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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

### **SOUTH FRASER PERIMETER ROAD COMPETITIVE PROCESS OPENS**

VICTORIA – The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify proponents capable of designing, building, financing, operating and maintaining the new South Fraser Perimeter Road (SFPR).

The ministry will select up to three respondent teams to participate in the next phase of the competitive selection process, the Request for Proposal stage. The RFQ closes on September 29, 2008.

The SFPR project is part of the Province's Gateway Program, which will improve roads and bridges for people, goods and transit throughout Metro Vancouver. The SFPR will be a new 40-km, 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 Highways 1, 91, 99 and to TransLink's new Golden Ears Bridge connector, which is currently under construction.

Congestion in Delta and Surrey communities increases every year, with growing impacts to residents, the environment and the economy. Employment growth in Metro Vancouver is projected to increase by around 500,000 jobs in 2031, and the area south of the Fraser River in particular will see significant growth.

Government is taking a balanced approach to improving movement of people, goods and transit through investment in new rapid transit projects, port and rail facilities as well as improved roads and bridges through the Gateway Program in Metro Vancouver.

The SFPR will remove trucks and regional traffic from community streets and put them back on the highway, resulting in reduced congestion and better overall access. It will provide a continuous and efficient route to serve the port facilities, rail yards and industrial areas along this key economic corridor. The project will be a design-build-finance-operate, performance-based public-private partnership. Construction under this contract will begin in 2009 with completion in 2012.

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