

2003 – 2004 Highway Maintenance Contracts
Frequently Asked Questions
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Service Area 04

Q1. In reference to Local Area Specification #2 - Highway Traffic Patrol, the Patrol Schedule listed in the performance time frames outlines the hours of operation for the patrol vehicles.

We have operated the Lions Gate Bridge as listed in the current Maintenance Standards up to Oct. 2000, then the hours of operation were reduced under the three year extension agreement. The 2nd Narrows and Cassiar Tunnel operation has never been operated as outlined in the RFP and the current Maintenance Standards, it appears the hours were taken from the 1995 Maintenance Standards, during negotiations of the 1995-2000 contract the hours of operation were reduced significantly and then reduced again under the three year extension agreement.

The current hours of operation at the Lions Gate Bridge are as follows:

- 1 vehicle - 24 hours per day seven days a week
- 1 vehicle - Monday to Friday 0600hrs - 2200hrs and Saturday to Sunday 0900hrs - 2200 hrs

The hours of operation at Second Narrows Bridge/Cassiar Tunnel

1995-2000

- 1 vehicle - 24 hours per day seven days a week
- 1 vehicle - Monday to Friday (except Stat. hol.) 0600hrs - 1000hrs and 1430hrs - 2000hrs
- 2 vehicles - Monday to Friday (except Stat. hol.) 0600hrs - 0900hrs and 1500hrs - 1830hrs

2000-2003

- 1 vehicle - 24 hours per day seven days a week
- 3 vehicles - Monday to Friday (except Stat. hol.) 0600hrs - 0900hrs and 1500hrs - 1830hrs

These hours of operation reflect the needs of the travelling public and have been working well.

Can the Ministry make the necessary changes to the Local Area Standard to reflect what is currently being performed? And if not, consideration has to be given to increase the upset price amount as this is a very significant increase in service.

A. Local Area Specification # 2 for Service Area 4 has been revised. Please refer to Amendment # 2 of the RFP package posted on BC Bid.