

# Extended Closures of Highway 1 – Spring 2023

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Kicking Horse Canyon Project Phase 4 construction will require extended 24-hour/multi-day closures of the Trans-Canada Highway (TCH) east of Golden during Spring 2023. The duration of these extended closures will be greatly reduced from those of the past. However, the timing at this time is approximate, and the following information is subject to confirmation. An update will be issued by February 20, 2023, and the [Highway Status Calendar](#) on the project website will be updated on an ongoing basis as plans evolve.

The 24-hour extended closure periods for Spring 2023 are currently expected as follows:

- Up to five consecutive days within the two-week period between April 1 and April 15, 2023
- A small number of consecutive days during May 2023

These extended closures, which are subject to weather and other conditions, will be required to carry out construction that cannot be performed safely in the presence of traffic or during shorter interruptions. During these extended closure periods, Trans-Canada Highway traffic will be routed via Highways 93S and 95, which will add up to 90 minutes to travel time.

While the duration of these multi-day closures will be relatively brief, due to the current uncertainty regarding precise timing, the Province will again operate a season commuter pass system to reduce the inconvenience to those who are required to travel between Golden and Field, BC /Lake Louise, AB regularly for work. Also, day passes will again be made available on a very limited basis for other exceptional and urgent local trips. Information will be posted on the [Commuter Passes page](#) of the project website by early March.

As in the past, during extended closures, the construction zone will be opened for prearranged local/commuter traffic, escorted by a pilot vehicle, during one half-hour period in the morning and one half-hour period in the afternoon. Similar escorts will be provided for local school buses. Please see details below.

Please note that there will be no closures or stoppages due to construction during the Easter long holiday weekend, from Thursday, April 6th at 12:00 noon until Tuesday, April 11th 12:00 noon to ensure limited impact to motorists over the long holiday weekend.

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## What to Expect



### Traffic Effects & Accommodation

All TCH traffic will be routed via Highways 93S and 95, with the following exceptions:

- School bus on Golden-Field route will be escorted by a pilot car through the project site daily: morning school bus from Golden at 6:45 am, return from Field to Golden at 8:15 am and afternoon school bus from Golden at 3:15 pm, return from Field to Golden at 5:00 pm Mountain time.
- Local/commuter traffic will be escorted by a pilot car through the project site daily, between 7:00 am to 7:30 am and 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm Mountain time.
- Pre-arranged commuter passes will be required.
- Emergency vehicles in response mode will be escorted by a pilot car anytime on 15 minutes notice.
- Roadside signage will provide advance notification of the closure and alternative route.

Please refer to the [Highway Status Calendar](#) for ongoing schedules, and check [DriveBC](#) before beginning your trip for the most reliable and up-to-date travel information.

Additional extended closures are anticipated for Fall 2023. Information and notifications will be issued by early summer 2023.

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