

The Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project

The frequency and severity of accidents are substantially higher than the provincial average on comparable roads, with an average of 300 accidents yearly. Closures due to accidents as well as incidents like rock slides create further disruption. The lack of passing lanes and winding mountain conditions combined with increasing traffic volumes require capacity improvements as well as safety improvements.

Average daily traffic volumes between Horseshoe Bay and Squamish are forecast to increase from the current estimated 13,700 to 22,000 by 2025, while volumes between Squamish and Whistler are expected to rise 56 per cent from 7,700 to 12,000. Official community development plans along the corridor indicate population growth will almost double over the next 25 years.

