

Prest Road Bridge Replacement Over Semiault Creek Project

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: Why are we replacing the bridge?

A1: The existing wood bridge does not meet current structural standards and is too narrow to facilitate the planned road widening on Prest Rd.

Q2: How long is Prest Road going to be closed?

A2: It is scheduled for closure from June 21 – September 3, 2021.

Q3: Why do we need to close Prest Road for so long?

A3: For improved efficiency, many additional projects will be completed as part of the bridge reconstruction project. These additional works include Fortis Gas main relocation, water main relocation, sheet piling, concrete abutments, box girders, concrete parapets and paving.

Q4: Was a culvert considered to replace the bridge?

A4: Culvert construction options were considered but both geotechnical and environmental requirements could not be met using this method of construction.

Q5: Will you be able to drive through the bridge work zone?

A5: No, the bridge will be removed and the road will not be passable. Local residents will have continued access to their driveways from south or north of the bridge, but not across Semiault Creek.

Q6: Will the new bridge have bike lanes and sidewalks?

A6: The new bridge will have wider travel lanes, bike lanes and shoulders, but no sidewalks.

Q7: Is the new bridge going to be wider than the current bridge?

A7: Yes, the existing bridge is 6.7m (22ft) wide. The new bridge will be 10.04m (33ft) wide.

Q8: How do I get to the landfill if I can't use Prest Road to reach Bailey Road?

A8: If you are coming from the highway or Downtown Chilliwack you should use Vedder Road or Evans Road to Watson/Promontory then Chilliwack River Road to Bailey Road.