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MLA Announces Tender for New Weigh Scale

PRINCE GEORGE – The B.C. Government will tender a contract to build a Commercial Vehicle Inspection Station (CVIS) and expand the Cariboo Connector to improve efficiency and safety, announced Shirley Bond, MLA for Prince George – Mt. Robson.

The work will be located on Highway 97, the Cariboo Connector, near Red Rock. The project will begin in May 2008 and will be completed in October 2009.

“The new Commercial Vehicle Inspection Station and highway four laning in the Red Rock area is important for both commercial and recreational travel,” said Bond. “Through new Weigh In Motion technology, this project will reduce the number of trucks required to enter the scale, allowing less stops, improving the flow of traffic, and helping the trucking industry to keep moving and stay competitive. This is another example of our government’s commitment to improved infrastructure in northern communities.”

The work includes:

- Building approximately five kilometres of Cariboo Connector into four lanes, separated by a northbound/southbound Commercial Vehicle Inspection Station.
- Incorporating Weigh in Motion (WIM) and Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) technology with the CVIS and four laning design.
- Incorporating intersection improvements throughout this corridor.

The station’s new Weigh in Motion (WIM) and Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) technology will allow safe, legal trucks to bypass the weigh scale at highway speeds. This will improve the efficiency of moving goods through the use of electronic clearance and roadside inspection.

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