

BUSINESS EXPENSE APPROVAL

for Business Meetings/Protocol Events

Attach original invoices/receipts that have been coded and approved by an expense authority. Please see page 2 for further instructions.

BUSINESS EXPENSE APPROVAL NO.

N0104-

SECTION 1 – ORIGINATOR INFORMATION

NAME OF ORIGINATOR OF EXPENSE

Michelle May

TELEPHONE NO.

(236) 993-7448

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2017/04/06

MINISTRY/DIVISION/BRANCH

Government Communications and Public Engagement
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

LOCATION (CITY) OF EVENT

Delta

DATE
SUBMITTED

START DATE
OF EVENT

END DATE
OF EVENT

YYYY / MM / DD

2017/04/05

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2017/04/05

SECTION 2 – NAME / NATURE OF EVENT

In general terms, describe the event, the number of people attending and their affiliation. For example: Annual Regional Meeting – 20 government employees, 2 service contractors.

Event: George Massey Improvement Project

Attendees: Minister Stone

Location: Delta

SECTION 3 – INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED IN MEAL CLAIMS

Complete this section only if the Business Expense Approval includes a meal. Identify the individual's name and either the ministry or company they are affiliated with. Attach a separate list if necessary.

SECTION 4 – BUSINESS EXPENSE REQUESTED

CATEGORY	STOB	AMOUNT
1. Meeting Room Rental	6531	
2. Equipment/Furniture Rental	6531	
3. Photocopying, Faxing, Telephone, etc.	6531	
4. Food/Beverages for Meetings	6531	
BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER		
SNACKS COFFEE/TEA/JUICE, ETC.		
5. Business Meals in Restaurant	6531	
BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER		
6. Event Planners, Speakers, etc.		
7. Travel Costs for Non-BC Government Participants		
8. Other: Mediaco AV		
podium sign		200.00
Tent		

SECTION 5 – EXPENSE AUTHORITY PRE-APPROVAL

RESP. CENTRE SERVICE LINE PROJECT NO. (IF APPLICABLE) OR
ADDITIONAL CODING

11348 34420 11N0104

EXPENSE AUTHORITY SIGNATURE – Certified correct pursuant to sections 32 & 33 of the *Financial Administration Act* and related policies.

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PRINT NAME OF EXPENSE AUTHORITY

DATE SIGNED

Jason Butler

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SECTION 6 – EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION

Complete this section only if reimbursing an employee for expenses they have paid personally. Enter payee name, cheque mailing address, and reimbursement total.

QUALIFIED RECEIVER SIGNATURE – Certified goods/services received pursuant to CPPM 4.3.2.

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ESTIMATED TOTAL

200.00

REIMBURSEMENT TOTAL

BUSINESS EXPENSE APPROVAL FORM INSTRUCTIONS

BUSINESS MEETING AND PROTOCOL EVENT EXPENSE POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

Refer to CPPM 18.3.4 for a complete list of government policies.

- BC Government facilities should be used for business meetings/protocol events when available in accordance with **CPPM 18.3.4**
- Meal expenses are not appropriate when a meeting can reasonably be adjourned over the meal period.
- A BEA form is not required for claims that are \$30 or less.

GENERAL INFORMATION

A Business Expense Approval (BEA) form is required to obtain pre-approval and support claims for all costs associated with business meetings/protocol events, excluding travel costs for BC government employees and meeting registration fees. A BEA form is also required for the purchase of protocol related gifts (e.g. when required for foreign dignitaries). One BEA Form is usually completed for each event. "Blanket" BEA forms may be used to cover costs of regularly scheduled meetings over a fiscal year – in these cases attach a photocopy of the BEA form to support receipts.

FORM COMPLETION

SECTION 1 – ORIGINATOR INFORMATION

This section should be completed by the originator of the business meeting/protocol event expense.

SECTION 2 – NAME/NATURE OF EVENT

Describe the nature of the expense. In general terms, name the event, the number of people and the affiliation of those attending. For example: Annual Regional Meeting – 20 BC Government employees, 2 service contractors.

SECTION 3 – INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED IN MEAL CLAIMS

Complete this section **only** if a meal is included in the claim. For all individuals who had their meal provided, identify their name and either the Ministry or company they are affiliated with. If necessary, attach a separate list. This information is required in order to cross reference to travel vouchers and service contract invoices to ensure duplicate meal claims are not made.

SECTION 4 – BUSINESS EXPENSES REQUESTED

Identify an estimated amount in the appropriate categories. Identify an "Estimated Total" for the claim. The estimated total should not be exceeded.

Subsequent approval for business meeting/protocol event expenses is not required when the actual cost exceeds the maximum estimated total cost, if **all** the following conditions are met:

- a) the nature of the business meeting/protocol event has not changed;
- b) the overage of costs is minimal (reasonable); and
- c) the actual amount remains within the approval level of the delegated ministry official who pre-approved the business meeting/protocol event expense.

If **ALL** conditions are not met, subsequent approval by the appropriate expense authority is required.

Enter the appropriate STOB if it is not identified (categories 6, 7 and 8).

