

## Proposed Highway 99 Corridor Improvements

### Overview:

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (the Ministry) is seeking amendments for proposed Corridor Improvements intended to help address system congestion, safety, and reliability challenges and to improve transit and cycling connections on Highway 99 in Delta and Richmond as planning for a new George Massey Crossing continues.

The Ministry invites the public to review and comment on the proposed amendments to Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) #T17-01 issued under the BC Environmental Assessment Act in February 2017 as part of the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project.

**To provide comments, please email [GeorgeMasseyCrossingSCR@gov.bc.ca](mailto:GeorgeMasseyCrossingSCR@gov.bc.ca) by end of day April 24, 2021.**

**The Ministry will use the comments to develop its amendment application to the Environmental Assessment Office.**

The proposed amendments are required to:

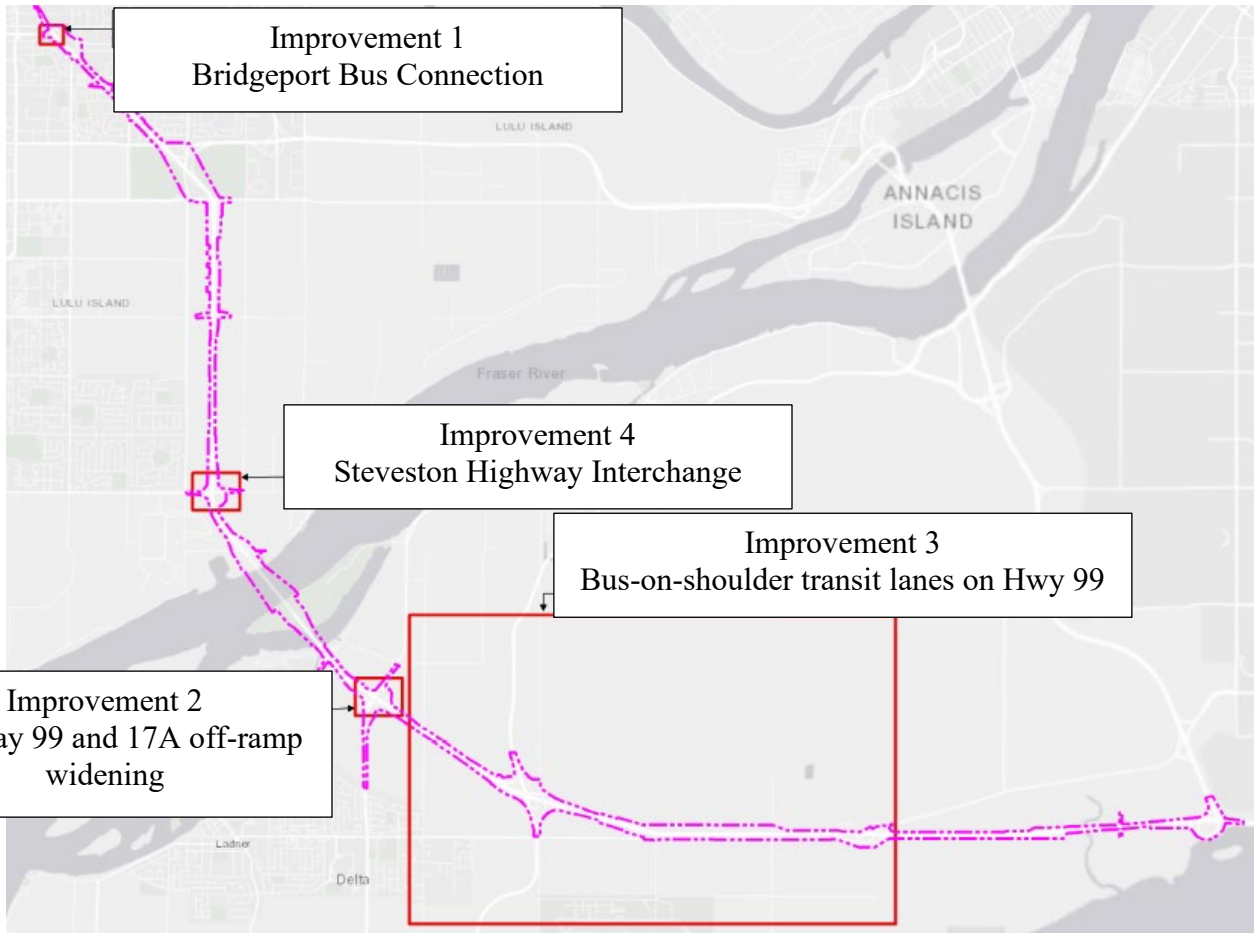
1. Make minor alterations to the Certified Project Corridor.
  - The amendment request seeks:
    - Addition of approximately 4,500 m<sup>2</sup> of existing highway right-of-way within the Bridgeport Interchange to construct a bus-only connection to Highway 99 southbound and pedestrian and cycling improvements.
    - Addition of 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> of private land in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) on the north side of the Steveston Interchange to support expansion of Steveston Highway and the northbound on-ramp to Highway 99. In association with this addition there is 800m<sup>2</sup> of land on the same property that is no longer required for the project.
2. Change the scope of what can be included in site preparation in advance of construction.
  - EAC # T17-01 contains a definition of activities that may proceed ahead of full completion of all the pre-construction requirements in the EAC.
  - *Site Preparation in Advance of Construction* – “Works and activities undertaken by the Holder to prepare the Certified Project Corridor. For the purposes of this

Schedule B, Site Preparation and Advance Construction means: land clearing, construction of new access roads, drainage works, placement of fill as preload in areas where highway widening will occur, and the management of soil or other material removed to permit fill placement within the Certified Project Corridor.”

- The Ministry is applying for an amendment to add the following language to the definition – “It also includes roadway and structure construction and utility works in four priority areas of the Certified Project Corridor: Steveston and Highway 17A interchanges, Bridgeport on-ramp, and bus priority lanes between highways 17 and 10. Site Preparation and Advance Construction does not include works to initiate or construct the Fraser River crossing.”

The Corridor Improvements are described below and illustrated in the map that follows:

- **Improvement 1 – Bridgeport Road Bus Connection:** Redirect southbound bus services from Sea Island Way to Bridgeport Road, and provide a transit-only connection southbound to the on-ramp to Highway 99. *(no private property impacts)*
- **Improvement 2 – Highway 99 and 17A off-ramp widening:** Extend and widen the northbound Highway 99 off-ramp approach to the Highway 17A intersection. *(no private property impacts)*
- **Improvement 3 – Bus-on-shoulder transit lanes on Highway 99:** Extend northbound and southbound bus-on-shoulder facilities south of Highway 17A. *(no private property impacts)*
- **Improvement 4 – Steveston Highway Interchange:** Replacement of the existing two-lane overpass structure at Steveston Highway and Highway 99 to accommodate two eastbound lanes and three westbound lanes (including a left turn lane), as well as improved connections to and from the overpass for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. *(one private ALR property affected)*



Improvement 1  
Bridgeport Bus Connection

Improvement 4  
Steveston Highway Interchange

Improvement 3  
Bus-on-shoulder transit lanes on Hwy 99

Improvement 2  
Highway 99 and 17A off-ramp  
widening