



### Community Update South Fraser Perimeter Road

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#### SOUTH FRASER PERIMETER ROAD (SFPR) COMMUNITY UPDATE: A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE SFPR

The Ministry of Transportation, through its Gateway Program, is proposing to develop the SFPR, a new, four-lane, 80 km/h route along the south side of the Fraser River from Deltaport Way in Southwest Delta to 176th Street, with connections to Highway 1, and to approximately 184th Street in Surrey where it connects with TransLink's future Golden Ears Bridge. *Community Updates* are produced regularly to keep the public informed about the project's progress and to encourage communication between interested parties and the project team.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The SFPR is subject to a harmonized federal / provincial environmental review process. Through the review, opportunities for public input will be provided, wherein issues may be identified and addressed in accordance with Environmental Assessment Review procedures.

The assessment studies required for environmental certification are now complete, and the application has been submitted to the Environmental Assessment office. The study workplans were developed to meet the application requirements issued by the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO), after consultation with the Biophysical and Socio-economic working groups.

The scope of the assessment includes potential project-related effects on a range of biophysical and social values including: archaeology, air quality, agricultural land use, fisheries, hydrogeology, noise, wildlife and vegetation, socio-community and socio-economic conditions, and contaminated sites.

The development of the proposed SFPR Project has been supported by extensive consultation with the

public, key stakeholders, government agencies and First Nations. Such consultation has helped to refine the Project and address issues and concerns raised during pre-design project planning. Additional consultation is planned for future stages of project development and opportunities will be sought to further avoid or minimize potential project-related effects.

#### PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

As part of the designated Environmental Assessment Public Comment Period, five public meetings will be held to give the community an opportunity to view the application and talk to specialists who conducted the various studies along the alignment. Each meeting will include a 1-hour Q & A session. The schedule is as follows:

**Delta Town and Country,**  
6005 Hwy 17 (at Hwy 99), Delta  
Saturday, **Oct. 21**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**North Delta Recreation Centre,**  
11415 – 84th Ave, Delta  
Wednesday, **Oct. 25**, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Holly Elementary School,**  
4625 – 62 Street, Delta  
Saturday, **Nov. 4**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Bridgeview Hall,**  
11475 – 126A Street, Surrey  
Thursday, **Nov. 9**, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Pacific Academy,**  
10238 168th Street, Surrey  
Thursday, **Nov. 16**, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

The Environmental Assessment Application for the SFPR can be viewed on the EAO website at [www.eao.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca), or at the following locations:

**Delta Libraries**

Ladner Pioneer  
4683 – 51st Street, Delta  
North Delta (George Mackie)  
8440 – 112th Street, Delta  
South Delta (Tsawwassen)  
1321A – 56th Street, Delta

**Surrey Libraries**

Guildford  
15105 – 105th Avenue, Surrey  
Newton  
13795 – 70th Avenue, Surrey  
Port Kells  
18885 – 88th Avenue, Surrey

**Gateway Program Library**

2400 - 4710 Kingsway Avenue, Burnaby

**PRE-DESIGN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION RESULTS**

**Pre-design public consultation along the entire route was conducted between January 2005 and June 2006. The results of the most recent consultations are included below.**

The results of a comprehensive public consultation on the southwest Delta segment of SFPR, held from April 24 to May 31, 2006 have been released. Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon announced that the Gateway Program will proceed with a southern alignment in response to community input during extensive pre-design consultations.

Approximately 1,300 individuals participated in this consultation program through stakeholder meetings, open houses, e-mail input, on-line feedback forms and mail and fax correspondence. Approximately 800 feedback forms were submitted.

The southern alignment will move truck traffic away from Ladner, minimizing noise, visual and other impacts in residential areas. The southern alignment will also redirect more trucks and ferry traffic away from Ladner Trunk Road and the existing Highway 17, resulting in greater separation of local and regional traffic. It will result in greater safety benefits and better local traffic circulation.

To help balance the effects on agriculture, the Ministry of Transportation continues discussions with the Delta Farmers' Institute to develop a strategy that enhances the area's agricultural productivity.

To read the complete Southwest Delta Stage 2 consultation summary report, please visit the SFPR consultation page of the Gateway Program website at: [www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca](http://www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca)

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**SFPR Pre-design Consultation Nordel Way to 176th Street and the Golden Ears Bridge Connector Road Consultation Summary Report is now available on the project website.**

The Gateway Program conducted a pre-design community consultation program on the Nordel Way to 176th Street and Golden Ears Bridge Connector Road segment of the South Fraser Perimeter Road from May 19 to June 30, 2006.

Approximately 1,100 individuals participated in the consultation program either through stakeholder meetings, open houses, e-mail input, on-line feedback forms and mail and fax correspondence. Over 130 participants attended the stakeholder meetings and approximately 1,000 attended the open houses. Approximately 400 feedback forms were submitted.

