Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project

Open House and Invitation to Comment

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) 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* and under section 67 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. BC's Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority have agreed to a coordinated provincial-federal environmental assessment process for the proposed project.

The Proponent has now submitted its application (Application) to obtain an environmental assessment certificate which is required before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project.

In order to provide information to the public about the Application, and to receive comments from the public, the Environmental Assessment Office of British Columbia (EAO) invites the public to attend an **Open House** to be held:

- at: Bridgeview Elementary School 12834 115a Ave, Surrey, BC
- on: September 18, 2018
- from: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- at: Sapperton Pensioner's Hall 318 Keary St, New Westminster, BC on: September 19, 2018

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There are 33 days for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the Application. The public comment period will begin on September 6, 2018 and end on October 9, 2018.

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.

All comments received during this comment period will be considered.

EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- By Online Form at: <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/nat</u> <u>ural-resource-stewardship/environmental-</u> assessments/commenting-on-projects
 - **By Mail:** Gerry Hamblin Project Assessment Manager Environmental Assessment Office PO Box 9426 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9V1
- <u>By Fax</u>: Fax: 250-387-2208

An electronic copy of the Application and information regarding the environmental assessment process will be available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca on September 6, 2018. The document will also available for viewing at Surrey City Hall and New Westminster City Hall.

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



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