



## Highway 17 – Mt Newton Cross Road Transit Queue Jump Lanes

February 2022

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (Ministry), as part of the **South Island Transportation Strategy**, identified the Highway 17 (Pat Bay) at the Mt Newton Cross Road Intersection as a priority location to enhance transit and pedestrian facilities. This intersection provides ridership access to residents of the Tsawout First Nation, Central Saanich and North Saanich.

This project supports the Province's **South Island Transportation, Clean BC and Active Transportation Strategies** by ensuring sustainable options for a variety of travel modes, strengthening connections between travel modes and improving connections between communities, improving the safety and reliability of the transportation network, and supporting and encouraging active transportation options.

### Improvements

The proposed scope includes:

- new bus stops and installation of transit queue jumpers
- enhancement of existing pathways and addition of new sidewalks to support active transportation
- improved safety and traffic operations (upgrade to traffic islands, signals, signage, and pavement markings).

### Project Benefits

The proposed enhancements will:

- Improve safety for all users of the road, including vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians; and,
- Support enhancements to transit services along the Highway 17 corridor
- Benefit area residents, businesses and the community.

### Project Status

A construction contract has been awarded to Milestone Equipment Contracting. Work is anticipated to start in February 2022, with a targeted completion in the late summer of 2022.

Night work will be required during highway lane closures, enabling the contractor to undertake work without causing daytime disruptions to the extensive vehicle traffic on Highway 17.

Existing cyclist and pedestrian facilities will remain open during construction. Cyclists and pedestrians are encouraged to obey all safety signage and traffic control personnel.

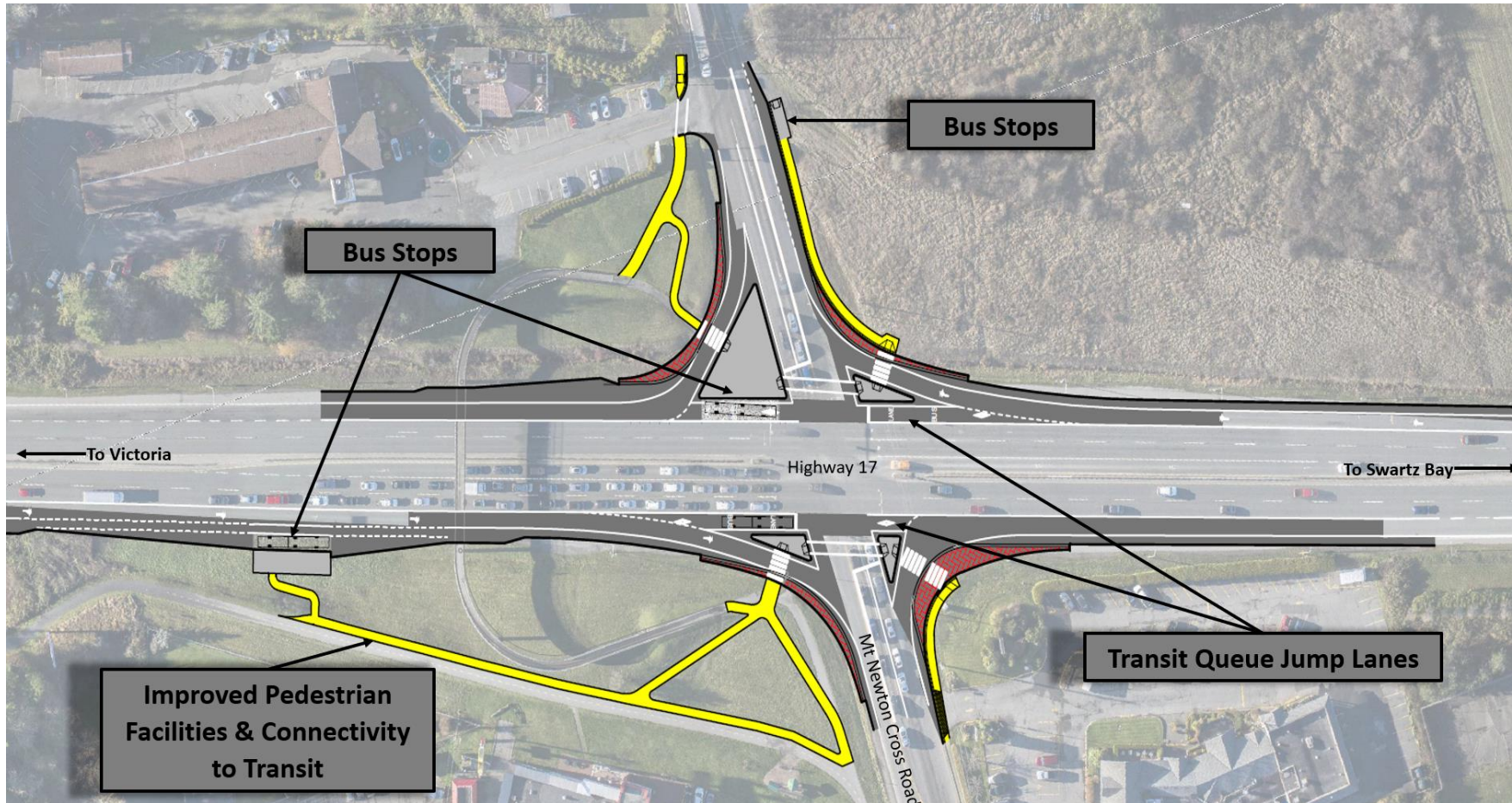
Drivers can expect minor delays and are encouraged to:

- Obey all safety signage and drive with care
- Check **DriveBC** for the most up to date information

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## Project Map



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