

Preliminary work on Eagleridge Interchange section of highway to begin

Starting April 1 2006, the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project will begin preliminary work on the section of the Upper Levels Highway (Hwy #1) between Nelson Creek Bridge and Exit #1. The initial work in this area is in preparation for the highway improvements. Following Easter weekend, Exit #1 will be closed and northbound traffic will be directed to Exit #2.

This work is expected to take six to eight weeks and will include drilling, blasting and some clearing and grubbing activity in preparation for the lane shift. Barrier relocation and line painting will occur at night to minimize traffic disruption. Once the work is complete, signage and traffic patterns will remain stable for eight to 10 months.

Possible traffic delays

Impacts to residents and travellers during the initial work will be limited to some lane shifting and short single-lane closures in the work zone to accommodate construction equipment. Traffic control personnel may need to briefly stop traffic to allow trucks to access the construction area. For more information on closures and delays, please visit the Project web site at www.seatoskyimprovements.ca

Eagleridge parking lot to close

For public safety reasons, the parking lot at Eagleridge will be closed on April 1, 2006. A new, improved parking area will re-open following completion of construction.

Alternative access to Eagleridge Bluffs

Hikers wanting access to the Eagleridge Bluffs area are encouraged to use the Black Mountain Trail on a temporary basis. There will, however, be temporarily scheduled closures of the Black Mountain Trail during the construction period.

Traffic management

To minimize impact to the travelling public, delays on the Upper Levels Highway – between the Nelson Creek Bridge and Marine Drive Overpass – are scheduled in the lightest traffic periods, and coincide with delay periods to the north for those who travel the Sea-to-Sky Highway.

On the Upper Levels Highway (Highway 1) between the Nelson Creek Bridge and Marine Drive Overpass drivers should plan for:

- ◆ Delays of up to 30 minutes in the early afternoon, between 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm, Monday to Thursday only.
- ◆ Delays of up to 15 minutes overnight, between midnight and 5 am, Monday to Friday.
- ◆ On 10 occasions over the next year, a two-hour highway closure on weekday mornings, from 3 am - 5 am.

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No traffic interruptions are planned in the peak commuting hours of 6 am - 9 am and 5 pm - 8 pm, and no delays over five minutes are expected:

- ◆ On Friday afternoons, weekends or statutory holidays
- ◆ December through February
- ◆ During spring break
- ◆ In daytime hours from mid-June through mid-September

Traffic control is being coordinated with BC Ferries personnel to avoid lengthy delays as a result of ferry offloading.

Always allow extra travel time for reduced speed zones and minor delays.

Project goals

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 Gary Carr, Community Relations Manager at 604-775-1104 or by email at Gary.Carr@gov.bc.ca

If you have any questions regarding construction-related noise please call 604-629-8281.