The consultation program focused on pre-design concepts for:

- Local road connections within and between communities along the South Fraser Perimeter Road (SFPR) between Nordel Way in Delta and 176th Street in Surrey where it meets the Golden Ears Bridge Connector Road; and
- Pre-design concepts for local access to and from SFPR, including connections to the local cycling network.

To read the complete Nordel Way to 176th Street consultation summary report, please visit the SFPR consultation page of the Gateway Program website at: [www.gatwayprogram.bc.ca](http://www.gatwayprogram.bc.ca)

## HISTORY OF THE SFPR

The potential development of the SFPR has been discussed for more than 20 years. The specific alignment and scope of the project has evolved over time, with the current concept being initiated in 1998. More specific refinement of this concept began in 2003, when SFPR became part of the Gateway Program.

The proposed location for the SFPR has resulted from a number of studies, planning and dialogue with key stakeholder groups and communities along the proposed alignment. Many studies related to the SFPR concept have been undertaken, dealing with specific sections of the proposed alignment. Collectively, these studies have informed the development of the SFPR alignment.

As a result of design consultation to date, as well as further technical and financial analysis, many refinements and alterations have been made to the SFPR alignment, such as:

- Selecting the relocated Highway 17 south option;
- Refining the relocated Highway 17 south option to make better use of the existing 72nd Street corridor, and to reduce impacts to farmland;
- Providing funding to enhance farming operations along / near the corridor in southwest Delta;
- Refining the alignment of the Sunbury Interchange near Nordel Way to reduce property impacts;
- Refining the alignment in the Fraser Heights area to protect sensitive wetlands and moving the alignment further from the community;
- Modification of accesses, including no access to SFPR in North Delta.

## PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCESS

The Gateway Program is one of the largest infrastructure improvement projects in Canada, and as such, private property will be required at some locations along the project corridor.

The Gateway Program is committed to an equitable and consistent property acquisition process. A significant

portion of the road and bridge improvements will occur within Ministry property or the existing right-of-way. For the proposed SFPR, the Gateway Program will need to acquire some properties for road construction right-of-way.

Upon completion of the preliminary design phase, most property requirements will have been determined. The Environment Assessment Review process, access requirements, geotechnical conditions and other factors are used to determine the design specifications for the road. Gateway Program representatives will directly contact people whose property is under consideration for purchase, to discuss the acquisition process in more detail.

## PROPERTY ACQUISITION FAQ'S:

### How will I know if my property is required?

*Once project alignments are sufficiently refined, property requirements can be confirmed. At that time, if the property you own or occupy is under consideration to be acquired by the Gateway Program, a member of the Gateway property team will contact you to discuss the process in more detail. In the meantime, if you wish to speak to a project representative about your property, please call our project information line.*

### What happens if my property is impacted?

*We will work closely with you as the property owners or your designated agent through a very specific and fair property acquisition process. We will discuss the amount of property needed and negotiate a purchase price based on market value, as determined by independent appraisal. This process is similar to a normal real estate transaction.*

*Our priority is to reach a consensual agreement with property owners. The vast majority of time, an agreement is reached through the negotiation process. If we are unable to reach an agreement with an owner, we have the option to acquire the property through the BC Expropriation Act; however, this step is taken only as a final option.*

For more information on property acquisition please visit [www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca](http://www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca).

ABOUT THE GATEWAY PROGRAM

The Gateway Program was established in response to the impact of growing congestion, and is designed to help improve the movement of people, goods and transit throughout Greater Vancouver. Gateway Program road and bridge improvements are proposed to complement regional road and transit improvements already planned or underway. These improvements will create a comprehensive, effective transportation network that supports improved movement of people and goods facilitating economic growth, increased transportation choice and better connections to designated population growth areas.

Other Gateway Projects include:

- The North Fraser Perimeter Road is a set of proposed improvements to existing roads along the north side of the Fraser River to provide an efficient, continuous route between the Queensborough Bridge and Trans-Link's new Golden Ears Bridge. The Project includes the Pitt River Bridge and Mary Hill Interchange Project, a stand-alone component of the NFPR which proposes a new bridge to replace the existing swing bridges and an interchange to replace the existing Lougheed Highway and the Mary Hill Bypass intersection.
• The Port Mann/Highway 1 Project which includes twinning the Port Mann Bridge, upgrading interchanges and improving access and safety on Highway 1 from Vancouver to Langley. Pre-design consultation on access and interchange improvements for this project is currently underway.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Gateway Program has an ongoing community relations program. If you want to learn more about projects, provide input or have your name added to our information update list to receive future community updates and information about future consultation, please contact us.

CONTACT US

- Email your comments to info@gatewayprogram.bc.ca
• Phone our info line at 604-456-2420
• Fax us at 604-439-2585

We look forward to hearing from you!



PROJECT SCHEDULE\*

The SFPR project schedule is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Project Milestone and Date. Milestones include Pre-design consultation completed, Technical/environmental studies completed, Application for Environmental Assessment Certification, Preliminary Design Consultation, Detailed Design Consultation, and Construction. Dates range from Spring 2006 to 2007/2012.

\* schedule subject to change