

# HIGHWAY 5 COQUIHALLA UPDATE

JANUARY 2023



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## A Year in Review: Coquihalla Reinstatement Progress

- In November 2021, the Atmospheric River event damaged more than 20 sites and six bridges along the Coquihalla (Highway 5).
- As of December 2022, temporary repairs on the Bottletop and Juliet Bridges (50 km south of Merritt), and the Jessica Bridge (20 km north of Hope), have restored the highway to four lanes.

### NOVEMBER 2021

The Atmospheric River event washed away roadways approaching the Bottletop, Juliet and Jessica Bridges, caused several bridge spans to collapse, and damaged more than 20 sites.



### DECEMBER 2021

The Coquihalla between Hope and Merritt reopened to essential commercial vehicles at a reduced lane capacity.

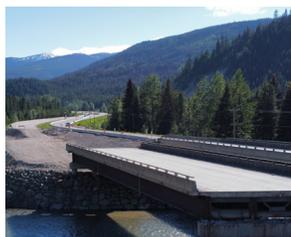


### JANUARY 2022

The Coquihalla between Hope and Merritt reopened to all vehicles at reduced lane capacity.

### JUNE 2022

Project planning and engineering began for the demolition of damaged bridges and the construction of temporary detours and bridges.



### MAY 2022

The contract for construction work was awarded to KEA5, a joint venture between Kiewit and Emil Anderson Construction (EAC).



### JULY 2022

Construction began on temporary and new permanent bridges to restore full, four-lane capacity on the Coquihalla.



### DECEMBER 2022

On December 16, 2022, an important milestone in the Highway 5 recovery was achieved by restoring full, four-lane capacity on the Coquihalla.



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## Goals for 2023

- Complete design and engineering on permanent structures.
- Continue work on five new permanent bridges at three sites.
- Continue ongoing engagement and collaboration with Indigenous communities.

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## BOTTLETOP BRIDGE

### Extent of Damage

- 3 bridge spans collapsed and roadways approaching bridges washed away.

### Current Status

- A temporary two-lane southbound bridge is open for traffic.
- Piling works for the permanent northbound bridge are complete. Substructure and concrete works are currently underway.
- Work on the new permanent southbound bridge will begin once the new permanent northbound bridge is complete.



## JULIET BRIDGE

### Extent of Damage

- 1 bridge span collapsed and roadway approaching the bridges washed away.

### Current Status

- A new two-lane permanent bridge has been constructed and is currently open for southbound traffic.
- Demolition work on the existing damaged southbound bridge is in progress.



## JESSICA BRIDGE

### Extent of Damage

- 2 bridge spans collapsed and roadways approaching bridges washed away.

### Current Status

- The temporary southbound bridge is open for traffic.
- Piling works are ongoing. Substructure works will start after piling has been completed.



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