

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 project has been divided over a few years. In 2019, the preliminary work was done on underground servicing. In 2020, underground servicing work and the aboveground improvements will be largely completed. Due to COVID-19, BC Hydro's original schedule for moving powerlines underground has been postponed until 2021 and is targeted to begin in late January. Landscaping work (off roadway) will be completed in spring 2021 as well.

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.



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 maintained throughout the corridor, although one-way alternating traffic and intermittent closures will be needed at times and could be implemented without notice. Rockland Road will be closed to vehicle traffic from June to November 2020.

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

Pedestrian access will be maintained along the seawalk and on Rockland Road throughout the construction period. Users are asked to follow signage and direction from traffic control personnel.

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 constructed as part of the project in 2020, which will calm traffic through this area, as well as improve safety for all at the intersection. The roadway is designed to accommodate all types of vehicles including the necessary emergency services required. Roundabouts offer traffic calming and improved safety while maintaining traffic flows at a significantly lower cost than traffic lights.

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Pedestrians accessing the waterfront area and seawalk will also see improved safety through an increase in the number of designated crossings. A new parking lot will be constructed on the northwest corner of Rockland Road as well.

9. What are other highlights of the project?

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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