing and hauling operations are expected to take two to three months and will occur between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The materials will be allowed to settle for approximately four to six months, before they are removed and the roadbed and intersection are constructed.

Impacts to residents and travellers will be limited to some lane shifting in the work zone to accommodate equipment working on both sides of the highway. Overall, highway traffic will be free flowing. Traffic control personnel may need to delay traffic to allow trucks to access the highway after they have picked up or dropped off materials.

This work is part of the overall project to improve the safety, reliability and capacity of the Sea-to-Sky Highway.

The Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project is committed to providing timely, accurate construction information to residents in the corridor. Construction Bulletins will be produced regularly to keep you informed as work gets underway.

If you have any questions or comments about the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project or this bulletin, please contact Pam Tattersfield, Community Relations Officer at (604) 898-2117 or by email at Pam.Tattersfield@gov.bc.ca

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