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Avoid Keith Bridge during construction, DNV advises

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Traffic on Keith Road and Mountain Highway is about to get a whole lot worse before it gets better as the District of North Vancouver moves ahead with its project to widen the two-lane Keith Road bridge to five.

From May 19 to June 6, the westbound left turn lane from Keith Road south onto Lynnmouth Avenue will be closed. There will be no parking on the north side of Keith Road across from Bridgman Park and all the traffic lanes will be shifted slightly north, according to district staff.

Work will be taking place at night in order to lessen the impact on rush hour traffic though there will be some daytime work requiring single-lane alternating traffic.

Staff are also posting signs on the main roads feeding towards the construction area to give drivers a chance to avoid it entirely.

"This area is going to be affected by construction until 2016, and we recommend that people who usually go through this spot plan a bit of extra time for their trip or, if possible, use an alternate route," said Mairi Wellman, district spokeswoman.

The parking lot in Bridgman Park is now closed; however, the park remains open.

The district staff will be posting updates on the construction on Twitter account @NVanDistrict using the hashtag #krbridge, and on Facebook NVanDistrict, or by visiting <u>dnv.org/krbridge (http://dnv.org/krbridge)</u>.

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