

Median work to begin Monday on Malahat

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Next week the provincial government will begin its installation of new concrete median barriers on the Malahat.

About 1.4 kilometres of barriers will be installed north of Finlayson Arm Road. To make room for the barrier, the northbound passing lane will be removed.

Work will start on Monday (July 9) and is scheduled to be complete by July 13, with most of the work happening overnight.

The cost for this project is approximately \$250,000. The province has earmarked a total of \$8 million for concrete barriers and other safety improvements on the Malahat.

"We'll have the first new section of barrier in place on the Malahat by mid-July, making this section of highway a lot safer for local residents and the many visitors to Southern Vancouver Island," said minister of transportation and infrastructure Blair Lekstrom. "This is just the start of our government's commitment to safety improvements on the Malahat, with more work to the highway coming over the next year."

In total 5.4 km of barriers will be added to the Malahat by spring 2013. When complete, roughly 40 per cent of the highway will be separated by median barriers.

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