

July 23, 2018

Dear Resident or Business Owner,

**Re: Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project**

This letter will provide some important updates regarding the new Pattullo Bridge. In February 2018, the Province of B.C. announced that it would fund and deliver the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project. The new bridge will be owned, operated and maintained by the Province. Project planning work is underway, with construction anticipated to begin in 2019 and the new bridge opening in 2023. Once the new bridge is open, the existing bridge will be removed.

The new four-lane 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:

- A safer crossing for all bridge users with modern, wider lanes, separated by a centre median barrier
- Dedicated walking and cycling lanes, separated from traffic by a barrier on both sides of the bridge
- Better connections to, from and near the bridge

The new four-lane bridge will be designed in a manner to not preclude a potential future expansion to six lanes.

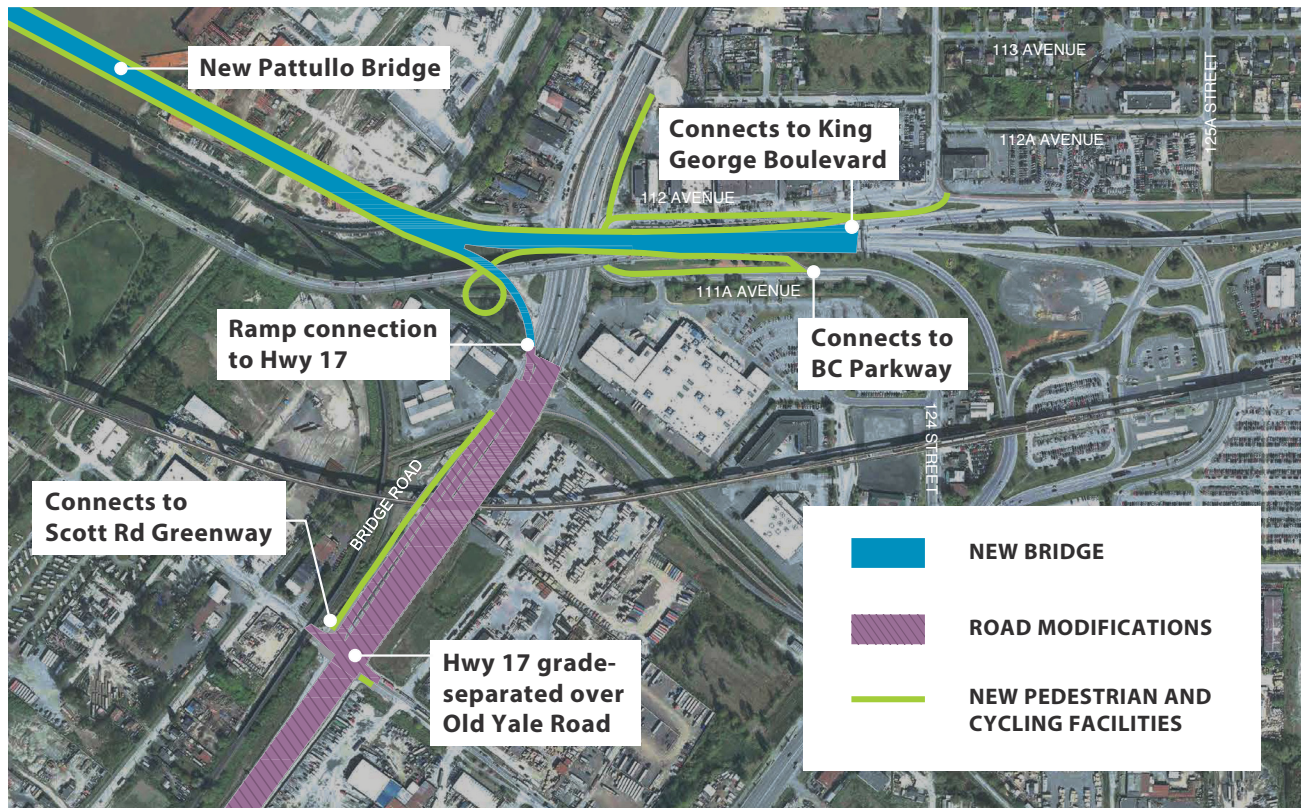
**Updated Bridge Connections in Surrey**

The Project will improve connections to regional road networks and cycling and walking paths on either side of the bridge. In Surrey, the new bridge will continue to connect directly to King George Boulevard, and a new off-ramp will connect the bridge to westbound Highway 17. In addition, the existing signalized intersection at Highway 17 and Old Yale road will be replaced by an overpass. The new pedestrian and cycling facilities on the bridge will connect into the BC Parkway in Surrey.

Road connection concepts for the new bridge were developed in 2016 and shown to the public in two phases of public consultation. At that time, it was anticipated that the new Pattullo Bridge would be tolled and the Surrey connections included a new "Scott Road Extension" parallel to 124 Street to link King George Boulevard and the new bridge to Highway 17.

Following the removal of tolls on Fraser River bridges in September 2017, and related traffic pattern changes, the business case for the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project recommended moving forward with a new four lane bridge with a new off-ramp connection to Highway 17 and Old Yale Road overpass. The map on the following page shows the Surrey connections to the new bridge included in the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project.

## Map showing updated bridge connections in Surrey:



Further analysis is currently underway, through a joint study between TransLink, the City of Surrey, and the Ministry, to better understand traffic patterns associated with the removal of tolls and options for potential future regional connections to the bridge in Surrey.

### Environmental Review

The BC Environmental Assessment Office (BCEAO) and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority are currently undertaking a harmonized review of the Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project led by the BCEAO which includes an assessment of the potential effects of the Project, including potential impacts on neighbourhoods on either side of the bridge. As part of this process, the public were provided with an opportunity to review and comment on the nature and scope of studies proposed in support of the environmental assessment. A second opportunity for public input into the environmental assessment is anticipated this summer, when the results of the environmental studies will be made available to the public. More information can be found on the BCEAO Project Information and Collaboration website: [eao.gov.bc.ca](http://eao.gov.bc.ca).

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Sincerely

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