

FAQ's: Highway 19A Upgrades – Phase 3

The Phase 3 Highway 19A Upgrades project is part of the overall Waterfront Project 2018-2020, which includes a series of upgrades along the Highway 19A corridor between Maritime Heritage Centre and Rockland Road. See the below FAQs for planned work in 2019 + 2020.

1. What is the project?

The project will see upgrades that both improve services and beautify our city's waterfront. The work includes significant improvements both above- and under- ground, including the reconstruction of sewer and watermains, installation of storm drains, a widened roadway, curb and gutter, sidewalk, seawalk, streetlights, enhanced park spaces, and installation of underground electrical utilities. This work will also improve the function of the highway, through the installation of a roundabout at Rockland Road.

2. Where is the project?

The project is located along a 1 kilometre stretch of Highway 19A, from Big Rock Boat Ramp to Simms Creek Lift Station (approximately 300m south of Rockland Road).



3. When is construction happening?

Construction on this phase will be split into two parts, with Phase 3A beginning in 2019, and Phase 3B in 2020.

In 2019, construction work – including the replacement of the underground water and sewer services – is expected to start in April/May and be completed in October/November.

4. How was the highway design developed?

This project connects to two earlier upgrades south of the route (Phase 1 & 2, completed in 2006 and 2011). In 2005, through an extensive public consultation process, Lanarc Consulting Ltd led the development of conceptual plans for the upgrade from Jubilee Parkway to 1st Avenue.

For Phase 3 of the Highway 19A Upgrades, engineers from McElhanney Consulting are leading the design work. This includes the section from Rockland Road to the Big Rock Boat Ramp site. The first construction contract is expected to be awarded in April 2019 with the second expected in late 2019/early 2020.



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5. How is the project being paid for?

The project is a partnership between the City of Campbell River and the Provincial and Federal governments, funded significantly with senior government support of \$6,434,550 through the New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund. With significant funding from senior levels of government, construction costs are reduced for local taxpayers. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$13.1 million.

6. How will traffic and access be impacted?

For work in 2019, two-way traffic will be largely maintained, although one-way alternating traffic will be needed at times and could be implemented without notice. Keep in mind, commuters will be travelling through two work areas between Rockland Road and 1st Avenue during this time, and delays are expected.

In 2020, a highway closure will be implemented near Rockland Road, resulting in necessary detour routes. The length of this closure is not yet confirmed and more information will be shared as that construction season approaches.

7. Will I be able to use the seawalk during construction?

There will be significant impacts to the seawalk during 2019 and 2020 construction, which will require seawalk users to follow the temporary walkways that will pass through the construction zone. Through the fall/winter of 2019-2020 – between the two construction periods – there will be a temporary, handicap accessible gravel finish on the seawalk, which may limit some uses such as rollerblading through this section.

8. What is being planned for Rockland Road?

Through the Official Community Plan, Campbell River residents have identified a goal of having the beautiful Highway 19A entrance to the downtown core focused as a scenic destination. To achieve this, a series of highway improvements and traffic calming measures are required. A roundabout at Rockland Road will be included as part of the project, which will both calm traffic through this area, as well as improve safety for drivers at the intersection. Pedestrians accessing the waterfront area and seawalk will also see improved safety through an increase in the number of designated crossings. The roadway is designed to accommodate all types of vehicles including the necessary emergency services required.

9. What are other highlights of the project?

In 2020, the above-ground work will include exciting upgrades along the corridor, including under-grounding overhead wires, addition of a new public parking area at Rockland Road, improvements to Ellis Park and construction of a lookout at Big Rock.

10. How can I learn more?

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