

Fraser River Tunnel Project

What does the Project include?

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit is replacing the George Massey Tunnel with a new, toll-free eight-lane immersed tube tunnel. The Project includes replacing the existing Deas Slough Bridge and constructing improved connections to Highway 99.

The new tunnel will feature eight lanes in total – three general purpose vehicle lanes and one dedicated transit lane in each direction – and will include 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
- > Relieving 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.

Why is an Environmental Assessment (EA) necessary?

The Project must undergo an Environmental Assessment (EA) through the revitalized process under the *2018 Environmental Assessment Act*. This process includes four legislated public comment periods and involves opportunities for participation by First Nations, local, regional, provincial and federal government agencies, and the public.

What phase is the Project in now?

The Project is in the Application Development and Review phase of the EA process. During this phase, the application is reviewed by the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) in collaboration with First Nations and Technical and Community Advisors to ensure it meets requirements and to provide direction to the proponent on the revised application.

How can I provide my feedback during Application Development and Review?

The EAO invites participants to submit their comments at:

engage.eao.gov.bc.ca/FraserTunnel-AR

The deadline to submit feedback is June 23, 2025.

How will my feedback be considered during the EA?

The Application Development and Review phase involves the Ministry working closely with local and regional governments, First Nations and the public to prepare and submit an Environmental Assessment Application. The Project submitted its application to the EAO on May 9, 2025.

Feedback gathered during this time helps us address important issues to improve the Project and move forward in the EA process. The application outlines potential Project effects and how we plan to reduce them. Once submitted, First Nations, the public and other interested parties can review the application and provide input to ensure community concerns are reflected in the assessment.

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, First Nations and the public on the Project throughout planning.

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