



## 2010 RBC GranFondo Whistler – Traffic and Road Information

September 11, 2010

The inaugural RBC GranFondo Whistler will bring together 4,000 cyclists of all ages and abilities in an epic journey that will bring them from beautiful downtown Vancouver, along the world's most scenic coastal mountain highway (Highway 99), through picturesque Squamish and on to a breathtaking finish in the bustling, natural playground of the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

To keep cyclists, motorists and spectators safe, traffic modifications will be in effect all along the course route. Temporary street closures in key locations (the start, mid-point, and finish areas) will also be necessary to ensure the safety of all concerned.

Motorists are advised to avoid travel during the impacted hours and consider alternative times for corridor trips or alternative routes or modes of transportation for local trips. Motorists that need to travel during these times are advised to plan ahead for potential delays and short duration stoppages. The RBC GranFondo Whistler organizers and participants thank you for your patience and cooperation and remind you to drive safely.

Expected hours of traffic impact are as follows:

- **Downtown Vancouver (Burrard Street and West Georgia Street): 3:00 AM to 9:00 AM**
- **Lions Gate Bridge: 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM**
- Horseshoe Bay to Squamish: 6:00 AM to 12:00 NOON
- Squamish to Whistler: 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Whistler Village: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

In the **City of Vancouver** and **West Vancouver**, traffic restrictions will impact the following streets:

- West Georgia Street from Thurlow Street to Seymour Street – Full Closure from 3:00AM to 9:00AM
- Burrard Street from Melville Street to Alberni Street – Full Closure from 3:00AM to 8:00AM
- Lions Gate Bridge – Northbound Closure from 6:00AM to 8:00AM
- Upper Levels Highway – Northbound from Taylor Way to entrance to Highway 99 – Lane closures (one bicycle lane right of way)

### RBC GranFondo Whistler Start Location

The RBC GranFondo Whistler will start in downtown Vancouver at the intersection of Georgia Street and Burrard. Georgia Street will be closed for our staging area from Thurlow to Seymour from very early in the morning. The ride starts at 7:00AM sharp.

Cyclists will travel west on Georgia, through the Stanley Park Causeway, over the Lions Gate Bridge and up Taylor Way to get onto the upper levels Trans Canada Hwy **with a right of way at all intersections throughout the remainder of the route.**

**Note: Lions Gate Bridge will be closed to northbound traffic from 6:00AM to 8:00AM.**



## **The Finish**

The ride will finish along Blackcomb Way in Whistler, where post event celebrations will take place in Lot 4 in the Whistler Parking area. We'll dress up the area with a stage and live music, a fAMILY fun zone, beer garden, delicious food, a stretching lounge, massage area, a massive bike corral, and a lounge for the Alta Classe. This is conveniently located close to our host hotels the Aava Whistler hotel and the Westin Resort and Spa.

For current road information, please visit [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca). For questions or comments regarding temporary event related traffic modifications, email us at [feedback@rbcgranfondo.com](mailto:feedback@rbcgranfondo.com) or call us at 604 830 1847. For more information on the RBC GranFondo Whistler, please visit [www.rbcgranfondowhistler.com](http://www.rbcgranfondowhistler.com).

## **Spectator Information**

- Spectators are not permitted to stop on course except at the mid-point Aid station at Brennan Park Recreation Centre in Squamish.
- Highway 99 will remain open to regular traffic.
- We encourage all spectators to travel up the route in advance of the race start at 7:00 AM so they can travel unimpeded. We suggest cheering riders at the designated spot at the mid-point Aid Station in Squamish or, better yet, to meet cyclists as they cross the finish line in Whistler at lot 4.

## **Traffic Restrictions outside of Vancouver:**

**In Squamish**, traffic restrictions include:

- In **Squamish**, Loggers Lane northbound will be closed to traffic from 5:00AM to 12:00pm and southbound closed on Loggers Lane beside Brennan Park Recreation Centre to Centennial Way.
- There will be a bypass route through the Brennan Park Recreation Centre (exiting the southeast corner of the Centre) for those travelling southbound on Loggers Lane
- Speed limit reductions along Highway 99

**In Whistler**, traffic restrictions will impact the following streets:

- Village Gate Boulevard will be closed eastbound from Northlands to Blackcomb Way from 9:00AM to 4:00pm
  - motorists should use Lorimer Road to access Whistler Village.
- Blackcomb Way West will be closed from 9:00AM to 4:00pm
  - motorists should use Lorimer Road and Blackcomb Way East.