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Trans Mountain Expansion Project

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**VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

October 6, 2020

Canada Energy Regulator  
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To: M. Jean-Denis Charlebois, Secretary of the Commission

Dear M. Charlebois:

**Re: Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC (Trans Mountain)  
Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP)  
AO-001-XO-T260-007-2016 (TEMP)  
Condition 73: Traffic Control Plans for Public Roadways  
Phase 30: Spread 5B: Ohamil Camp Community – Update (~KP 990-184)**

Trans Mountain provides the attached traffic control plan, filed pursuant to Condition 73, for the Ohamil Camp Community (HOP053). Previously, Trans Mountain made filings pursuant to Conditions 59 and 60 in June 2020 [[C06896](#)] and provided updates with respect to stakeholder engagement in August and September [[C08048](#) and [C08278](#)].

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the undersigned at [regulatory@transmountain.com](mailto:regulatory@transmountain.com) or (403) 514-6400.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

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Enclosure: Condition 73: Traffic Control Plans for Public Roadways. Spread 5B: update for Ohamil Camp Community.



**Spread 5B – KP 990-1075  
Ohamil Camp Community**

**Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC  
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**CER Condition 73: UPDATE**

**October 2020**



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**Trans Mountain Expansion Project**  
**Condition 73: Traffic Control Plans for Public Roadways**

**Update for Spread 5B – KP 990-1075**  
**Ohamil Camp Community (HOP053) - October 2020**

In October 2019, Trans Mountain filed an updated Traffic Access Management and Control Plan in compliance with Condition 73 [C02425]. That Plan was accepted by the CER in Compliance Letter No. 37 [C06749], and Trans Mountain provided an update for Spread 5B in July 2020 [C07587]. Trans Mountain provided a C 59/60 filing for use of a temporary worker accommodation site at Ohamil No. 1 Reserve on June 18, 2020 [C06896]. The following update pursuant to Condition 73 is provided to address use of public roadways associated with Trans Mountain's occupancy of the Ohamil Camp Community (HOP053), should approval be granted by the CER.

**1.0 Overview**

Shxw'ōwhámél, at their own discretion and independently from Trans Mountain, working with their local developer has developed a 20-acre site for temporary worker accommodation as part of a long-term development by the Shxw'ōwhámél for the First Nation community. In July 2020, Trans Mountain entered into a lease to occupy the facility, pending approval by the CER of filings made pursuant to Conditions 59 and 60. The site is located on Laidlaw Road adjacent to the Highway #1, the Trans-Canada Highway, near KP 1055. It is anticipated that up to 350 workers will be housed at this facility. Occupancy will begin following CER approval of use of the site and will extend to Q4 2022.

**2.0 Construction Schedule (C 73a)**

The Ohamil Camp Community has been developed and built by Shxw'ōwhámél FN and their developer, and construction is complete.

**3.0 Current Traffic Volumes (C73 b)**

Laidlaw Road has access to Highway #1, both to the north at the Hunter Creek Road and to the south at the Exit 153. Protocols have been established to minimize the TMEP construction traffic on Laidlaw Road.

Laidlaw Road is host to several rural residential properties. There are some business properties in the area, and a gravel quarry is situated north of the Ohamil Camp Community site. This quarry has two access points, both off Laidlaw Road. The access to Ohamil Camp Community is directly off a straight segment of Laidlaw Road, providing good sightlines and access in all weather conditions.

The Camp Community capacity is 350. This will include personnel who provide service to the establishment and Trans Mountain Expansion Project personnel. It is expected that site occupancy will start with approximately 50 to 60 Trans Mountain workers by early November 2020 and will increase as the Project progresses into 2021.

Most of the workers who will stay at the Ohamil Camp Community will commute to their worksite in buses provided by the General Construction Contractor (GCC). Only those who require personal vehicles for their substantive work functions, such as welders and foremen, will commute with their vehicles. That number is presently estimated at twenty (20) vehicles per day. Planning currently projects 20-30 buses will provide

commuting services to and from the Camp Community to workfronts in Spread 5B. Depending on the number of workers staying at the Camp Community, that number of buses may increase with COVID-19 requirements for physical distancing on multi-passenger vehicles. No construction-related equipment will be stored at this site so there will be no heavy equipment traffic. Equipment to be stored or requiring maintenance will be taken to the mechanical yard at Popkum Construction Yard or on occasion to the HOP52 site.

#### **4.0 Predicted Traffic Flows and Potential Effects of Camp Community Traffic (C 73 c, d)**

The GCC's planned daily schedule (6 days a week) begins at 5:00 am with all personnel returning to the Ohamil Camp Community by 8:00 pm. These scheduled hours will mitigate most of the impact on the rural neighbours. The use of the Hunter Creek highway exit provides a short 2-km drive from the access to Highway #1, at Hunter Creek, to the entrance to the Ohamil Camp Community. The nearby quarry would appear to be the only business property between the proposed Camp Community and the Highway #1 access at Hunter Creek Road. A regional map illustrating the location of exits from Highway #1 was previously provided in Engagement Update No. 2 [[C08278](#)].

It is anticipated that with the proposed daily schedule times, the implementation of commute buses, the low number of Trans Mountain workers and camp operations staff, and the access/egress protocols for arrival and departure from the facility, the impact on the normal local traffic will be minimal.

#### **5.0 Summary of Consultation (C 73 e)**

Trans Mountain's engagement is ongoing throughout the phases of Project construction in Spread 5B. Trans Mountain is aware of local interests regarding traffic flow on Laidlaw Road as described in Engagement Update No. 1 (August 26, 2020) [[C08048](#)], and Engagement Update No. 2 (September 14, 2020 [[C08278](#)]).

Traffic information was shared with all Laidlaw residents through the distribution of hand-delivered information packages. Additional information is available on the Project website at [transmountain.com](http://transmountain.com). In these engagements, specific concerns were raised about Project-traffic use of Laidlaw Road, traffic speed and rocks/debris on the road surface.

Trans Mountain, the GCC and the Shxw'ōwhámél First Nation have responded to these concerns by:

- directing workers to use the highway exit closest to each temporary worksite and the right-of-way to shorten travel on Laidlaw Road
- installing signage indicating no left turns onto Laidlaw Road when exiting the Ohamil Camp Community worksite or the Laidlaw stockpile site (HOP052) (keeping traffic to the closest exit)
- installing signage indicating Local Traffic Only on Laidlaw Road
- reinforcing safe driving behaviour and compliance with speed limits at daily meetings
- tracking driving behaviour and routing through GPS trackers on construction vehicles (where installed)
- the camp developer has cleaned the road of rocks and debris and will continue to do so as required.

In addition, Trans Mountain will share traffic information through public engagement and communications activities planned for the Hope region residents in late October 2020, prior to camp occupancy. Trans Mountain will continue to monitor traffic flow and driver behaviour during occupancy and use of the Ohamil Camp Community. Additional mitigations will be implemented if required.