

**Port Mann Bridge  
Saturday, August 27, 2011**

**Event: what is it?**

- Event to mark the fifty per cent completion milestone of the Port Mann/Highway 1 Improvement Project.
- To recognize the contribution of construction workers on the PMH1 to date, Kiewit-Flatiron in cooperation with the Transportation Investment Corporation (TI Corp) is hosting a picnic/barbecue for workers and their families.

**Audience: who are they?**

- Workers on site
- Lower Mainland commuters

**Key Messages**

- Thank you to Kiewit-Flatiron workers who are building B.C.'s future as they build the Port Mann Bridge and Highway 1 project.
- The bridge will cut commute times, leaving people more time for their families, and help our economy and our environment.
- This is an important project for the Pacific Gateway and B.C.'s and Canada's economy.
- Thanks for keeping the project on time and on budget.

WELL, WE'RE HALFWAY THERE!

What a proud moment this is for the 1,500 people working on this highway and bridge project right now.

I salute all the workers here today. You've reached the halfway point building this magnificent structure.

It's a huge responsibility...because you're not only building a bridge.

You're building British Columbia and you're building Canada.

Think of the commuters who will be able to spend about an extra hour a day with their families because you've built this bridge.

That's more time to play with the kids, to walk the dog, to go to the gym...time they can spend at home with the people they love doing the things that really matter to them.

You're also helping improve our highway system- the backbone of our economy helping us move goods seamlessly in and out of BC.

We are expanding our markets in the Asia Pacific and we need infrastructure projects of this calibre to provide the support that will boost domestic, cross-border and global export opportunities.

The roads and bridge that you're building ensure that we are the hub.

So you see, you're not just building a bridge.

You're building our future. You're building our tomorrow.

## Port Mann Bridge

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I want to thank every one of you here today and every person who has worked on this bridge, keeping it on time and on budget...

The engineers, the steelworkers, the deck workers, the project managers, the tradespeople, the sub-contractors and so many others.

People like Dawn Chapman, a mom with two kids, who has worked on this bridge, and has been with Kiewit for five years.

And when cars start to drive across this bridge in 2012, Dawn's children will say, "My mom built that bridge."

And Dawn, your children will drive across the bridge and proudly tell their children that you built this...

This is more than a bridge.

This is a point of pride for everyone who worked on it, and this is a day to celebrate a benchmark moment, for all of us, together.

To every person who has worked on this bridge, thank you.

I look forward to seeing all of you back here next year to celebrate the opening of the Port Mann Bridge.

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Port Mann/Highway 1 passes 50 per cent completion

COQUITLAM – At a celebration to mark 50 per cent completion of Port Mann/Highway 1 construction, Premier Christy Clark acknowledged workers for their contributions to the project, which when complete, will improve safety and reliability, save travel time and improve the movement of goods for trade to the Asia Pacific.

“Not only are these 1,500 workers helping to build our economy, they are helping to improve the lives of British Columbians,” said Premier Clark. “Once complete, commuters will save an hour a day in travel time a day. That’s one more hour a day that people can spend with their families instead of stuck in traffic.”

The Port Mann/Highway 1 Improvement Project will create 8,000 jobs and is a key component of the provincial Gateway Program to improve the movement of people, goods and transit throughout the Lower Mainland. Infrastructure projects of this calibre provide the support that will boost domestic, cross-border and global export opportunities, including to Asia Pacific. Through this type of investment the province is accelerating job creation and growing revenues to support BC families.

“From the iconic design of the new bridge, to the hours of traffic management to ensure that the highway remains open for use during construction, to keeping people informed about what’s happening, work has proceeded safely, with minimal disruption,” said Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Blair Leckstrom. “I also want to thank bridge users and highway neighbours for their patience and support. I urge everyone to continue to drive safely and watch for workers and slower moving construction vehicles. Safety is our highest priority as we move to complete the project as quickly as possible.”

The new Port Mann Bridge will open with eight lanes in winter 2012/13. When the full 10 lanes are complete, the 850-metre main span cable-stay structure will be the widest in North America and also one of the longest. The bridge will also provide for the first bus service across the Port Mann Bridge in over 20 years and will allow for expanded transportation options in the region including carpooling and cycling.

