

HIGHWAY 5 COQUIHALLA UPDATE

March 2023



Ministry of
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November 2021

- The Atmospheric River event damaged more than 20 sites and six bridges along the Coquihalla (Highway 5).

December 2022




- Temporary repairs restored capacity to four lanes on the Coquihalla.

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- Work continues to construct new permanent bridges at the Bottletop and Juliet Bridge sites, 50 kilometres south of Merritt, and the Jessica Bridge site, 20 kilometres north of Hope.



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Bottletop Bridge	Extent of Damage	Current Status
	<p>3 bridge spans collapsed and roadways approaching the bridges washed away.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first set of bridge girders on the new permanent northbound bridge was installed in February. • Work is continuing on girder installation and the bridge deck formwork. • Work has begun on the new permanent northbound roadway embankment. • Preparation for demolition on the damaged southbound bridge is underway. • Completed installation of netting to protect bird nesting areas in preparation for spring bird nesting season.
Juliet Bridge	Extent of Damage	Current Status
	<p>1 bridge span collapsed and roadways approaching the bridges washed away.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A permanent bridge is complete and open for northbound traffic. • Piling and substructure works on the new permanent southbound bridge are ongoing. • Completed installation of netting to protect bird nesting areas in preparation for spring bird nesting season.
Jessica Bridge	Extent of Damage	Current Status
	<p>2 bridge spans collapsed and roadways approaching bridges washed away.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A temporary bridge is open for southbound traffic. • Starting installation of the bridge girders on the new permanent southbound bridge. • Construction of retaining walls for the new permanent southbound roadway is complete. • Completed installation of netting to protect bird nesting areas in preparation for spring bird nesting season.

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