

## Snapshots from the Sea-to-Sky . . .

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### Improving safety by adding overpasses

Eliminating two level railway crossings at Brandywine and Function Junction will improve safety, reliability and capacity on the northern section of the Sea-to-Sky Highway. By going over the tracks the highway will become much straighter. Although drivers on the existing curves learned to 'shoulder check' for oncoming trains, the curves themselves were the location of a significant number of vehicle crashes. This section of the highway was built in the 1960s, Whistler Village and the 'Whistler-Blackcomb' experience didn't exist. These improvements, and the new three-lane configuration, will result in fewer accidents. Emergency vehicles and other traffic will no longer need to stop for passing trains, making the highway more reliable.

**P.S.** *The railway overpass at Whistler's Function Junction will benefit more than just highway drivers. Since the highway will bridge both the tracks and Miller Creek, the culvert will be eliminated. Whistler's Miller Creek has been the focus of community habitat restoration efforts and removing the culvert will "day light" this section of the creek, further improving fish habitat.*



*With the new alignment, the highway at Brandywine crosses over the tracks (right side of this photo) where the earthwork is underway. This new alignment allows for construction on the overpass with minimal disruption of traffic on the existing roadway.*

**The Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project** *Improving safety, reliability and capacity*

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