# BACKGROUNDER

## Port Mann/Highway 1 Improvement Project

Announced in 2006, the Port Mann/Highway 1 Improvement Project includes construction of a new 10-lane Port Mann Bridge, widening the highway, upgrading interchanges and improving access and safety on Highway 1. The project spans a distance of approximately 37 kilometres from the McGill Street Interchange in Vancouver to 216<sup>th</sup> Street in Langley. In total, more than 30 interchanges and overpasses will be replaced, upgraded or added as part of the project.

In keeping with the Provincial Transit Plan and commitment to alternative transportation, the project includes congestion-reduction measures such as high occupancy vehicle lanes, transit and commercial vehicle priority measures and improvements to the cycling network. The project will also provide for a Highway 1 RapidBus with service between a new Park and Ride in Langley and Lougheed SkyTrain station in Burnaby in less than 25 minutes.

### Key Facts: New Port Mann Bridge

- Total length: 2,020 metres
- Number of lanes: 10 (5 in each direction)
- Number of cables: 288
- Total width: 65 metres
- 5-metre wide multi-user path, with 3 metres of clearance for pedestrians and cyclists
- Tower height: 160 metres, including 42 metres of navigational clearance
- The new bridge will have three main components:
  - A cable-stayed main bridge (between the end of the cables) across the Fraser river will be 850 meters long (470 metres long between the two towers).
  - A south approach (Surrey side), which will be 350 meters long
  - A north approach (Coquitlam side), which will be 820 meters long

### A SNAPSHOT OF RESOURCES NEEDED TO COMPLETE PROJECT

- Number of pre-cast segments in the approach spans: 1,158
- Tonnes of asphalt used for new bridge deck: 25,000
- Number of steel composite segments in the cable-stay span: 116
- Kilometres of cable used : 45
- Amount of concrete used: 157,000 m<sup>3</sup>
- Support Structures: 16 kilometres of pile and 5 kilometres of drilled shafts.
- Additional materials required: 28,000 tonnes of rebar and 13,000 tonnes of structural steel
- Employment – 8,000 person years



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## PORT MANN BRIDGE CELEBRATION

Location: Maquabeak Park  
Coquitlam, B.C.

**Event Summary:** To recognize the contribution of constructions workers to the Port Mann/Highway 1 Improvement Project which surpasses 50% complete

**Key Message:** \*\*\*\*\*

**Action/Visual:** Premier meeting and greeting workers and their families, Premier speaking and tour of the north tower

**Audience:** Approx 300 – 500 Construction workers, their families and media

**Date:** Saturday, Aug 27, 2011

**Start Time:** 12:15 pm

Time	Event Itinerary
12:15 pm	Premier Christy Clark arrives, greeted by Mike Proudfoot, CEO TI Corp and proceeds to VIP tent for the pre-brief with the platform party: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister Blair Lekstrom</li> <li>Frank Margitan, VP Peter Kiewit &amp; Sons</li> </ul>
12:18 – 12:45 pm	Platform party mixes and mingles with guests
12:30 pm	TBC Activities officiated by Premier Christy Clark
12:44 pm	Platform party move to stage area
12:45 pm	Emcee Minister Lekstrom makes introductory remarks and introduces Premier Christy Clark
12:46 pm	Premier Christy Clark gives remarks
12:50 pm	Emcee Minister Lekstrom thanks Premier Christy Clark and introduces Frank Margitan
12:51 pm	Frank Margitan gives remarks
12:53 pm	Emcee Lekstrom thanks Frank Margitan and invites the platform party to head over to the electric road sign where the Premier and construction workers will push the button to light up sign
12:55 pm	Platform party and media move to VIP tent for safety briefing and to put on safety gear
12:56 pm	Safety briefing performed by TBC Kiewit-Flatiron
1:00 pm	Dignitaries and media depart for tour of north tower along trestle Note: There will be 20 passenger van to take dignitaries and media across trestle to north tower
1:05 pm	Dignitaries and media arrive at base of north tower
1:05 – 1:08 pm	Dignitaries and 1st shift of media travel up the elevator and gather on bridge deck of north tower (5 min)
1:08 – 1:15 pm	Dignitaries and media tour the observation platform at top of the north tower
1:15 pm	Dignitaries and media travel down the elevator to the bridge deck
1:18 pm	Media scrum on deck of north tower
1:30 pm	Event concludes, Premier Christy Clark departs

### MLAs in attendance:

Dave Hayer  
Marc Dalton  
Stephaine Cadieux

Materials	Required	Received	Additional Notes
Speaking Notes	Yes		
Q&A	Yes		
Backgrounder	Yes		