



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 South Fraser Perimeter Road, a primarily new, four-lane, 80 km/h route along the south side of the Fraser River from Deltaport Way in Delta to the Golden Ears Bridge Connector Road in Surrey.

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. The first issue focused on the Delta segment of the SFPR

SFPR PROJECT GOALS

SFPR has long been part of provincial, regional and municipal transportation plans. The goals of the SFPR are to:

- Improve the movement of people and goods** through the region by providing improved connections to the Provincial highway network;
- Reduce east-west travel times**, particularly for heavy truck movements, by providing a continuous highway along the south side of the Fraser River;
- Improve access to major trade gateways and industrial areas** and facilitate development in designated industrial areas on the south side of the Fraser River;
- Improve safety and reliability**; and
- Restore municipal roads as community connectors** by reducing truck traffic on municipal road networks.

SOUTHWEST DELTA PRE-DESIGN PUBLIC CONSULTATION

In February 2005, the Ministry of Transportation completed the first stage of the pre-design consultation on the southwest Delta segment of the South Fraser Perimeter Road. This consultation provided three

options for public consideration: Upgraded Highway 17, Relocated Highway 17 (South Option) and Relocated Highway 17 (North Option). After reviewing the public input as well as the technical and financial elements, the Ministry has selected the two relocated options (see *next page*) for further consultation.

The Ministry considered public input received in the Stage 1 Pre-design Consultation and has taken steps to address concerns identified by the public. The Ministry is consulting with the community on steps it could take to mitigate these concerns. In addition, we will be consulting on cycling connections between the SFPR and Delta's local cycling network.

The input from this second step pre-design consultation will be considered with technical and financial elements when considering which option to further refine in and take through to environmental review.

OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

The consultation will consist of open houses in East Ladner and Tsawwassen. Consultation materials, including an on-line feedback form will be posted to the project website.

Tuesday May 2nd, 2006
6pm – 9pm

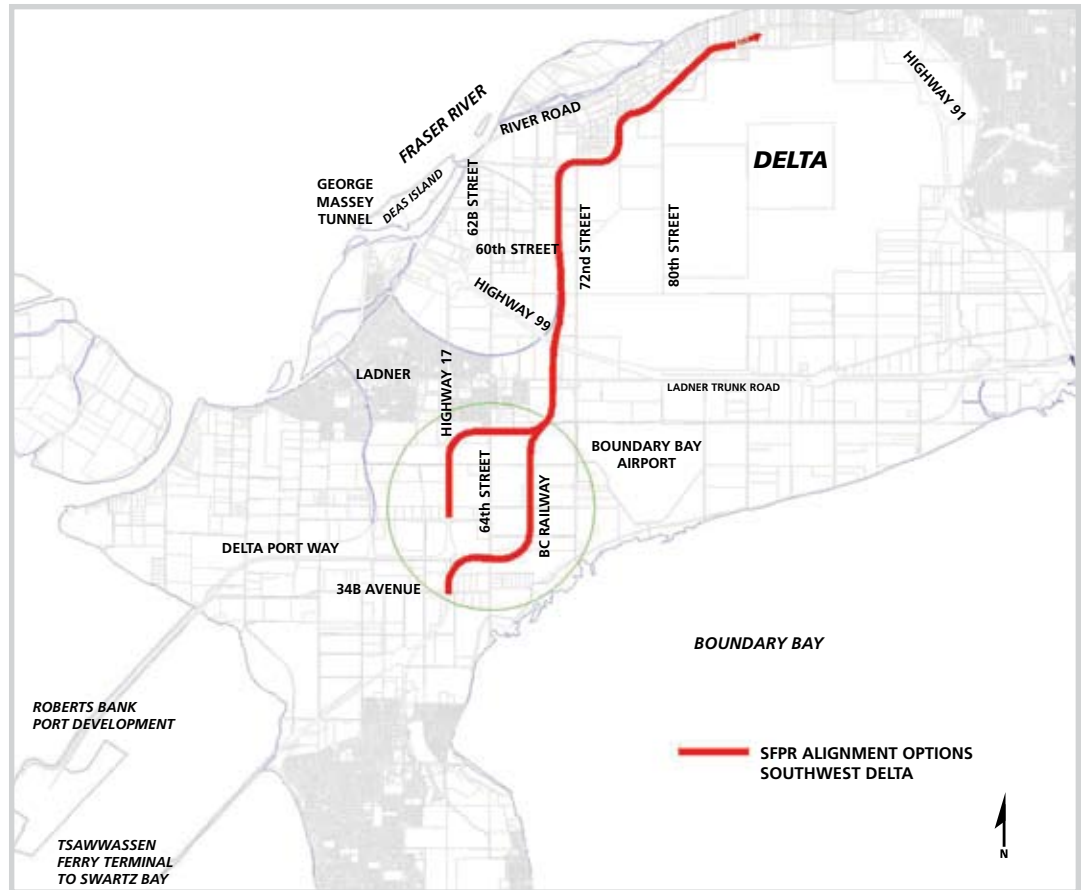
South Delta Recreation Centre
1720 56th Street, Delta, BC

