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Construction Begins for Clearbrook Road Interchange

Abbotsford, March 19, 2010 – \$25 million worth of improvements to the Clearbrook Road Interchange will reduce traffic congestion and improve safety for Abbotsford.

“As our community and the entire Fraser Valley have grown, we’ve seen this interchange become more and more congested,” said Ed Fast, Abbotsford MP. “These upgrades are going to bring major improvements in traffic flow, safety, and in traveling ease.”

Funded as an equal partnership between the Government of Canada, the Province of BC and the City of Abbotsford, the project consists of extensive improvements to the interchange including: longer merge lanes; adjustments at the Marshall Road/Clearbrook Road intersection; replacement of the south signalized intersection with a roundabout; a new five or six lane bridge to replace the two lane overpass, pedestrian and cycling enhancements and provision for future widening to six lanes on Clearbrook Road and Highway 1.

“This is a long-term transportation solution for this growing region, one which will provide for increasing volumes in the decades to come,” said Mike de Jong, Attorney General and MLA for Abbotsford West. “And even more importantly this project will create a new primary access to Abbotsford International Airport, particularly when YXX undertakes its extensive terminal re-development.”

Expansions at both the Abbotsford International Airport and the Clearbrook Industrial Area have contributed to large traffic volumes over the past few years at the interchange.

“These vital improvements will also provide better access to key employment centres in Abbotsford,” said John van Dongen, MLA for Abbotsford South. “This corridor between the Trans-Canada Highway and agricultural, commercial and industrial areas is a key access point for our local economy.”

“Government is laying the foundations for future economic growth and prosperity in Abbotsford,” said Randy Hawes, MLA for Abbotsford Mission. “This investment will create jobs and provide immediate benefits to workers, businesses and residents in this community.”

Presently, over 25,000 vehicles per day use the Highway 1/Clearbrook Road Interchange.

“We must have the transportation infrastructure that has the capacity to support the local economy,” said Abbotsford Mayor George W. Peary. “There are tremendous positive social, environmental and economic benefits by keeping people moving on our roads.”

For further information on this project and for updated construction information, please visit www.clearbrookinterchange.ca.

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