

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, in connection with the Waterfront Sewer Project, also underway through the corridor. Work in 2020 on the Highway 19A Upgrades portion is expected to begin in the spring and continue in late fall. Final landscaping work will be completed in 2021.

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.



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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?

Two-way traffic will be largely maintained throughout the corridor, although one-way alternating traffic and intermittent closures will be needed at times and could be implemented without notice. Drivers should expect delays. While originally planned to be closed during construction in 2020, the project team has adapted the project schedule and approach to maintain traffic and reduce the impact on businesses in the area.

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

During 2020 construction period, there will likely be periods that the sections of the seawalk will be closed to thru traffic, though the project team will work to keep it open where possible. Users are asked to follow signage and direction from traffic control personnel, as access can change.

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 all modes of transportation 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 off vehicles including the necessary emergency services required.

9. What are other highlights of the project?

In 2020, the aboveground work will include exciting upgrades along the corridor, including undergrounding overhead wires, addition of a new public parking area at Rockland Road, an enhanced and improved seawalk, improvements to Ellis Park and construction of a lookout at Big Rock.

10. How can I learn more?

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