Saturday May 13th, 2006
10am – 1pm

Holly Elementary School
4625 - 62nd Street, Delta BC

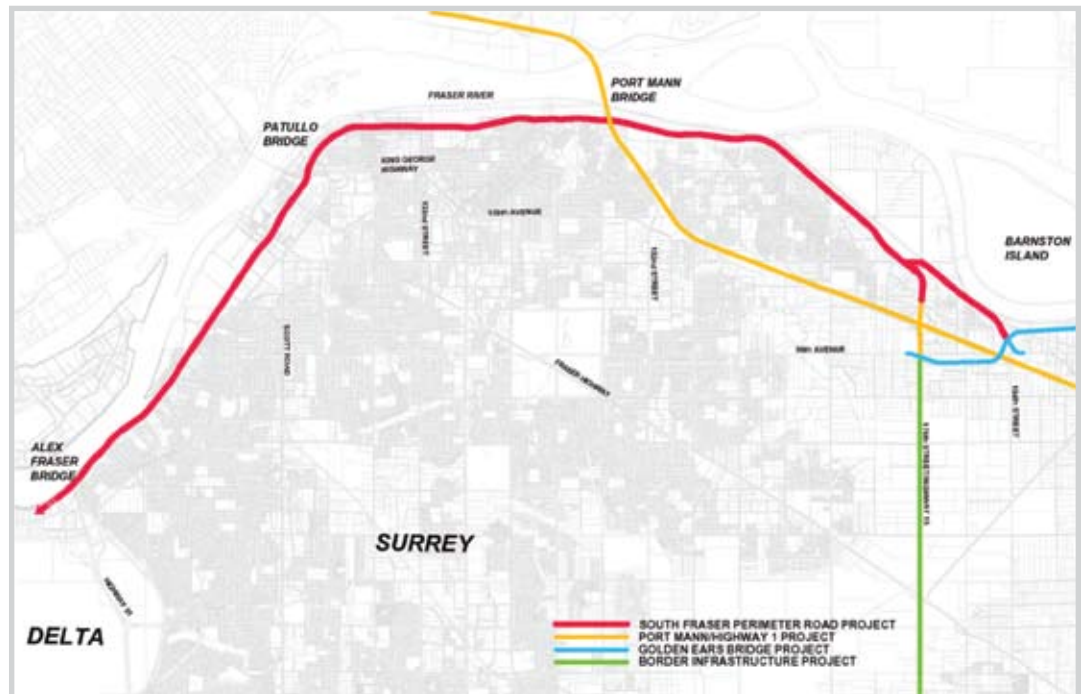
SOUTHWEST DELTA SEGMENT

Southwest Delta Pre-design consultation (stage 2) relocated options.



NORDEL WAY TO 176TH STREET

Alignment of Nordel to 176th Street segment of the SFPR (see next page)



NORDEL WAY TO 176TH STREET AND THE GOLDEN EARS BRIDGE CONNECTOR

The Gateway Program Team will be conducting pre-design consultation for the Nordel Way to 176th Street and the Golden Ears Bridge Connector in May and June 2006. The Program Team will be seeking feedback on such things as access to and from communities to the SFPR, connections across the SFPR for North and South Surrey communities, as well as cycling options.

The opportunity to participate in this consultation will be publicized and posted on the project website and advertised in local newspapers. Please visit the project website to learn more about this project and the Gateway

80TH STREET TO NORDEL WAY

Pre-design public consultation for the 80th to Nordel Way segment of the South Fraser Perimeter Road took place in January and February 2006. This consultation discussed community objectives related to such things as alignment options, location of intersections or interchanges, connections between communities, cycling routes and other key subjects. The results from this consultation have been compiled into a consultation summary report which can be accessed on the project website at www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca.

