

# Fraser River Tunnel Project

## What is the proposed scope for the Fraser River Tunnel Project (the Project)?

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure proposes to replace the George Massey Tunnel with a new, toll-free eight-lane immersed tube tunnel, replace the existing Deas Slough Bridge and construct connections to Highway 99.

The new immersed tube tunnel will have three vehicle lanes and a dedicated transit lane in each direction, with a separated active transportation corridor for cyclists and pedestrians for the first time.

## What are the key benefits of the Project?

The Project will provide safe, reliable and accessible transportation options that support sustainable growth for the Metro Vancouver region. Key benefits include:

- > Improving transit speed and reliability along the Highway 99 corridor
- > Providing relief to traffic congestion at the existing tunnel
- > Addressing the long-term seismic safety performance of the crossing
- > Establishing a dedicated active transportation connection for pedestrians and cyclists across the Fraser River on Highway 99
- > Maintaining the current clearances for the Fraser River navigational channel

## When would the Project be completed?

The new immersed tube tunnel is anticipated to open to traffic in 2030.

## Where will the Project be located?



## How much will the Project cost?

The total project cost is \$4.15 billion.

## Is eight lanes enough with existing traffic?

The new tunnel will address congestion through wider lanes, eliminating inefficiencies with the existing counter-flow system, and provide a consistent eight-lane highway configuration going in and out of the tunnel from Highway 17 to Westminster Highway. This will result in average speeds of 80 km/hr along the corridor versus about 30 km/hr today.

The addition of dedicated transit lanes and an active transportation connection will provide more options for people to get to their destinations.

## Will the existing tunnel be closed during construction?

The existing tunnel will remain in operation until the new tunnel opens. Because the new tunnel will be built upstream, there will be no impacts to the existing tunnel.



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**Why is there a detailed Environmental Assessment (EA) process with this project?**

The project triggers the Reviewable Project Regulation and must undergo an EA, a process that has been significantly enhanced under the current Environmental Assessment Act (2018). This process includes four legislated public comment periods and involves First Nations, local, regional, provincial and federal government agencies, the public and interested parties to support the assessment of potential positive and negative effects.

**What stage is the Project in now?**

The Project is in the Process Planning phase of the EA process. This phase provides an opportunity for members of the public to review the draft Process Order and appendices and provide feedback.

**How can I provide my feedback during Process Planning?**

Your feedback is important. The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) invites participants to submit their comments at: [engage.eao.gov.bc.ca/FraserTunnel-PP](https://engage.eao.gov.bc.ca/FraserTunnel-PP). The deadline to submit feedback is Dec. 15, 2023.

**How will my feedback be considered during the EA process?**

The Process Planning phase is focused on figuring out how the EA must be carried out, including identifying the required information, defining who does what, when and how, and determining how participants work together for the rest of the EA and future engagement approaches. During this time, the EAO seeks feedback from EA participants and the public to customize the Process Order to reflect the Project, using the foundation built in the Early Engagement and the Readiness Decision phases to set the scope, procedures and methods of the EA.

The EAO invites members of the public to identify interest in participating in a Community Advisory Committee that could be involved in future phases of the EA. The Community Advisory Committee is a group of community representatives that can identify potential issues and provide input related to effects on the community during an EA of a proposed project.

**What other engagement opportunities are planned?**

In addition to the four public comments periods for the EA, we will continue to engage local and regional governments, Indigenous nations and the public on the Project throughout planning.

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