Highway 1 access improvements coming to Langford

LANGFORD – As part of B.C. on the Move, the Province’s new 10-year transportation plan, improvements will be made to reduce congestion and improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists on Highway 1 in Langford.

This access improvement project is a result of partnership between the Province and the City of Langford, where each partner is contributing up to $2.5 million for a total project cost of $5 million.

Construction will be centred on a new southbound off-ramp at the Leigh Road Interchange on Highway 1, in addition to a new southbound acceleration lane from the Westshore Parkway onto Highway 1. Both upgrades will significantly improve reliability and safety for all commuters traveling on this critical Langford to Victoria route.

To further reduce traffic through residential and recreational areas, the Goldstream Avenue exit for southbound traffic and southbound Spencer Road access to Highway 1 will be closed, once the project is completed. Construction of the full project is anticipated to run from summer to fall 2015.

This work is part of approximately $1 billion that the Province has committed over the next three years to improve the capacity and reliability of our highways. Additional projects to ensure the Vancouver Island highways network has the capacity and reliability to meet transport and trade needs will be announced as they are finalized.

Quotes:

Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Todd Stone –

“I am pleased to announce our partnership with the City of Langford to fund this priority project which will make the drive between Langford and Victoria safer and more pleasant for all motorists. This project is just one of many improvements included in B.C. on the Move aimed at reducing congestion and improving mobility on Highway 1 on Vancouver Island.”

Comox Valley MLA Don McRae -

“Partnering on this project will reduce congestion in this key corridor, making travel safer for commuters, tourists and residents – priorities identified by Island communities during the development of our new 10-year transportation plan, B.C. on the Move.”

Mayor of the City of Langford Stewart Young –

“We are pleased to partner with the Provincial Government on the Leigh Road southbound off-
ramp enabling residents and visitors better access to our community. This government recognizes the importance of infrastructure and the positive economic opportunities created by this announcement.”

Quick Facts:

- B.C. on the Move is government’s new 10-year plan for the improvement of the province’s transportation network. It provides a comprehensive road map for transportation investments and strategic policy actions over the next decade. The actions prioritized in B.C. on the Move will enhance safety, grow the economy, maintain and replace aging infrastructure, and support trade for B.C.’s expanding resource sectors through Canada’s Asia-Pacific Gateway.

- B.C. on the Move was developed incorporating feedback received from a wide-ranging public engagement, during which over 12,500 survey responses were received from British Columbians around the province, and the B.C. on the Move website was visited over 44,000 times.

- 73% of survey respondents agreed that expanding and improving highway, bridge and side road capacity was important.

Learn More:

Find out more about B.C. on the Move, the Province’s 10-year transportation plan, at: http://engage.gov.bc.ca/transportationplan/

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