PROGRAM DEFINITION REPORT RELEASED

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

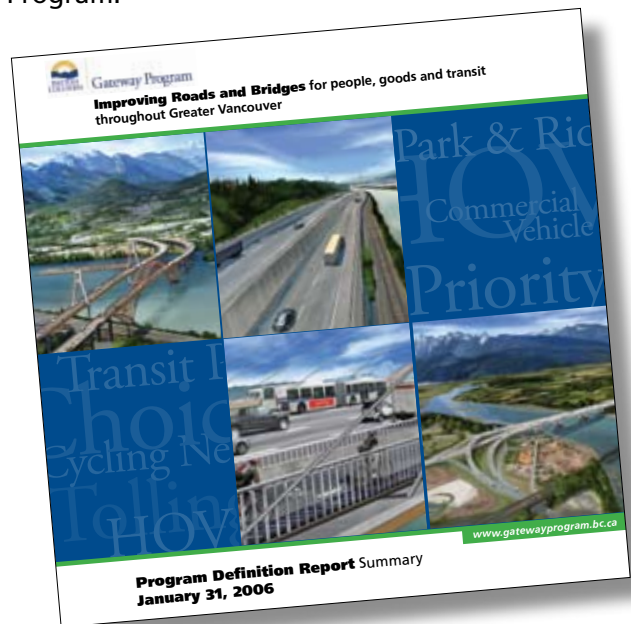
On January 31, 2006, The Ministry of Transportation released the Program Definition Report (PDR) which:

- describes the causes and effects of road congestion in the Lower Mainland,
- provides a summary of the integrated response aimed at addressing the problems,
- provides a benefit-cost analysis which reinforces why the projects should proceed, and
- provides a summary of the specific improvements proposed for the three Gateway Projects: SFPR, Port Mann/Highway 1, and North Fraser Perimeter Road, including the Pitt River Bridge/Mary Hill Interchange. Program.

TENTATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE

The tentative SFPR project schedule is as follows:

Complete technical/ environmental studies	May 2006
Pre-design consultation	Spring 2006
Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate	Spring 2006
Environmental assessment review and approval	Mid-Late 2006
Design and Construction	2007 - 2012



The PDR and supporting documentation is available on the Gateway Program website at www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca by clicking on the "What's New" section.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

SFPR is subject to a joint review under federal and provincial environmental assessment legislation and is currently in the “pre-application stage” of the review. The BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) is leading the environmental review.

Studies are underway in a number of areas including fish, wildlife and vegetation, hydrogeology, water quality, air quality and public health, noise, socio-community and socio-economic, agriculture, archaeology, and traffic. The Approved Terms of Reference for all environmental studies is available on the EAO website at www.eao.gov.bc.ca. The Gateway Program is committed to minimizing the environmental effects of the SFPR and is working with environmental permitting agencies and other stakeholders to identify ways to do this. Studies will be included in the SFPR Application for an Environmental Assessment Certificate and will be available on the Gateway Program and EAO websites when the Application is submitted. The formal project review will begin after the Application is submitted and the EAO will identify a public review and comment period. The submission of the Application, currently anticipated for Spring 2006, and timing of the public comment period will be advertised.

UPDATE ON OTHER GATEWAY PROJECTS

In addition to SFPR, proposed Gateway Projects include:

- **The Port Mann/Highway 1 Project** involves twinning the Port Mann Bridge, upgrading interchanges and improving access and safety on Highway 1 from Vancouver to Langley. This project recently commenced pre-design community consultation and open houses and small group meetings are underway in communities along the corridor until the end of April 2006. Environmental studies are currently underway and the project will enter the pre-Application stage of the harmonized environmental review process following the completion of pre-design consultation.
- **The North Fraser Perimeter Road** is a set of proposed improvements to existing roads along the north side of the Fraser River between the Queensborough Bridge and the Golden Ears Bridge. Translink is responsible for the section from the Queensborough Bridge to King Edward Street in Coquitlam and the Gateway Program for the section from King Edward Street to Maple Meadows Way in Maple Ridge, including the stand-alone Pitt River Bridge/Mary Hill Interchange Project.

- Pre-design consultation for the **Pitt River Bridge and Mary Hill Interchange Project** took place in May and June 2005 and a Canadian Environmental Assessment Act screening application was submitted in July 2005. The project will be built through a Design/Build procurement model and a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify companies capable of undertaking the project was issued on February 22, 2006. It is anticipated that the project will be complete in 2009.

Additional information on all Gateway Program projects, including more detailed information on the Port Mann/Highway 1 project pre-design consultation program, is available on the Gateway Program website.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Gateway Program has an ongoing community relations program. If you want to learn more about the project, have questions, or simply want to have your name added to our information update list, please call us at 604-456-2420. A comprehensive consultation process is also being undertaken to ensure that the community objectives are considered in project design. Public consultation, including small group meetings, open houses, and web-based consultation will take place at each of the three design stages—pre-design, preliminary design and detailed design and during the environmental assessment process.

CONTACT US

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

- 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!

