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Re: Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project - Initial Public Consultation Period

Dear Mr. Zein:

The purpose of this letter is to follow up on the November 9, 2016 issuance of an order under Section 10(1)(c) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (Act) for the proposed Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project (Pattullo Bridge), stipulating that it must undergo an Environmental Assessment (EA).

The next key step is the issuance of an order under Section 11 of the Act setting out the scope of the EA for the Patullo Bridge and outlining the requirements for the public consultation to be undertaken by TransLink (Proponent) during the EA.

Commonly, the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) issues a single order under Section 11 that sets out the scope, procedures, and methods for conducting the EA, including the public consultation undertaken during the Pre-Application period and following the acceptance of the Proponent's application under Section 16 of the Act.

However, in this instance, given the interest in the Pattullo Bridge and the desire of the Proponent and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) to hold initial open houses prior to the start of the summer holidays, EAO has decided to permit the initial public

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comment period to commence in advance of a further order that will set out the additional requirements respecting the scope, procedures, and methods for conducting the EA. The initial public comment period will be for the draft Valued Components (VC) Selection document.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 11 of the Act, we hereby grant permission for the public consultation to be conducted as follows:

1. The public comment period will run from June 26 to July 26, 2017;
2. The Proponent must hold two public open houses, one in New Westminster and one in Surrey, on June 26 and 27, 2017 respectively, to provide the public with opportunities to review the draft VC Selection document, and allow members of the public to ask questions and make comments with respect to the document;
3. At least 7 days prior to the open houses, the Proponent must, by means approved in advance by the EAO, provide the public with notice of the dates, times and the addresses of the open houses;
4. Advertisements of the open houses will also be placed on the EAO's Electronic Project Information and Collaboration System (EPIC) at least 7 days before the open houses are held;
5. The Proponent must make the draft VC Selection document available during the public comment period at accessible public locations such as New Westminster and Surrey city halls;
6. During the public comment period, the public may comment on the draft VC Selection document by providing comments through the EPIC or by providing written comments to the EAO; and,
7. All public comments will be posted on the EPIC within seven days of being received, unless the EAO determines that the comments contravene the EAO's Public Comment Policy, which is available on the EAO's website, in which case the comments will not be posted or accepted.

The Proponent must prepare and submit to the EAO, within the stipulated time limits, responses to comments received during the public comment period.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me by telephone at 250 387-1543 or by email at Gerry.Hamblin@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Gerry Hamblin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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