



Ministry of
Transportation
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George Massey Crossing Project

City of Richmond Update

General Purposes Committee

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Proposed Discussion Topics

- Project purpose and target schedule
- Our understanding of your interests
- Project goals and principles
- Next steps



Purpose and Schedule

- Better alignment with regional plans:
 - Establish goals and objectives
 - Identify and preliminary review of options
 - Prepare a business case for selected option
- Engage with and consider the preferences of:
 - Local and regional governments
 - First Nations
 - Communities, stakeholders and the general public
- Continued progress in addressing need:
 - Immediate tunnel and roadworks (*start summer 2019*)
 - Interim improvements (*tender ready target: summer 2020*)



Immediate and Interim Improvements

- Immediate:
 - Safety improvements at tunnel and approaches
 - Summer 2019
- Interim Improvements:
 - Steveston Highway
 - Delta area
 - Tender-ready by fall 2020



Understanding Your Interests

- Minimize impacts to agriculture, local traffic and the Fraser River
- Increase transit and limit increased SOV travel
- Traffic demand measures including limiting truck traffic at peak hours
- Consider road network impacts (e.g. Oak Street)
- Interim improvements to address congestion at Steveston



Preliminary Principles: what we're hearing

- Alignment with regional plans
- Safety
- Reliability
- Connectivity



Preliminary Goal Areas: what we're hearing

- Support sustainability of South of Fraser Communities
- Facilitate increased share of sustainable modes of transport
- Enhance regional goods movement and commerce
- Support a healthy environment

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Preliminary Objectives - Goal #1:

Support sustainability of South of Fraser Communities

- Improve safety for all modes of travel
- Improve access to residential, commercial, educational and employment centres
- Manage congestion on the corridor
- Respect the cultural values of communities
- Enhance connections between communities
- Minimize impacts to agricultural land
- Acknowledge the sense of urgency to move forward

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Preliminary Objectives - Goal #2:

Facilitate increased share of sustainable modes of transport

- Enhance transit convenience and facilitate future expansion
- Provide safe and convenient options for pedestrians and cyclists
- Encourage higher occupancy modes of travel



Preliminary Objectives - Goal #3:

Enhance regional goods movement and commerce

- Improve reliability of travel for business and regional goods movements
- Enrich the B.C. tourism industry
- Protect the Fraser River for fishing and transportation



Preliminary Objectives - Goal #4:

Support a healthy environment

- Minimise loss of habitat for fish, wildlife, birds and marine mammals,
- Improve habitat quality and protect water quality
- Enhance land- and marine-based recreation
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air contaminants



Next Steps

- Richmond input to principles, goals and objectives
- Continue Phase 1 meetings
- Upcoming regional meetings:
 - TransLink Joint Planning Committee (April 5)
 - Finance and Intergovernment Committee (April 10)
 - Mayors Council (April 25)
 - Metro Vancouver Board (April 26)
- Finalize goals and objectives
- Work with staff to develop and evaluate options
- Updates to Council/Committee in subsequent phases



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