

DRAFT STRATEGIC AND CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE TO CABINET

BRIEFING NOTE PORT MANN 50% MILESTONE EVENT

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Aug. 18, 2011

EVENT Proposal

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Title: Port Mann / Highway 1 Improvement Project Surpasses 50% Complete

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Why should the Premier do this event?

- The capital cost of the project is approximately \$2.46 billion.
- Up to 1,500 workers will be on the job at the peak of construction this summer.
- The premier can address and mix with workers and their families at a fun, relaxed picnic.
- The premier can tour the new Port Mann Bridge project site with media to see first-hand the progress.

Theme:

Primary: Families First

Secondary: Jobs & Economy

Request for attendance:

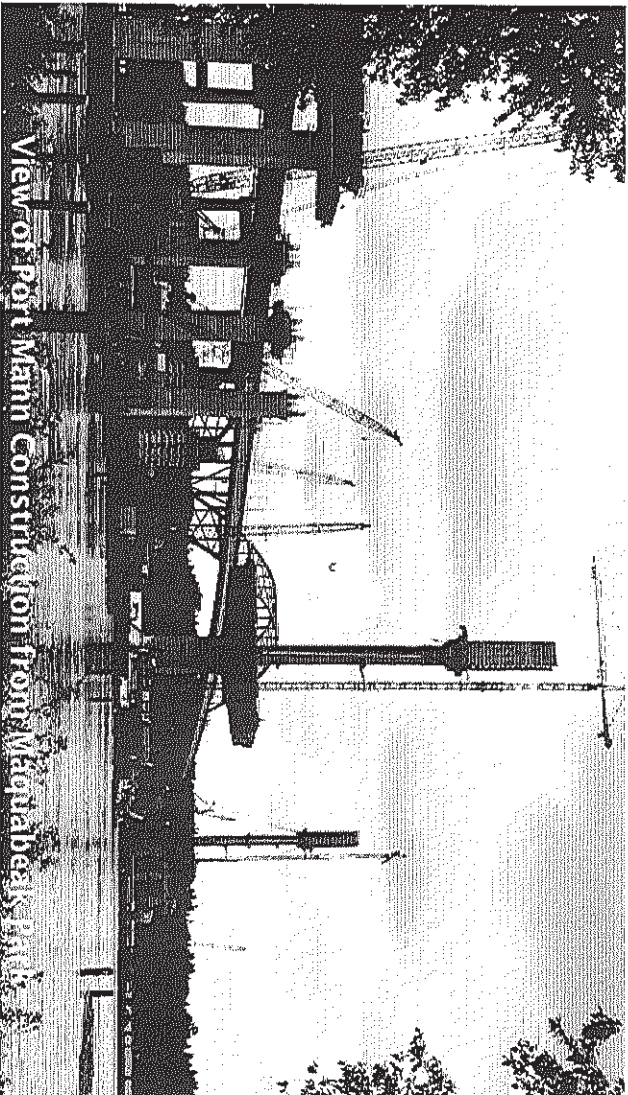
- **Premier:** yes, *Premier Christy Clark*
- **Minister:** yes
- **MLA(s):** yes, *Minister Blair Leckstrom*

Location:

Coquitlam's Maquabeak Park, situated on the north bank of the Fraser River and provides a spectacular river view of construction on the new Port Mann Bridge.

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Dates:

- Confirmed Date:
- Saturday, Aug. 27

- Reason: allows time for event planning.
- Drop dead date: Friday, August 19.
 - The event management company responsible for food and family activities requires a minimum of 3 weeks' notice of the confirmed date in order to secure all necessary suppliers.

Headline: Family picnic celebrates PMH1 workers

Visuals:

At picnic:

- The backdrop for the Premier and Minister while speaking would include Port Mann Bridge construction and a large electronic sign board reading "50% Complete – Thank you!"
- Visuals of Premier, Minister mingling with families

At construction site:

- Tour of north tower (limited space, pool camera only)
- Media scrum at base of tower following tour

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Benefits/Challenges:

Potential benefits:

A media event of this nature featuring the Minister and Premier will highlight construction progress, in concert with the project's job creation that benefits many local families.

