

HIGHWAY 8 INFORMATION & UPDATES

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Ministry of
Transportation
and Transit

PROGRESS REPORT

The November 2021 Atmospheric River damaged 24 sections of Highway 8. Permanent repairs to restore the damaged sites to full capacity and improve their ability to withstand extreme weather are complete at 5 sites and in progress at 19 sites.

For up-to-date information on construction:



Call

1-855-425-9416



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gov.bc.ca/highway8recovery



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12 Sites



IN DESIGN

Permanent repairs are in planning or design at:

- Site 1
- Sites 12 to 15
- Sites 16 to 19
- Sites 20 and 21
- Site 22

7 Sites



IN CONSTRUCTION

Permanent repairs are in construction at:

- Sites 4 and 5
- Sites 6 and 8
- Sites 9 and 10
- Site 11

5 Sites



COMPLETE

Permanent repairs are complete at:

- Site 2
- Site 2A
- Site 3
- Site 3A
- Site 7

CONSTRUCTION STARTING SOON ON SITES 6 AND 8

Construction on permanent repairs at site 6 (20.7 km east of Spences Bridge) and site 8 (16 km east of Spences Bridge) will begin in March.

The contract for this work has been successfully awarded to Nlaka'pamux contractor Nhwelmen Construction Limited Partnership.

The construction work will include upgrading the temporary gravel road surface to permanent asphalt and installing riprap (rocky material) against the highway to better protect it during future extreme weather and flooding events. The rocky material will be installed before freshet, when the water levels are low and the riverbanks are dry, to minimize the impact on fish in the Nicola River. Construction is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2025.



Site 6 (20.7 km east of Spences Bridge)



Site 8 (16 km east of Spences Bridge)



Installation of riprap (rocky material) to prevent erosion

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Through 2025, many sites along Highway 8 will be under construction. Drivers should expect delays and poor road conditions, including gravel surfaces, and should plan to take alternate routes if possible.

Upcoming site 6 road closures

In the spring, 45-minute road closures will take place at site 6 between 10 am and 2 pm to allow crews to safely remove rock from above the highway. These closures will likely take place over 2 to 3 weeks.

Learn more

Drivers can learn more about any delays and road conditions by:

- Visiting [DriveBC.ca](https://drivebc.ca)
- Viewing the **site signage** on either end of the corridor

WORK STARTING ON SITES 9 AND 10

Work at sites 9 (15.3 km east of Spences Bridge) and 10 (14 km east of Spences Bridge) will start soon, with the Nicola Valley Partners Alliance beginning Stage 1 of construction in early February. The Stage 1 work will include:

- Establishing access to the east and west end of the structures at sites 10A and 10D for environmental mitigation work
- Installation of temporary working platforms (a raised barrier) at sites 10A and 10D
- Installation of a snake culvert and fencing at site 10B
- Relocation of overhead power and communication utilities

ENVIRONMENTAL WORK

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit is collaborating closely with local Indigenous leadership, primary regulatory agencies, and technical staff to minimize environmental impacts and enhance ecosystems and habitats during the highway rebuild.

To satisfy regulatory requirements, environmental enhancements are planned at each construction site and five additional locations along Highway 8.

The image to the right shows the plan for site 18. The crossed icons show where large woody debris will be placed to create shade and attract insects for feeding fish, and the green areas are where native trees and other vegetation will be planted, such as black cottonwood, indian hemp (dogbane), chokecherry, kentucky bluegrass and more.



Environmental enhancements planned for site 18 (east of Secret Garden)



Example of woody debris placed to create shade and attract insects