

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project

Open House and Invitation to Comment

South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority (TransLink) proposes to replace the existing Pattullo Bridge (proposed Project) with a new four-lane bridge spanning the Fraser River just north and upstream of the existing bridge and, similar to the existing bridge, its approaches will connect to McBride Boulevard in New Westminster and King George Boulevard in Surrey, British Columbia. Once the new bridge is constructed and operational, the existing bridge will be decommissioned.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's Environmental Assessment Act, under section 67 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 and Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's Project and Environmental Review process. BC's Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) and the port authority have agreed to a coordinated provincial-federal environmental assessment process for the proposed project.

TransLink must obtain an environmental assessment certificate and a project permit from the port authority before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project. However, prior to submission of an application (Application) for a certificate by TransLink, EAO must first approve Application Information Requirements.

Key to the Application Information Requirements is the identification of Valued Components to be studied and the areas within which the studies would occur. This is done through the Valued Component Selection Document which EAO has now received and invites comments on.

In order to provide information about the Valued Components Selection Document, EAO **invites the public to attend the following Open Houses:**

Monday, June 26, 2017

Sapperton Pensioners Hall
318 Keary St.
New Westminster, BC
5 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Surrey City Hall
13450 104 Ave.
Surrey, BC
5 – 8 p.m.

There are 30 days for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the draft Valued Components Selection Document. The comment period will begin on June 26, 2017 and end on July 26, 2017.

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the proposed Project are identified for consideration as part of the assessment process. This feedback will also be considered as part of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's Project and Environmental Review process.

After taking public comments into account, EAO will finalize the Application Information Requirements and issue them to TransLink.

EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- **By Online Form** available from June 26 to July 26, 2017 at: eao.gov.bc.ca/pcp/index.html
- **By Mail:**
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- **By Fax:**
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An electronic copy of the Valued Components Selection Document and information regarding the environmental assessment process will be available at eao.gov.bc.ca on June 26, 2017. Copies of the Valued Components Selection Document will also be available for viewing at Surrey City Hall, New Westminster City Hall, Bridgeview Community Centre, Surrey City Centre Library, Anvil Centre, Century House, Centennial Community Center and the New Westminster Public Library.

If you are unable to participate at this time, there will be additional comment periods during the Application Review stage when you will also be able to provide comments to EAO on the proposed Project.

NOTE: All submissions received by EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website.

