



Construction and traffic update

May 14, 2021

Spring extended closure ends for the weekend

The first extended closure of the Trans-Canada Highway through the Kicking Horse Canyon ended at noon on Friday, May 14. Kicking Horse Canyon Constructors crews have spent the past four weeks clearing, drilling, hauling and other activities to begin building the walls, bridges and viaducts that will support a modern four-lane highway.



The object at the lower left of the photo is the pile that has the distinction of being the first piece of permanent infrastructure to be installed in Phase 4.



Steep, unstable slopes descending into the canyon require stabilization with soil nails before heavy equipment can move in to

install piles that will support bridges and viaducts.

May 15-16 weekend

Over the May 15-16 weekend, there will be daytime stoppages of up to half an hour between 9 am and 3 pm, and overnight closures beginning at 10 pm Saturday and Sunday. See the <u>traffic notification</u> issued this week; also details on our website <u>calendar page</u> (or click the icon to the right) and always check <u>DriveBC</u> for confirmation.



Extended closure part 2 and the Victoria Day weekend all-clear

After the May 15-16 weekend, extended (24 hours, multi-day) closures resume on non-holiday weekdays only. These will run from 7:30 am Monday, May 17 until 12 noon on May 21. The highway through the canyon will be open without interruption for the Victoria Day long holiday weekend. The final extended closure period will occur from 12 noon May 25 until 12 noon May 28. Starting June 1 and continuing all summer, there will be no stoppages during the daytime, except momentary interruptions to allow construction vehicles to turn or cross the highway.

Please note that all travel information is subject to the most recent province-wide COVID-19 restrictions.

A different look at the alignment

We have just posted a <u>virtual flyover</u> showing the project and the major features contained in the contractor's structural key plan. While some of the features are subject to refinement, the flyover provides a reference point for the photo descriptions in our <u>Facebook</u> posts.

Reminder - use caution on alternate route

Unfamiliar routes and higher-than-normal traffic volumes require extra care and attention so please be mindful of speed limits, road conditions, and the presence of wildlife and children. We have also worked with RCMP and CVSE to increase enforcement on this alternate route to improve safety for all road users.



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