

## Construction Update on South Fraser Perimeter Road

Construction activities for the SFPR are under way in both Surrey and Delta.

### Current construction activities in the area include:

- ✓ Trucks hauling sand along designated routes
- ✓ Preloading the future road with sand and gravel
- ✓ Relocating utilities to prepare for final road construction
- ✓ Installing new storm sewers to improve drainage during heavy rainfall and long periods of wet weather
- ✓ Constructing ditches along the roadway to capture and drain storm water from the road

## Surrey

Work began last September and encompasses the section between Fraser Surrey Docks and SFPR east of the Port Mann Bridge.



Construction underway at Tannery Road and South Fraser Way

Trucks have been hauling sand to locations along South Fraser Way, Industrial Road and 116th Avenue as they preload for the new highway. This includes preparations for a new interchange at Tannery Road and utility relocations and drainage improvements at various locations along the corridor.

Ongoing environmental monitoring is being completed by the Ministry to ensure the protection of fisheries and wildlife along the corridor. Additional environmental enhancements are improving fisheries and wildlife values off the corridor.

## Highway 17—Highway 99

Construction work in this section includes preparations for the new highway as well as future interchanges with SFPR and Highway 17 and SFPR and Highway 99.

Some future works have also been accelerated to provide additional jobs in Delta. These include overpasses at 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 64<sup>th</sup> Street, and 28th Avenue as well as additional work at the SFPR/Highway 17 Interchange. Design is currently in progress and construction will begin in early 2010.

In addition to preloading, early construction activities have included improvements to irrigation and drainage, benefiting local farmers.



## Highway 99—80th Street

Preload work has been underway on the new highway as well as a future connection to the Tilbury Industrial area and the future SFPR/Highway 99 interchange.

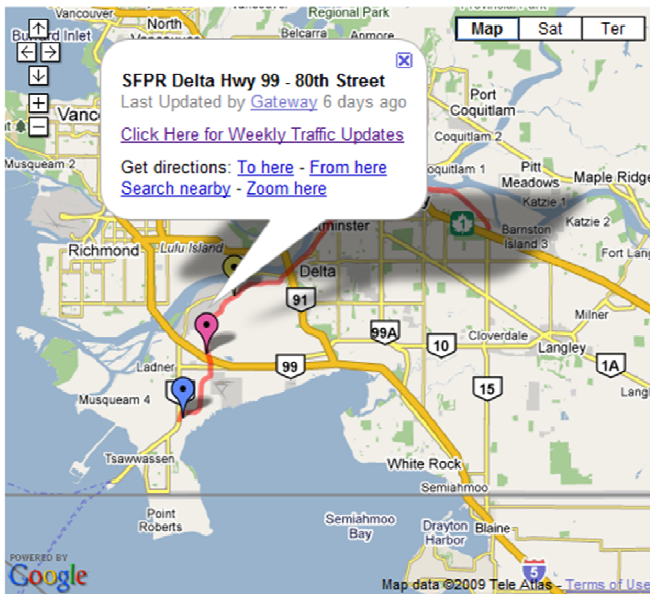
The Ministry is also continuing to monitor wildlife and vegetation in the area as part of the project's long term environmental monitoring plan.

## 80th Street—Highway 91

Various work has begun including hauling materials, preloading, and early construction activities associated with the future Sunbury Interchange. This includes preload and utility relocation west of Nordel Way.

## Check out this Week's Traffic Update

Every week, the Project's online map tool is updated with locations of potential traffic delays related to South Fraser Perimeter Road construction.



Check out this week's Traffic Update at [www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca](http://www.gatewayprogram.bc.ca)

## Protecting Wildlife and Fisheries

The Project has been working with the Ministry of Environment and other agencies to determine the best ways of protecting wildlife and streams located near the project. Environmental enhancements include:

- ✓ Installing numerous wildlife crossings of varying sizes so that wildlife can move freely underneath the corridor
- ✓ Conducting stream and fisheries enhancements along the corridor
- ✓ Planting hedgerows in areas to protect birds and encourage safer flight patterns

Some of these improvements are currently underway. Away from the corridor, the Ministry has completed work at Alex Fraser tidal wetlands, which represents a significant enhancement to fisheries values.

## Working Together To Enhance Agriculture

The Project's **\$28 million** agricultural enhancement strategy includes:

- ✓ **Improved irrigation and drainage system** for over 15,000 acres of farmland allowing better quality crops and a broader range of high value crops to be grown
- ✓ **Better access, safer roads and fewer delays** for farm vehicles
- ✓ **Topsoil will be recovered** and returned to farms in Delta to improve productivity

The immediate benefits of the improved irrigation system are almost five times greater than the estimated net income that crops would normally achieve. Over the long term, the water supply enhancement project will result in net crop incomes that are eleven times greater than normal values.



## Keeping in touch

If you want to learn more about South Fraser Perimeter Road, provide input, or have your name added to our information update list to receive community updates like this one and information about future consultation, please contact us at:

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