

Project Update: September 2025

Fraser River Tunnel Project: Deas Island geotechnical testing begins soon

As we move toward the start of construction for the new eight-lane tunnel in 2026, crews are set to begin geotechnical investigations on Deas Island in mid-September.

Work will take place within the Ministry of Transportation and Transit's right-of-way near the existing George Massey Tunnel and is anticipated to continue through early next year (*see image below*).



Activities will include pump tests to assess the groundwater flow rate and densification tests to verify the ground's seismic stability. Tree trimming and the removal of invasive plants will be necessary in some areas.

Passers-by may see cranes, excavators, pile drivers, dump trucks, and other equipment and vehicles.

Work will take place mainly during the day, Monday through Saturday. Some nighttime work will be carried out as needed.

To minimize disruptions, noisier activities like piling and hydrovac operations will be conducted during daytime hours. At those times, park users, nearby businesses and residents may hear intermittent noise from heavy equipment.

During overnight work, construction lighting will be directed toward the worksite to reduce visual distractions.

TEMPORARY ISLAND TIP TRAIL CLOSURE

To ensure public safety, Island Tip Trail within the Ministry's right-of-way will close for up to five consecutive days in the fall during these geotechnical investigations. These closures will restrict access to the portion of the park that is west of Highway 99. No detours will be available during closures. Please look for signs within the park for dates and details or visit the Project's [Current Work webpage](#).

Questions and Feedback

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