

Welcome

Welcome to the Detailed Design Consultation for the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project.

PROJECT GOALS

The primary goals for the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project include:

- Safety improvements
- Reliability improvements
- Capacity improvements
- Project completion by late 2009
- Management of traffic flows during construction in order to minimize disruption and maximize predictability
- Completion of the project on time and on budget

Improvements will include highway widening and straightening, improved sightlines, passing lanes and other design innovations to reduce hazards, shorten travel times and increase capacity of the Sea-to-Sky Highway.

The Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project will result in the following:

- **West Vancouver to Lions Bay** - 4-lane sections with continuous median barrier including straightening, widening and improved sightlines (eliminating several sharp curves).
- **North of Lions Bay to Murrin Park** - 2, 3 and 4 lane sections; about half of this section includes improved 2 lanes, and the remaining sections include additional passing opportunities with 3 and 4 lanes. Those sections that are 4 lanes will include a median barrier to prevent crossover accidents. Sections adjacent to Murrin Park and within the community of Britannia will include improved 2-lane sections, which is consistent with community input from pre-design consultations. In Furry Creek, there will be 3 lanes moving to 4 lanes with a median barrier.
- **North of Murrin Park through Squamish** - 4-lane divided highway. This section will include median barriers throughout, including the addition of urban design features to the median within Squamish.
- **Squamish to Whistler** – 3 lanes throughout this section, including improved two-lane sections and alternating passing opportunities provided by alternating the third lane.



Traffic Management

PROJECT GOAL:

One of the key goals is to manage traffic during construction to minimize disruption and maximize predictability for travellers.

Minimize disruption:

No highway closures:

- Friday noon through Sunday 10 pm
- Peak traveling times 6 am - 9 am, Monday to Friday
- Peak travelling times 5 pm - 8 pm, Monday to Thursday
- Canadian or U.S. statutory holidays
- Minor daytime delays December through February
- No daytime closures in peak summer months (mid-June to mid-September)



Maximize predictability:

- Establish a consistent schedule of highway closures and delays
- During non-closure, "off-peak" periods, **remember 30-30-45**. Construction related traffic delays are coordinated so that total construction delays should not exceed:
 - 30 minutes for trips between West Vancouver and Squamish,
 - 30 minutes for trips between Squamish and Whistler, and
 - 45 minutes for trips between West Vancouver and Whistler.
- Make the schedule available to local, regional and international highway user groups through a variety of travel planning tools available on the project website: www.seatoskyimprovements.ca (under *Closures and Delays Schedule*)

Travel tools:

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- **Best Times to Drive** - A list of times there are no scheduled construction closures or delays
- **Weekly Schedule** – Weekly update on confirmed highway closures and delays
- **Current Seasonal Travel Planner** – A list of the available closure and delay windows for the current season
- **Seasonal Travel Planner to 2009** - An overview of the five construction seasons with links to the seasonal travel planner for each season
- **Closure & Delay Projections to 2009** – The maximum closure and delay windows to 2009.
- **Road Alerts Service** – Frequent Sea-to-Sky travellers can receive text message alerts about major or unscheduled events that affect highway travel. To Subscribe to road alerts text: 'Sea to Sky' to ROADS (76237). Cost per alert is 25 cents.
- **1-877-4SAFE99 (1-877-472-3399)** – to plan a future trip or confirm the most up-to-date travel information, you can call our toll-free Project Information Line. Operators are available to answer your questions 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

The Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project's Traffic Management Plan has evolved through extensive consultation with communities and key stakeholders along the highway corridor.

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