



Ministry of Transportation

Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project

Construction Bulletin Update

May 4, 2006

Construction Work Begins South of the Furry Creek Bridge

Starting during the week of May 1, 2006 the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project will begin clearing, drilling, blasting and excavation work on both sides of the highway between Porteau Cove and the southern access to the Furry Creek community. This work involves drilling and blasting for upslope cuts and downslope fills for the construction of mechanically stabilized earth walls (MSE walls). This information was first made available in the Construction Bulletin issued February 8, 2006.

Clearing and grubbing will be ongoing throughout the drilling and blasting phase. We anticipate it will take approximately six months to clear the entire improvement area in this manner, though there may be some additional work required beyond this time.

Drilling and blasting will start between Porteau Cove and the Furry Creek Bridge towards mid-May. There will be blasting work at night and in the daytime, with closures required to clear rock and debris off the highway. For full construction delay or closure information, please go to the website www.seatoskyimprovements.ca or call the toll-free information line at 1-877-4SAFE99 (1-877-472-3399).

Work below homes on Furry Creek Drive will begin mid-May and will last approximately six months. The current location of the Furry Creek "rock" sign on the ocean side of the highway does not currently interfere with the scheduled work. Changes to the alignment are not expected to impact the signage and plantings at the southern entrance to the community.

Pre-blasting surveys

Pre-blasting surveys of homes near the work area will be completed by a consultant. Please call John Girardi at 604-629-8282 ext. 2411 to arrange a survey of your home. If you have already had your home surveyed, that survey remains valid provided there has not been a change of owner, renovations or a major climatic event.

If you have any questions or comments about the Porteau Cove to Furry Creek section of 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. In the event of construction-related noise concerns, contact the Construction Site Office at 604-629-8282.