

**PRC Presentation to City of Richmond Council
Massey Tunnel Replacement**

My name is Alex Nixon, I live at 308-7591 Moffatt Rd, and I'm here on behalf of the Richmond Poverty Response Committee's Transportation Task Force.

The Richmond Poverty Response Committee applauds the Richmond City Council for voicing concerns about the proposed bridge to replace the George Massey Tunnel.

The Poverty Response Committee is very concerned about the project and its impact on low-income individuals and families who live or work in Richmond. Besides the lack of community consultation, there are several concerns about the bridge as proposed:

- The proposed toll is a regressive fee that would disproportionately impact low-income Richmond residents and workers
- There is no overall transit and transportation plan from the Provincial government
- Translink will take no responsibility to connect the proposed bike lanes to Richmond and Delta's cycling infrastructure
- While the project managers say that there will be a net-increase in farmland, they have yet to articulate how that will happen. Given the drastic rise in food costs due to a weak dollar and climate change, it is crucial that we don't degrade our local food production ability
- Industrialization of the Fraser River will have a negative effect local food production and quality of life in Richmond
- We wonder whether the \$3.5 billion could be more effectively spent to improve the transportation system and to reduce congestion without these concerns, or to be used to address other urgent priorities that impact low-income people in Richmond and across BC.

These concerns, while severely impacting low-income Richmond people and families, will also hurt everyone who lives and works in Richmond. We at the Poverty Response Committee hope that City Council will keep these concerns in mind.