

HIGHWAY 1 COLQUITZ BRIDGES PROJECT INFORMATION & UPDATES

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Highway 1-Colquitz River Bridges Widening project will widen and seismically retrofit both existing two-lane bridges over Burnside Road on Highway 1 in Victoria, as well as establish a dedicated bus-on-shoulder lane. Widening the Colquitz River bridges will make for a more reliable, efficient commute for south Islanders while protecting local waterways and ecosystems. The Project will provide environmental enhancements by planting native trees, removing invasive species and treating highway runoff via a rain garden before discharging into the Colquitz River. Pomerleau Inc was awarded the construction contract in March 2024 for the project.

PROJECT UPDATES

Construction activity continued throughout December with consistent progress. Crews focused on work at the South Colquitz Bridge, including site cleanup, preparation of the north deck extension, and concrete work on the bridge structure. Concrete placement and curing were completed for wingwall improvements. Traffic management and lane closures remained in place throughout the month to support safe construction activities.

1 MONTH LOOKAHEAD

The following construction activities are anticipated to begin/continue over the next month:

- Continued deck extension work on the South Bridge, including installation of formwork and reinforcement.
- Continued approach slab work on the South Bridge, including rebar installation, concrete placement and curing.
- Ongoing lane closures and traffic control along Highway 1 and Burnside Road West to support construction activities.

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Environmental protection measures remained in place throughout December, with regular monitoring continuing along the Colquitz River. A third-party environmental audit was completed on December 18, 2025 and included in-stream water-quality checks upstream, downstream, and adjacent to the Project area. Results showed no signs of elevated turbidity beyond natural background levels, with measured conditions consistent across all monitoring locations. The Project continues to meet turbidity requirements, and construction activities have not affected river water quality.

Rain garden construction below the South Colquitz Bridge (Figure 1) was completed in December, including placement of growing medium and planting. In addition, stormwater infrastructure installed throughout the Project (Figure 2) helps manage drainage by safely collecting and directing roadway runoff into the treatment system, improving overall water management in the area.



Figure 1: Rain garden completed below the South Colquitz Bridge to support stormwater management.

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Figure 2: Stormwater drainage system along the east median, looking west.



Figure 3: Completed access stairs connecting the Galloping Goose Regional Trail to the future bus stop area.



Figure 4: Crews installing rebar for the north deck extension of the South Colquit Bridge.



Figure 5: Bridge Excavation Fill (BEF) material placement and compaction at the west approach slab of the South Colquit Bridge.