Considerations:

Organization/event planning: Given the anticipated size of the event, K/F proposes to retain a professional event management company to coordinate set up/take down, food preparation and children's activities. K/F will provide funding for this portion of the event.

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

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. 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 the 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.

BACKGROUND

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 216th 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. This will be the first reliable transit over the Port Mann Bridge in more than 20 years.

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 the 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 m³.
- 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
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?

- Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Representatives from Kiewit-Flatiron
- Others TBC

Key Messages

- Thank you to Kiewit-Flatiron and all the workers who our building B.C.'s future as they build the Port Mann Bridge and Highway 1 project.
- This is an important project for the Pacific Gateway and B.C.'s and Canada's economy.
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WELL, WE'RE HALFWAY THERE!

HALFWAY TO FINISHING ONE OF THE LONGEST
CABLE-STAYED BRIDGES IN THE WORLD...

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.
And doesn't it look fantastic from here?

Look at the result of all your hard work!

You are responsible for building this Port Mann
Bridge, and for that I thank you.

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

You're building British Columbia and you're building
Canada, and the work you do is important to all of us.

Think of the commuters who will be able to spend
about an extra hour a day with their families because
this bridge is here.

That's more time to play with the kids, to walk the dog,
to go to the gym...time they can spend at home.

Port Mann Bridge

This is part of Canada's Gateway to the Asia Pacific and you have a big role in making our land routes significant.

Our future here in B.C. is linked to opening the Asia Pacific to the rest of Canada, and you are contributing to that with the work you do here.

The roads weave among the rail links to the Pacific to ensure that we can move goods more efficiently from here than from any other place is North America.

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.

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 been with Kiewit for five years.

Port Mann Bridge

And when cars start to roll 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...

And they'll always remember today, when the Port Mann was on its way to being finished.

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 Keiwit-Flatiron, and 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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Event Information / Opening Remarks

Event: Port Mann/Highway 1 Improvement Project 50 % complete

When: 12:15 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011

Where: Maquabeak Park, Coquitlam

Contact: Cindy Cousins, GCPE TRAN - 250 387-5798

Key Participants: Premier Clark, Minister Lekstrom, Mike Proudfoot, Transportation Investment Corp., Frank Margitan, VP Peter Kiewit & Sons, MLAs Dave Hayer, Marc Dalton, Stephanie Cadieux.

Other Attendees: Project construction workers and their families

Audience Size: Approx. 300 – 500

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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"> Minister Blair Lekstrom & Mrs. Lekstrom Frank Margitan, VP Peter Klewit & Sons Platform party mixes and mingles with guests
12:18 – 12:45 pm	
12:30 pm	<u>TBC</u> 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 Klewit-Flatiron
1:00 pm	Dignitaries and media depart for tour of north tower walking along trestle
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

Speaking Notes

for

Hon. Blair Lekstrom
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and
MLA for Peace River South

Port Mann/Highway 1 50% Completion Celebration
Maquabeak Park, 5 Burbridge St.
Coquitlam

Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011
12:15 P.M.
(Formal event starts at 12:45 P.M.)

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE:

- Premier Clark, MLAs in attendance
- Frank Margitan, VP, Peter Kiewit & Sons
- Mike Proudfoot, CEO TI Corporation

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY:

Acknowledge the traditional territory of Kwikwetlem First Nation [K wee-kwet-lum] and Coast Salish Peoples.

KEY MESSAGES:

- Welcome guests, employees and their families.
- Recognize the contributions of the 1,500 workers on the largest infrastructure project in B.C.'s history.
- This is an important milestone on a project that is generating thousands of jobs and supporting the economy.
- It's helping to accelerate job creation and growing revenues which support B.C. families.

- The project will create over 2 million construction work hours this year alone, and over the life of the project, 8,000 jobs.
- Recognize the joint venture Kiewit-Flatiron partnership, their subcontractors, planners and management team – for keeping the project on time and on budget.

[Following introductory remarks, Minister Lekstrom will introduce Premier Clark.

Minister Lekstrom thanks Premier Clark and introduces Frank Margitan.

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The tour of the North Tower follows.]

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