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### **SOUTH FRASER PERIMETER ROAD MOVES FORWARD**

VICTORIA – Fraser Transportation Group has been selected to proceed to the next stage of procurement as the preferred proponent for delivery of the next phase of the South Fraser Perimeter Road project. This stage involves detailed negotiations for finalizing a contract.

Fraser Transportation Group includes ACS Infrastructure Canada Inc. and Ledcor Industrial/Mining Group Ltd. as equity partners, and Dragados Canada, Inc, Ledcor CMI Ltd., Belpacific Excavating and Shoring Limited Partnership and Vancouver Pile Driving Ltd. as the members of the design-build contractor.

Fraser Transportation Group was chosen as the preferred bidder through an extensive Request for Proposals (RFP) evaluation. This was undertaken by an evaluation team that included leading experts in highway safety, construction traffic management, highway design and construction, finance, environment, engineering and other technical areas.

Jane S. Shackell, QC, is the fairness reviewer appointed to monitor the procurement process. The fairness reviewer's report will be available at the completion of the process.

The South Fraser Perimeter Road consists of the construction of a new four-lane divided highway, approximately 40 km long, located on the south side of the Fraser River. This 80 km/h route will extend northeast of the existing Highway 17/Deltaport Way intersection, through the municipalities of Delta and Surrey, along the south bank of the Fraser River, with connections to Highways 1, 91 and 99 and the Golden Ears Bridge.

Construction of the South Fraser Perimeter Road has been ongoing since 2008. This step in the process will determine who will deliver the next phase of construction, and operate and maintain the project over 20 years in a public-private partnership.

This phase of construction is scheduled to begin in 2010 with completion in 2013.

The South Fraser Perimeter Road will provide a new route that will remove heavy truck traffic from local roads. It will improve the movement of people and goods through the region, reduce east-west travel times, improve access to major trade gateways and industrial areas and restore local streets as community connectors.

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