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Closure of South Island Highway 19A Goes Into Effect as First Phase of Upgrade Project Begins

The first phase of road closures for the South Island Highway 19A Upgrade Project go into effect this week. Highway 19A will be closed between Hilchey Road and Rockland Road starting on or about Thursday, March 11 to accommodate construction. This section of roadway will be closed to regular traffic from March until approximately November 2010.

Single-lane restricted road access will be maintained for residents living along the closed section. Transit, emergency vehicles, and service vehicles will also have access. All other traffic will be directed to use alternative detour routes.

Three detour routes have been outlined in the project's traffic management plan. These will be marked with standard orange detour signage, as well as additional route signs that indicate which route (A, B, or C) is being followed. All drivers are encouraged to review the three traffic detour options.

19A DETOUR OPTIONS

Route A:

- Travelling North: Follow Hilchey to Galerno. Turn right on Galerno. Return to 19A via Rockland.
- Travelling South: Follow Rockland to South Alder. Turn left on South Alder. Return to 19A via Hilchey.

Route B:

- Travelling North: Follow Hilchey to Dogwood. Turn right on Dogwood. Return to 19A via 2nd or follow Dogwood into downtown.
- Travelling South: Access Dogwood from downtown or 2nd. Follow to Hilchey. Return to 19A via Hilchey.

Route C:

- Travelling North: Follow Jubilee Parkway to Highway 19. Follow Hwy 19 to 19A.
- Travelling South: Follow Highway 19 to Jubilee Parkway. Return to 19A via Jubilee.

SEAWALK CLOSURE INFORMATION

To accommodate the first phase of construction activity, the Seawalk will be closed between Hilchey and Rockland Monday to Saturday, between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., from March until June. This section of the Seawalk will be open in the evenings starting at approximately 6:30 p.m. for use until approximately 6:30 a.m. It will also be open all day on Sundays. Signs at either end of the affected section of the Seawalk will indicate whether it is open or closed.

Seawalk users are reminded that the paved surface will be removed in sections that will be temporarily re-installed with compacted gravel. This may limit activities to walking, jogging and strolling.

There may be opportunities for Seawalk openings during the day based on construction schedules. When daytime opening opportunities are known about in advance, information will be posted on the City website and announced in the media.

Event organizers who plan to use this portion of the Seawalk in spring or summer are invited to contact the City in case construction timelines can be adjusted to accommodate event requirements.

For more information, including a map of detour routes, visit the Highway 19A Upgrade pages on the City of Campbell River website: www.campbellriver.ca

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