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Road Sierre-Vissoie : closed for two months in 2022

Major safety work will take place from May 16 to July 15, 2022 between Sierre and Vissoie. The aim is to protect the cantonal road against natural hazards and to clean up the Petits Pontis arch bridge. The inhabitants will have to pass through Pinsec-Vercorin to reach the plain.



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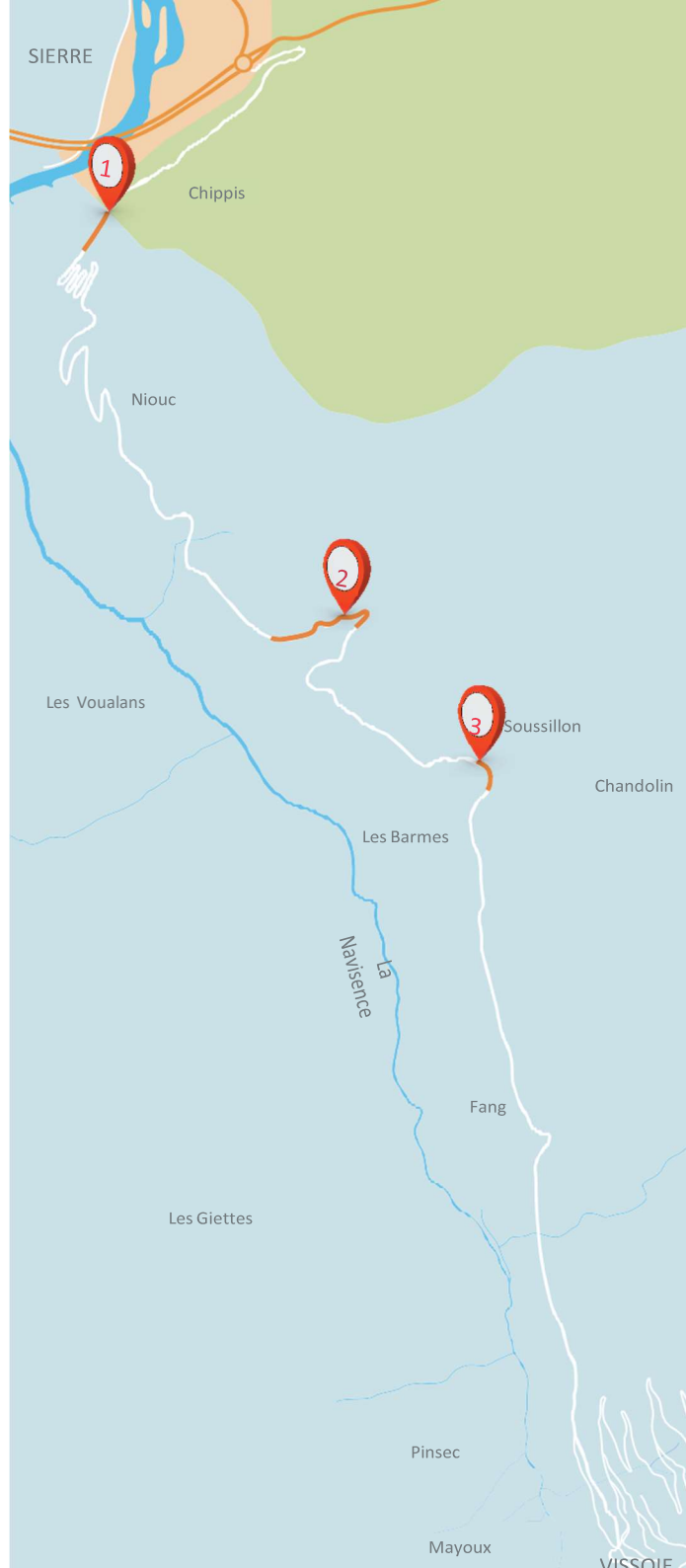
Dear residents of Anniviers,

As you know, our mountain roads are severely used and must undergo significant maintenance. This is why several large-scale works will have to be carried out on the Sierre-Vissoie road, involving the total closure for two months in 2022.

There was a lot of discussion about the timing of these projects. Should they be spread over several years or carried out simultaneously in one go ? The second option was chosen, with priority given to the safety of the user and by taking into account the long-term planning of the cantonal mobility service.

Moreover, it could not be considered to close the Anniviers road every year for any of these works. We are fully aware of the inconveniences that this will cause for all of us, but you should know that the authorities will do everything possible to ensure that this period of work is experienced in the best possible way.

I thank you in advance for your tolerance and patience.



1

Beauregard
protection against
rock falls

In 20 years, more than 4 kilometers of rockfall protection nets have been installed along the Sierre-Vissoie road. There is still a section of about 200 meters to secure, at the height of Beauregard, just before the first bends of Niouc. The slope is very steep at this point, with a significant drop height. The stones risk is not only hitting vehicles, but also reach the industrial zone of Chippis.

Intervention : installation of stone protection nets on beams and metal trellises.

Cost : CHF 1.3 million (approx. 80% covered by federal and cantonal measures against natural hazards, the rest by the local parties concerned).

2

Pontis gorge and hollow
securing against
debris flows and
correction of the
roadway

In the Pontis lace, the risk of debris flows (mudflow with stones and pieces of wood) represents a danger for users. The protection measure consists in building a 40 meters long drainage channel under the road. For this purpose, the roadway must be raised by two meters. In addition, the road surface on the Pontis Pass will be refurbished.

Interventions : raising the roadway in the Pontis hollow and construction of a drainage channel / laying of a new pavement on the Pontis defile.

Cost : 1 million francs (70% paid by the State of Valais, 30% by the municipalities of Sierre, Chippis and Anniviers).

3

Petits Pontis Bridge
repair of the structure

Built nearly 60 years ago (1954), the Petits Pontis bridge is showing signs of wear and tear and its waterproofing is no longer sufficient. The curbs and the deck must be restored. The Mobility Department will take advantage of this repair to widen the structure (40 additional centimeters on each side) and improve the entrance and exit curves. The balance constraints of the structure require the work to be carried out simultaneously over the entire width of the roadway, which is why it is completely closed to traffic.

Interventions : reinforcement of the bridge deck (additional steel reinforcement and concrete layer), repair of joints and curbs, new guardrails.

Cost : 1.4 million francs (70% paid by the State of Valais, 30% by the municipalities of Sierre, Chippis and Anniviers).

To maintain the balance of the structure, the work on the bridge must be done on the entire width of the roadway. This implies the total closure of the traffic (here, similar work carried out on the Lienne bridge).



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Closing dates	: from May 16 to July 15, 2022.
Deviation	: all traffic passes through the road of Vercorin-Pinsec.
Travel time	: count about 15 minutes more.
Preparatory work	: from February 28, 2022 in the area of the Petits Pontis bridge, traffic management with traffic lights.

Special openings between Sierre and Pontis for the residents of Niouc, Pontis and Soussillon :

- every night between 6 pm and 7 am
- the weekend, from Friday 6 pm to Monday 7 am

For schoolchildren : school transport to and from Vissoie is provided. Accompanied walk to cross the work zone of the Petits Pontis bridge on a secured footbridge.

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