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OKANAGAN CAUCUS HOSTS TRANSPORTATION REVIEW AND UPDATE SESSION

KELOWNA – Local and provincial government officials met today to share information and review plans for the Okanagan’s transportation infrastructure.

“This is a fast-growing part of the province, and our transportation infrastructure needs to keep up with that growth,” says Kelowna-Lake Country MLA Norm Letnick, Chair of the Okanagan Caucus. “Today was a chance to review our transportation successes, and update local officials and key stakeholders on the program of highway improvements we are delivering over the coming years.”

Since 2001, more than \$595 million has been invested in upgrading roads, highways, bridges and transit in the Okanagan.

“It’s important for elected officials at all levels and key community stakeholders to work together under a common understanding of the transportation goals for the region, and today’s meeting was an important step in building for our future,” says Letnick.

As the region continues to grow, pressure on both provincial highways and local roads increases. Today’s meeting was an opportunity to review the improvements and expansions made to-date and understand the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure strategy to improve transportation in the Okanagan.

“Improving our transportation system requires we have a common vision and that’s why meeting with the elected officials, First Nations, Chambers of Commerce, and Economic Development agencies is important,” says Letnick.

Topics discussed included a review of the strategy being followed for transportation improvements, the Ministry’s historic and ongoing improvement program and the processes used to identify future projects.

Today’s meeting is a significant step in the development of a unified vision for transportation improvements in coordination with local planning.

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