
INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PROJECT UPDATE

PROPOSANTS SELECTED FOR KICKING HORSE CANYON PROJECT – PHASE 2

Three qualified proponent teams will be invited to submit proposals for Phase 2 of the Kicking Horse Canyon Project on the Trans Canada Highway between Golden and Yoho National Park.

The three qualified teams are:

- KHC Highway Group
- SNC-Lavalin Team
- Trans-Park Highway Group

The teams were selected through a Request for Qualifications process where respondents were asked to demonstrate their experience, capability and capacity to complete the project on time and on budget.

Proposals will address financing of the project, and the design and construction of Phase 2, and operating, maintenance and rehabilitation of the entire 26 km section of the Trans Canada Highway. Service to the public and value for the taxpayer, with performance and accountability must be key features of the proposals.

All three teams combine local, national and international expertise in the type of design, construction and maintenance that are required for this project, which features one of the most challenging sections of the Trans Canada Highway.

The purpose of the Kicking Horse Canyon Project is to improve the Province's vital trade link and to improve safety and operating efficiency for the travelling public along the corridor. The improvements to the Trans Canada Highway in the rugged section between Golden and Yoho National Park will serve population growth, economic development in the surrounding region, and increased demand for resident and visitor travel, and goods movement.

Phase 1 of the Kicking Horse Canyon Project has involved the recent replacement of the Yoho Bridge and upgrading 3.2 kms of highway from two lanes to four lanes.

Phase 2 of the Kicking Horse Canyon Project includes the replacement of the Park Bridge (also known as 10 Mile Bridge). In addition, approximately 5.8 kms of road will be widened and re-aligned to achieve a 4-lane highway with a design speed of 100 km/hour.

Future improvements, known as Phase 3 of the Kicking Horse Canyon Project will involve upgrading, widening and reducing hazards on the rest of the 26 km portion of the highway in the Canyon.

A Request for Proposals will be issued shortly, and proponent teams will submit their proposals for evaluation by May 2005.

Partnerships BC, on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation has initiated and is conducting the competitive selection process for the Project.

Further information and project updates can be found at www.partnershipsbc.ca and at www.kickinghorsecanyon.ca.

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