

Attachment #1

Memorandum from TiCorp Pattullo Bridge Project Update November and December 2023





Project Update – November and December 2023

Project and Construction Update

The Pattullo Bridge is a key connection between the communities of Surrey and New Westminster. The new four-lane toll-free bridge will provide important improvements for everyone using the bridge, including people who are driving, cycling or walking, as well as communities on either side of the bridge.

This document includes a construction update on the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project and summarizes communications and engagement activities between November 1 and December 31, 2023.

Construction continues on the main tower of the new bridge, bridge deck, and the in-river piers near the New Westminster shoreline.

In New Westminster, crews have completed the Royal Avenue overpass rehabilitation and continue to conduct drainage installation along Royal Avenue. Utility relocation work and retaining wall construction is progressing along Columbia Street in the bridgehead area, and work continues on the East Columbia off-ramp and the new multi-use paths.





In Surrey, girder installation for the bridge deck is underway. Construction is underway on the new Highway 17 off-ramp and multi-use path foundation piers, as well as the Highway 17 / Old Yale Road overpass.

Project communications and engagement activities

1. Construction notices

The following construction notices pertaining to work in the Project area were distributed:

- 24-hour closure of Highway 17 between Tannery Road and Bridgeview Drive (Nov. 10)
- Rescheduled: Overnight Closure of Bridge Connector southbound (Nov. 10)
- Rescheduled: Overnight full closure of the Pattullo Bridge (Nov. 10)
- Permanent removal of access to Dufferin Street from Royal Avenue (Nov. 10)
- Overnight closure of Royal Avenue between McBride Boulevard and 1st Street (Nov. 21)
- <u>Temporary closure of the Royal Avenue on-ramp and single lane alternating traffic on Columbia Street</u> (Nov 30)
- Notifications were sent to **residents and business associations** regarding utility and drainage work, roadwork and traffic pattern changes in New Westminster, and to **businesses and residents in the project area in Surrey** regarding a 24-hour closure of Highway 17.
- Traffic notifications were sent as required to the Project's Traffic Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives from the cities of New Westminster and Surrey, TransLink, Coast Mountain Bus Company, Metro Vancouver, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, BC Trucking Association and first responders.

2. Public and stakeholder meetings

The following public and stakeholder meetings were held:

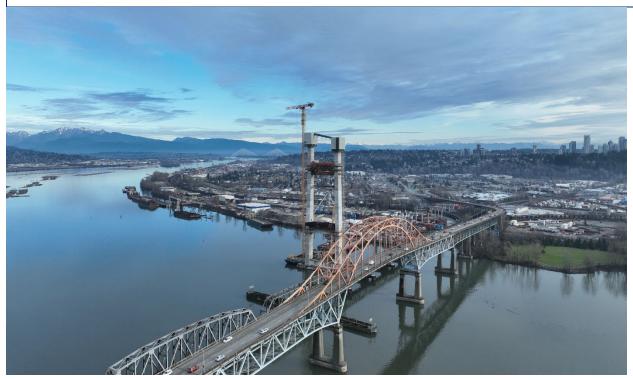
- On November 23, the Project provided updates on in-river construction works to the Marine Users
 Working Group, comprised of members from Indigenous groups, Fisheries and Oceans Canada,
 Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, CN Rail, utility companies,
 and marine users and organizations.
- On December 11, the Project team held a workshop with a portion of the **Woodlands Working Group**, comprised of Woodlands representatives, the Community Living Society, Inclusion BC and others identified to provide an update and receive feedback on the draft panels for the new revitalized plaza at the site of the former Woodlands institution in New Westminster.
- On December 19, the Project team met with active transportation groups in New Westminster, including HUB Cycling, the BC Cycling Coalition, and the New Westminster and Burnaby Walkers' Caucus, to provide on update on upcoming construction that will result in a detour of the Central Valley Greenway. The Project team sought input on proposed detour routes.

3. Public inquiries

The project team, together with the construction contractor, continues to respond to public inquiries and work closely with key stakeholders through meetings, phone and email correspondence. There were 23 inquiries in November and 15 inquiries in December. Key topics included questions and comments about:

- Project design and scope
- Current and upcoming construction activities, including schedule, noise, and duration.
- Traffic patterns, road conditions and access in the Project area

• Procurement and subcontracting opportunities



Above: Aerial of the new bridge tower looking toward Surrey.



Above: Close-up of the upper cross beam construction on the new bridge tower.