

## CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN

### Highway 1 Overpass Reinforcement and Replacement Vancouver - Burnaby

As part of the Port Mann/Highway 1 Improvement (PMH1) Project, many overpasses along the Highway 1 corridor need to be upgraded or replaced to accommodate for:

- the future widening of the highway
- improved durability for earthquake protection
- additional clearance for today's taller commercial vehicles.

Work will begin on the series of overpasses between Vancouver and Burnaby in August 2009, and is scheduled for completion in late 2012.

#### Widening of 1st Avenue and Broadway Overpasses

In Vancouver, work will begin to upgrade and partly rebuild Highway 1 overpasses at 1st Avenue and Broadway/Lougheed Highway. Each overpass will be widened from two lanes to three.

This work is also an important part of improving safety and accessibility at the 1st Avenue Interchange, including lengthened on and off-ramps. Work on the overpasses will be done from the cross streets below and will take place in three stages to ensure that both overpasses will remain open to vehicles throughout construction.

#### Traffic Changes

A temporary traffic shift has already occurred to accommodate this work. Eastbound and westbound lanes on Highway 1 have been slightly narrowed between 1st Avenue and Grandview Highway in Vancouver and shifted toward the existing roadway shoulder. This lane shift will be in effect for approximately 18 months. During this time, crews will be working in the highway's centre median to strengthen existing overpasses to allow for the additional highway lane to be constructed.

Lane closures will be in effect intermittently on 1st Avenue and Broadway/Lougheed Highway between the hours of 9 pm and 5 am, in order to allow work on the highway above. Please refer to the PMH1 website ([www.pmh1project.com](http://www.pmh1project.com)) for Traffic Updates which outline when lane closures and shifts are taking place.

As crews continue to work along one of the busiest corridors in Canada, motorists, cyclists and pedestrians are requested to obey construction signage and speed limits and to watch for flag persons. Please use caution, particularly at night, when temporary lane closures are in effect. And remember, traffic fines double in construction zones.

A key goal of the PMH1 Project is to maximize predictability during construction and minimize disruption for commuters, goods movers, residents and the public. Construction updates will be issued regularly.

#### The Project

The **Port Mann/Highway 1 Improvement Project** is part of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's Gateway Program, which will improve roads and bridges for people, goods and transit throughout Metro Vancouver. The project is being delivered by the Transportation Investment Corporation with Kiewit Flatiron General Partnership as the contractor.

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