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\$17.2 MILLION AWARDED FOR YOHO BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

GOLDEN – A contract awarded to Emil Anderson Construction Ltd., to undertake significant improvements in the Kicking Horse Canyon section of the Trans-Canada Highway was announced today by Minister of Transportation Kevin Falcon.

The contract, valued at \$17.2 million is to four-lane a section of Hwy 1, construct two bridges and six retaining walls.

“Highway 1 is our province’s gateway to Canada and must be safe for all travellers,” said Falcon. “Replacement of the Yoho and Park Bridges, and the extensive alignment and widening work are key elements in fulfilling our commitment to improving the Trans-Canada highway.”

Work is already underway on Phase 1, replacement of the Yoho (5-Mile) Bridge and upgrading approaches along the Trans-Canada Highway through the Kicking Horse Canyon. This most recent contract will include four-laning from 6-Mile Hill to Rafters Pullout, a two-km stretch of the highway, plus construction of two bridges and six retaining walls in the section beginning immediately east of Yoho Bridge.

“Our government has been very clear that this is the Province’s top transportation priority and I am pleased to see us moving forward with these vital upgrades,” said Columbia River-Revelstoke MLA Wendy McMahon. “These upgrades will improve safety for residents and further open this region for tourism and the movement of goods and services.”

Work on this section is expected to start by mid-August, with completion expected in Fall 2006.

As construction on the 6-Mile Hill to Rafters Pullout section gets underway, seasonal traffic delays will be in place, and will be conveyed to the travelling public.

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