

Highway 1 - Malahat Safety Improvements Goldstream Median Barrier Community Information Meeting

Join us on **Tuesday July 16, 2024**

Members of your community are invited to an information session held at Tsawout First Nation to hear from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure about the Goldstream Median Barrier Safety Improvements Project. The Project is located within the traditional territory of the W̱SÁNEĆ People. The Project will upgrade a 2.2-kilometre section of Highway 1 along the Goldstream River to improve safety and reliability.

This is an opportunity to learn more from the Ministry Project team about the Project design and measures to protect the environment.

Location:	Tsawout First Nation Gymnasium 7728 Tetayut Road, Saanichton
Date/time:	July 16, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by presentation and Q&A)

Please RSVP to amandapang@lucentquay.ca, or by calling 604-889-3125.
This meeting is open to Tsawout community and our neighbouring Nations.



Rendering of Highway 1 retaining wall within the riverbank and habitat restoration once complete (looking south). Retaining structures are proposed at two locations along the river within the 2.2 km Project length – one would be 54 metres long and one would be 144-metres long.

Highway 1 is the main north-south corridor on Vancouver Island and serves as a vital route for moving goods, linking communities, and supporting tourism.

Key Project benefits include:



Improved traveller safety: A median barrier will separate northbound and southbound traffic, (one lane in each direction), while wider paved shoulders will provide refuge in the event of an incident and roadside barrier protection will help protect the river below. Finlayson Arm Road intersection roadway and lighting improvements will bring this busy connection to current design standards.



Transit efficiency: New northbound and southbound BC Transit bus pullouts will be constructed for passenger pickup and drop off.



Climate change resiliency and water quality enhancements: More than 1 km of storm drain infrastructure and 40 storm drain collection units will capture highway runoff water and filter it before entering the river.



Salmon spawning protection: Existing habitat will be protected during construction and new habitat will be created along the river.



Active transportation convenience: An elevated pedestrian crossing over Highway 1 south of Finlayson Arm Road and an underground pedestrian underpass north of Finlayson Arm Road connected by more than 2 km of upgraded pathway will link trails on both sides including Highway 1 overlook trail, Niagara Creek hiking trails, Finlayson estuary trails, and Langford area trail and bike networks. It also will provide improved access to Goldstream Park Campground, Goldstream Nature House, and Finlayson Arm Park facilities.



Habitat enhancements: More than 30,000 native species will be replanted, with a focus on existing under-vegetated areas and placement of large woody debris to protect and improve the riparian area. Further River restoration and enhancements are being proposed in collaboration with the Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association and local First Nations.

Have questions about the Project?



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