

# HIGHWAY 8

## INFORMATION & UPDATES



Ministry of  
Transportation  
and Infrastructure

Infrastructure update prepared for residents  
For the weeks of August 23 to September 4, 2022

### Progress Report

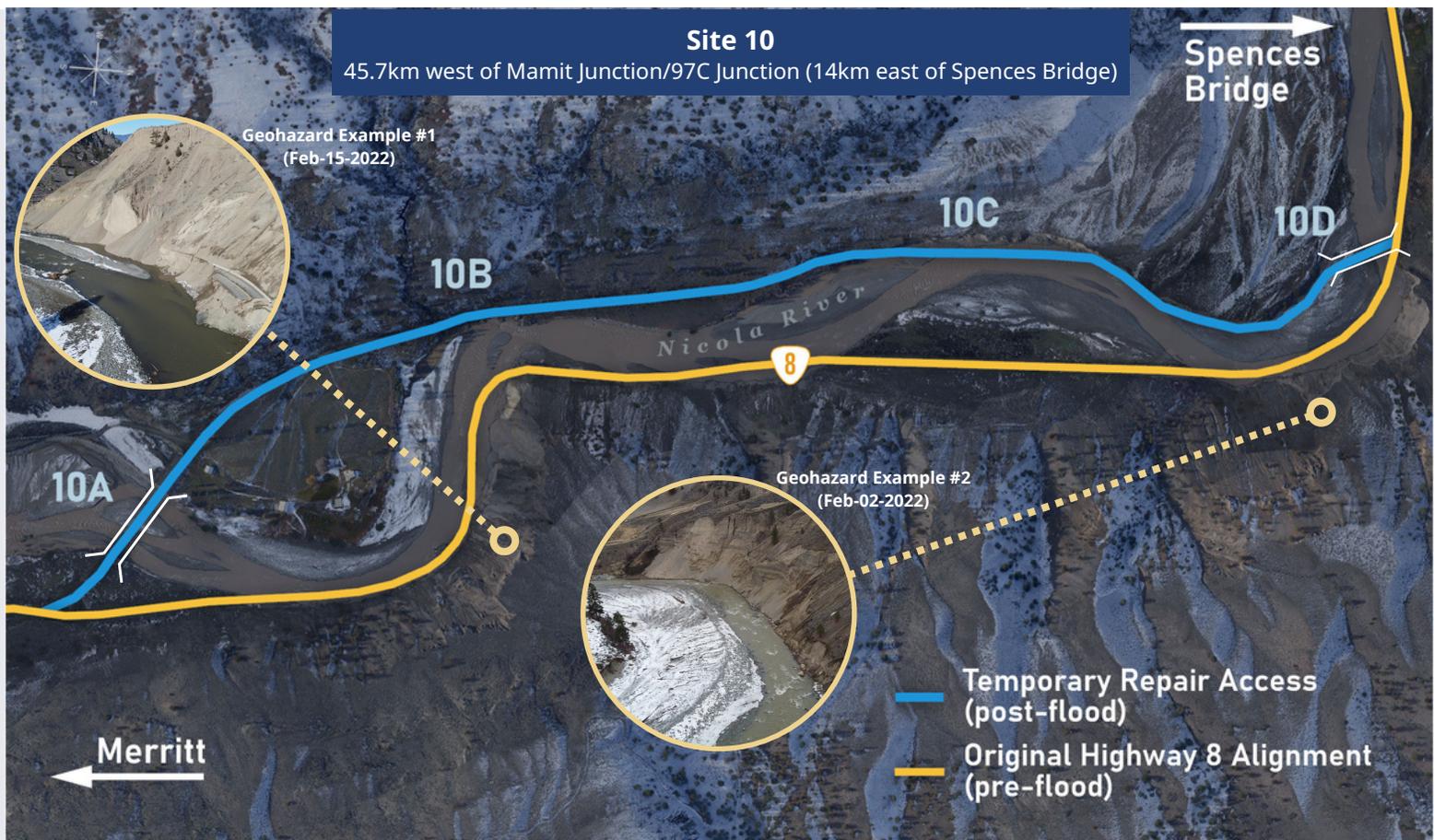
No. of Sites	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	Temp. Repairs Complete	Work Underway	Planned Work

Temporary repairs on Highway 8 have been completed at 18 locations. Construction is in progress on another 3, and work is being planned for the near future at the 4 remaining sites.

### Featured Site: Site 10 (45.7km west of Mamit/97C Junction) (14km east of Spences Bridge)

Over 1,000m of highway infrastructure was completely lost at Site 10 due to the November 2021 flooding event. The flooding's aftermath left significant geohazards (over-steepened and unstable silt bluffs) along the original highway alignment. After reviewing these hazards, the Highway 8 team determined it was not possible to safely re-instate the highway on its existing alignment during Phase 1 works.

The project team found efficiencies in utilizing an alignment that follows the route of the existing Nicola Valley Railway (NVR), located south of the Nicola River, to construct emergency/temporary access. This alignment was much more intact and maintained a safe offset from the new geohazards, but it too required repairs. To help establish temporary access along this route, Site 10 was split into four defined sub-sites: 2 temporary bridges (sites 10A and 10D) and 2 repair sections to the NVR (sites 10B and 10C).



When Highway 8 reopens, currently planned for Fall 2022, drivers can expect this corridor to look different than it used to. There will be large sections of gravel road with slower speed limits as well as single-lane temporary bridges. We ask that the public adhere to signage and traffic control.

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## Site 10A

A temporary single-lane bridge has been installed to access the NVR alignment south of the Nicola River.



Temporary repair works started (March 2022)



Temporary repair works complete (May 2022)

## Site 10B

Temporary repairs along this 50m section of the NVR were needed to establish emergency/construction access. While access has been established, crews are still onsite working to widen the road so that it is safe for public use.



Temporary repair work started (April 2022)



Temporary repair works in progress (Aug 2022)

## Site 10C

Temporary repairs along this 350m section of the NVR were needed to establish emergency/construction access. Since access was established in May, crews have been using Site 10C to stockpile rock from nearby quarries for use on remaining damage sites further west.



Temporary repair works started (April 2022)



Temporary repair works complete (June 2022)

## Site 10D

Repairs were paused in spring of 2022 due to the high waters from spring freshet. While construction was paused, the Highway 8 team designed and procured a temporary bridge and prepared for when installation could safely begin. A temporary single-lane bridge has now been installed, with works on the approaches ongoing. In the coming weeks, crews will establish access at Site 10D. Once evacuation orders have been lifted and utilities have been reconnected, residents of Cook's Ferry IR#7 will be able to access their homes.



Temporary repair works started (April 2022)



Temporary repair works in progress (Aug 2022)

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