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\$2M TO IMPROVE CAPILANO ROAD IN NORTH VANCOUVER

NORTH VANCOUVER – Residents of North Vancouver will benefit from joint federal and provincial funding of almost \$2 million to upgrade Capilano Road, announced today by North Vancouver MP Andrew Saxton, West Vancouver-Capilano MLA Ralph Sultan and District of North Vancouver Mayor Richard Walton. This project is just one example of the commitment of all governments to strengthening the British Columbia economy by reducing red tape, creating jobs, and getting shovels in the ground sooner.

“North Vancouver will benefit greatly from this investment. This is another example of all three levels of government working together to create jobs and build our local infrastructure for the future,” said Saxton, who is also Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Treasury Board.

“This project is a great example of the kind our government, in partnership with our friends in the federal government, is doing to provide much needed economic stimulus,” said Sultan. “The jobs that this project will create will instill confidence in and around the entire community.”

The project will upgrade Capilano Road to improve traffic flow from Fullerton Road to the Highway 1 interchange. Capilano Road will be widened, and bike lanes and sidewalks will be constructed to enhance the safety of cyclists and pedestrians, as well as encourage the use of non-vehicular transportation.

This project will improve transportation efficiency and is expected to create approximately 30 jobs, at a time when the need for economic stimulus is greatest.

The governments of Canada and British Columbia will each invest up to \$979,962 in the project. The District of North Vancouver will contribute the balance of the remaining project costs.

This project is one of 41 projects across the province that will break ground quickly thanks to a joint federal-provincial investment of \$110 million. Together with local government contributions, the total investment in local infrastructure improvements in British Columbia during this first intake exceeds \$175 million. The governments of Canada and British Columbia have taken steps to get shovels in the ground and to flow money faster for targeted infrastructure projects in British Columbia communities in the 2009 and 2010 construction seasons.

For more information on the Building Canada plan, visit www.buildingcanada.gc.ca or www.bcbuildingcanadafundcommunities.ca/

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