

Snapshots from the Sea-to-Sky . . .

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Lane shifting done in stages

Crews have implemented the second of three lane shifts needed to make the construction improvements in the West Vancouver segment of the project near the Eagleridge Interchange. This lane shift allows crews to work unimpeded and safely in the closed centre lanes. Once complete, Sea-to-Sky traffic will be separated in this area from Horseshoe Bay Village and ferry traffic. Lane shifting is one of the ways in which construction can proceed without closing the highway for extended periods of time and avoids ever-changing traffic patterns in construction zones. Lane shifting is a vital tool in complex locations such as Eagleridge, where lane closures are difficult due to heavy traffic heading to multiple destinations.

P.S. *The first lane shift at the Eagleridge interchange occurred in July 2006. East and westbound traffic was moved as close to the hillside as possible. Over the next nine months, crews built mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) retaining walls to support new eastbound lanes, a new east-bound Eagleridge on-ramp and the first of the support structures for the overland connector.*



With this shift, eastbound traffic now travels on newly constructed lanes while westbound traffic remains next to the rock bluffs.

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