

# ***Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project***

## **Construction Bulletin**

**June 5, 2006**

### **Construction Work Now Underway on the Overland Route Includes Night Work**

Construction work on the overland route of the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project scheduled to begin in mid-April but delayed due to protest activities in the Eagleridge Bluffs and Black Mountain Trail area, is now fully underway and includes night work. The work on this section of the overland route is expected to take 10 months to complete and includes drilling, blasting, clearing, grubbing, earthworks, drainage and roadwork activity.

Residents and highway commuters should expect active construction on the Upper Levels Highway (Highway 1) in the area of the Eagleridge Interchange (Exit 2). Night work at the Eagleridge Intersection is expected to be complete by mid-June.

Ongoing lane shifting continues on the Upper Levels Highway (Highway 1) between Nelson Creek Bridge and Exit #1. Stage 1 of the lane-shifting will be completed with all four lanes moved north adjacent to the rock bluffs by mid-June. Horseshoe Bay Village and BC Ferries passenger drop-off lane and Exit #2 will remain open. The eastbound on-ramp at Eagleridge Drive will be closed permanently. Temporary eastbound access to Highway 1 will be implemented shortly to facilitate construction of a new eastbound on-ramp west of the Eagleridge overpass.

Initial notification of this work was made public through Construction Bulletins issued March 15, 2006 and April 6, 2006. Construction on the overland route between Nelson Creek Bridge and Pasco Road is expected to be completed in 24 to 30 months.

#### **Drilling and blasting extended to night work**

Drilling and blasting from Eagleridge Bluffs to Black Mountain Trail will begin mid-June 2006. Additional weekend, night work and extended work hours will be necessary while the Project makes up for lost time. Construction crews will work a day shift from 7am to 5pm, and a night shift from 5pm to 3am. Night work will be restricted to drilling and rock hauling. Blasting is currently scheduled to occur most days once in the morning and once in the late afternoon.

#### **No Access to Black Mountain Trail, or from Baden Powell Trail in construction area**

There is no access to Black Mountain Trail at this time, or from Baden Powell Trail in the area of the highway construction. This is the result of a court-ordered exclusion zone to ensure the safety of members of the public. For trail closure information visit our website: [www.seatoskyimprovements.ca](http://www.seatoskyimprovements.ca)

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## Minimal impact on traffic delays

As noted in the March 15 Construction Bulletin, construction work in the Nelson Creek to Exit #1 section of the Project will result in 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. There will be minimal impacts to residents and travellers on the Sea-to-Sky Highway or the Upper Levels (Highway 1) resulting from this work on the overland section. For more information on closures and delays, please visit the Project website at [www.seatoskyimprovements.ca](http://www.seatoskyimprovements.ca)

## Reminder of traffic management relating to other highway improvement work in the area

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.
- A two-hour highway closure on weekday mornings, from 3 am - 5 am on approximately 10 occasions over the next year.

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
- During daytime December through February
- During spring break

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 proceeds.

If you have any questions or comments about the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project or this bulletin, please contact the Sea-to-Sky Community Relations office at 604-775-1104 or by email at [info@seatoskyimprovements.ca](mailto:info@seatoskyimprovements.ca)

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