

## The South Fraser Perimeter Road

The South Fraser Perimeter Road (SFPR) Project is part of the Province's Gateway Program, designed to improve roads and bridges for people, goods and transit throughout Metro Vancouver. SFPR will be a new 40 km long, four-lane route along the south side of the Fraser River. It will extend from Deltaport Way in Southwest Delta to 176th Street (Hwy 15) in Surrey, with connections to Highway 1, 91, 99 and to TransLink's new Golden Ears Bridge, which is scheduled for completion in 2009.

The project is moving forward with significant milestones since our last update in April 2008:

### SFPR Project Receives Environmental Assessment Certificate

On July 25, 2008, the Ministry of Transportation received an Environmental Assessment Certificate for the South Fraser Perimeter Road Project.

The Environmental Assessment review process began in 2006 and included 5 open houses and over 650 written public comments received during three public comment periods. The Environmental Assessment Certificate will allow the project team to move forward with design and construction of SFPR.

Before construction begins, environmental management plans will be put into action to protect the environment during construction and operation. Some examples include:

- ✓ Air quality and dust control plan to manage dust and construction related emissions
- ✓ Vegetation and wildlife habitat plan to protect key wildlife and plant communities
- ✓ Noise and vibration plan to control potential construction-related noise and vibration
- ✓ Fisheries habitat plan to protect fisheries values during construction

In addition to environmental management plans, long-term monitoring plans will be put in place for plants and wildlife along the route. Long-term monitoring is important because it allows us to measure the success of mitigation methods.

## Traffic Management Consultation Complete

In May 2008, the SFPR project team held a series of meetings along the corridor and met with more than 75 stakeholders representing key user groups.

SFPR Traffic Management Consultation highlights:

- ✓ Collected stakeholder input about current travel patterns, proposed traffic delay and closure schedules
- ✓ Gathered stakeholder feedback about methods for communicating with stakeholders and communities during construction
- ✓ Developed a web tool to inform drivers of traffic notifications and construction activities
- ✓ Reported consultation results to stakeholders and demonstrated how stakeholder input has been considered in refined traffic management requirements.

A consultation summary report detailing the results of the consultation and traffic management consultation materials is available online at [www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca](http://www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca).

The SFPR Project team will continue to liaise with key user groups during construction to ensure that the traffic communication tools in place are effective.



SFPR provides a new route that will take industrial truck traffic off River Road

## Construction Update

On August 20, 2008 a contractor was selected for early construction work on the Surrey section of SFPR, and construction activities along some segments of the road will begin this September. These early construction activities primarily involve:

- ✓ Preloading,
- ✓ Utility relocations, and
- ✓ Drainage improvements.

Preloading involves applying sand and gravel to the base of the road alignment, or "footprint," to prepare for final road construction. In areas with soft ground conditions, multiple layers of sand may be required, as the area settles over time. This means that the preloading process may take more than one year in some sections. Once the preload has settled, the remaining road construction can continue with final completion scheduled for 2012.

Initial work will take place adjacent to South Fraser Way in Surrey and 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue, primarily between Tannery Road and Surrey Road. Drivers are asked to observe construction speed signs and watch for trucks turning.

The SFPR project website will be updated regularly with traffic notifications and construction photos to keep you up to date and informed about project activities during construction.



South Fraser Perimeter Road Concept: Future Tannery Interchange

## Benefits of the South Fraser Perimeter Road

South Fraser Perimeter Road has been developed to significant regional and local benefits including:

- ✓ Reduced truck traffic on our residential streets
- ✓ Improved movement of people and goods
- ✓ Reduced east-west travel times
- ✓ Improved connections to major trade gateways
- ✓ Reduced traffic noise through neighbourhoods
- ✓ Improved safety and reliability

## About the Gateway Program

The Gateway Program's road and bridge improvements are part of a broader transportation vision that includes improvements to the transit system (expansion of bus service, the Canada Line, the Evergreen Line, SeaBus) and the road network.

Together, these projects are a balanced approach to providing environmentally, socially and economically sustainable improvements.

## Sign up for more information

If you would like to learn more about projects, provide input or have your name added to our information update list to receive community updates like this one and information about future consultation please call our Program Information Line at 604-456-2420 or email: [info@gatewayprogram.bc.ca](mailto:info@gatewayprogram.bc.ca)

Your feedback is important to us. If you have questions or comments, we want to hear from you.

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