

NEWS RELEASE

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Road network improvements will bring traffic relief to Bowen and Northfield

First Phase of the Boxwood Connector Project to be completed in 2019

Summary

The Boxwood Connector is a road network project that will ease traffic congestion at the intersection of Bowen Road and Northfield Road by diverting traffic and improving vehicle circulation. Guided by Complete Street principles, the proposed new roadways and intersections will also support walking, cycling and transit.

Phase 1 construction will be completed in 2019 and includes site clearing, soil and environmental improvements, a new storm water pond and plantings, and placement of preload material that will help compact the soil over the next two years to prepare it for roadway construction.

Site clearing work will start this week in advance of the upcoming bird nesting window. A Tree Removal Permit has been obtained and all trees to be removed are located on City-owned property. Tree replacement and restoration work will be completed as part of the construction project in accordance with the City of Nanaimo's Tree Protection Bylaw. Completing tree removal now will allow construction of Phase 1 later this year.

For more information and for the latest project updates, please visit our project web page at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/BoxwoodConnector

City of Nanaimo representatives will also be hosting a Public Information Session on April 3, 2019 at the Beban Park Social Centre, Lounge C, between 3:30pm – 7pm. Residents can come and learn more about the project and ask questions.

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Key Points

- Construction of Phase 1 of the Boxwood Connector project will be completed in 2019 and includes site clearing, soil and environmental improvements, a new storm water pond and plantings, and placement of preload material that will be left for 2 years to help compact the soil for future roadway improvements.
- Site clearing and tree removal work is starting this week in advance of the upcoming bird nesting window.
- City of Nanaimo representatives will be hosting a Public Information Session on April 3, 2019 at the Beban Park Social Centre, Lounge C, between 3:30pm – 7pm.
- Construction of Phase 2 is currently scheduled to begin in 2022.

Quotes

"Development of the Boxwood Connector will take several years, but once complete, will provide improved mobility for all users while reducing traffic congestion through Northfield and Bowen - one of the City's most challenging intersections."

Poul Rosen
Senior Manager, Engineering
City of Nanaimo

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Quick Facts

- The Boxwood Connector was identified as a major road improvement project in the 2014 Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan.

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