

HIGHWAY 1 INFORMATION & UPDATES



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Infrastructure update prepared for residents
For the weeks of January 24 to February 6, 2022



Highway 1 reopened through the Fraser Canyon

At 12-noon Monday, January 24, 2022, Highway 1 through the Fraser Canyon opened to all vehicle traffic.

This restores our major route connecting the Lower Mainland to B.C.'s Interior and North, helping the movement of people and goods. Crews worked around the clock to repair the highway despite record snowfalls, avalanche risks and cold temperatures over the past few weeks.

After the severe weather and flooding in November 2021, there were 18 sites affected on Highway 1 between Hope and Spences Bridge, including four that required extensive repairs: Tank Hill, Gladwin Culvert, Nicomen Bridge and Jackass Mountain. Access was established to the first three sites by January 14, partially re-opening Highway 1 from Kanaka Bar (south of Lytton) to Spences Bridge. With access restored through Jackass Mountain, the highway is now open through the Fraser Canyon.

What you can expect

Access for all vehicle types, but lengths limited

The highway through the Fraser Canyon is now open to legal width and loading, but loads are limited to 25 metres in length.

Significant delays

Travellers should expect up to two-hour delays above regular travel times from Hope to Spences Bridge. There are single-lane sections of the highway and an at-grade rail crossing in the Tank Hill area.

Reduced speeds and work zones

Many sections of the highway will continue to be active construction sites and work zones. Speeds will be reduced. Obey all traffic signs and drive safely.

Pilot-car required at Jackass Mountain

A pilot-car service is required and provided for approximately four kilometres in the section of highway near Jackass Mountain.

Changing conditions

Winter conditions can be unpredictable. Travellers should check DriveBC for the latest travel advisories and highway conditions.

Jackass Mountain

Open as of January 24, 2022, pilot-car required

The single-lane temporary bridge installed at Jackass Mountain is approximately 80 metres (260 feet) long and is in an area where a large section of two-lane road was destroyed. Because this is a known avalanche zone, drivers will have a pilot-car service for approx. four kilometres to guide them through this section. A pilot car driver travels in front of or behind another vehicle, providing warnings if there are traffic changes or obstacles.



Tank Hill

New traffic light in operation

Traffic lights have been installed and activated at the temporary at-grade rail crossing near Tank Hill on Highway 1. There may be single-lane alternating traffic and pilot-car service to accommodate ongoing work as required. Obey all road signs in this active work zone.

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