

South Fraser Perimeter Road Construction Launch Event at Fraser Surrey Docks



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Fraser Surrey Docks was a fitting background for the official launch of the South Fraser Perimeter Road (SFPR) project on Monday, January 12th 2009, which was attended by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Premier Gordon Campbell along with the provincial Minister of Transportation & Investment, Kevin Falcon, and federal International Trade Minister Stockwell Day.

The governments' decision to hold the launch at Fraser Surrey Docks clearly demonstrates the importance of our terminal to the Vancouver Gateway, particularly our role in facilitating international trade and commerce, and in creating new economic opportunities for the region.

The new 40-kilometre, four-lane highway will connect facilities, such as Fraser Surrey Docks, to Highway 1, while reducing traffic congestion and cutting down commute times for motorists. This construction is a joint infrastructure project between the federal and provincial governments. The approximately \$1 billion project is part of British Columbia's Gateway Program as well as the Government of Canada's Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative.

"The South Fraser Perimeter Road Project will create an estimated 7,000 new jobs by 2021 and will build B.C.'s economic competitiveness by streamlining the movement of goods and people and ensuring we can tap into the trade opportunities with the Asia-Pacific," stated Premier Gordon Campbell. "This project highlights our ongoing partnership with the Federal Government and the dedication that both our governments have to improving economic and business opportunities through the improved movement of goods and people."

As a new, reliable and efficient transportation corridor, we expect the SFPR to benefit Fraser Surrey Docks and our surrounding communities; to improve travel time for many of our employees; and to enhance our value proposition to customers. The SFPR will also allow cargo to reach its destination more quickly and thus lowering overall transportation costs. In addition, it aids in connecting Fraser Surrey Docks to several industrial hubs including the USA, the Interior of BC and the province of Alberta.



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