SECTION 4 (cont'd)

Category 1: Identify the cost of the meeting room.

Category 2: Identify costs associated with renting equipment/furniture (e.g. overhead projectors, coffee machines, etc).

Category 3: Identify office services charged by the facility (e.g. photocopying, faxing, telephone charges).

Category 4: For business meetings/protocol events held in a government or commercial facility, identify the type of food and/or beverages provided.

Category 5: For business meetings/protocol events involving meals in restaurants, identify the type of meal.

Category 6: Identify costs associated with payments to event planners, speakers, performers, etc.

Category 7: Identify costs associated with paying travel expenses for non-BC Government participants.

Category 8: Identify any "other" business expenses not identified in Categories 1 through 7. "Other" would include protocol gifts for foreign dignitaries.

SECTION 5 – EXPENSE AUTHORITY PRE-APPROVAL

This section is to be completed and approved by the appropriate expense authority official prior to the event. Note that pre-approval may be obtained via e-mail instead of completing Section 5, as long as the e-mail request identifies the nature of the business expense and the estimated total. In these cases, attach the approved e-mail to the BEA form when submitting claims for processing.

SECTION 6 – EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION

Complete this section **only** if reimbursing an employee for expenses they have paid personally. Enter the payee name, cheque mailing address, and reimbursement total. The employee signs as Qualified Receiver certifying for goods/services received. For other payees, the payee information will be reflected on their attached invoice.

Note: Forms are also available on the intranet at:
www.min.fin.gov.bc.ca/OCG/ocg/forms/forms.stm

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Ground-breaking - George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project

Location:

Beside Delta Fire Hall No. 4
9341 Ladner Trunk Road
Delta, B.C.

Date: Wednesday April 5th, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Time	Event Itinerary
7:00 a.m.	Michelle May, Mediaco AV on site for technical set-up
8:45 a.m.	Media Relations: Parm Bains Photographer: Kyle Surovy
Event Summary	This will be an outdoor event. There will be a podium for speakers. The backdrop will include heavy machinery and highway traffic.
9:15 a.m. Pre-Brief	Pre-brief with speaking guests, led by Michelle May Location: Off to side of event area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Todd Stone • Delta North MLA Scott Hamilton (emcee) • Delta Mayor Lois E. Jackson • Richmond Farmers Institute President Todd May Non-speaking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delta Fire and Emergency Services Chief Dan Copeland • Delta Police Chief Neil Dubord
9:29 a.m.	Speakers move to podium area – escorted by Michelle May
9:30 a.m.	MLA Hamilton welcomes guests, introduces speakers and invites Minister Stone to the podium
9:31 a.m.	Minister Stone delivers remarks
9:36 a.m.	MLA Hamilton thanks Minister Stone and invites Mayor Jackson to the podium
9:37 a.m.	Mayor Jackson delivers remarks
9:40 a.m.	MLA Hamilton thanks Mayor Jackson and invites Todd May to the podium
9:41 a.m.	Todd May delivers remarks
9:44 a.m.	MLA Hamilton thanks Todd May, delivers closing remarks and invites podium guests to gather for a group photo PHOTO-OP – podium guests stand with construction and highway visuals in backdrop, holding podium sign
9:46 a.m.	PHOTO-OP – Joe Jury from Hall Constructors invites Minister Stone to use front-end loader to dump load of soil onto preload pile. Note: To operate equipment, minister will need hardhat, hi-vis vest – project team to supply.
9:50 a.m.	<i>Media Availability – scrum format</i>
10:00 a.m.	Event Concludes

There will be a listen-only dial in for this event

Events Coordinator – Michelle May
Phone Number: 236-993-7448



Please join

The Honourable Todd Stone

Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

and

Scott Hamilton

MLA for Delta North

for an official ground-breaking for the George Massey Tunnel
Replacement Project site preparation

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 5th, 2017

Delta Firehall 4
9341 Ladner Trunk Road
Delta, B.C.

Driving instructions:

Directions from Vancouver/Richmond: Follow Highway 99 southbound. Take Exit 20. Continue straight through the intersection. Event parking will be on the right.

Directions from White Rock/South Surrey: Follow Highway 99 northbound. Take Exit 20. Turn left at the intersection onto Ladner Trunk Road and keep left to continue over Ladner Trunk Road Overpass. Turn left at intersection onto Hornby Drive. Event parking will be on immediate right.

This is an outdoor event. There will be traffic control onsite to assist with parking.

Please RSVP to Michelle May, Event Coordinator
Michelle.May@gov.bc.ca

May, Michelle GCPE:EX

From: May, Michelle GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 12:58 PM
Subject: Provincial Government Event Invitation - April 5, 2017
Attachments: Provincial Government Invitation - April 5th 2017.pdf

Good afternoon,

Enclosed is an invitation to an event with the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Scott Hamilton, MLA for Delta North, on Wednesday, April 5th at 9:30 a.m.

We hope to see you there and look forward to your RSVP.

Best regards,

Michelle May
Event Coordinator, Event Services
Corporate Planning and Events
Government Communications and Public Engagement
(236)993-7448 (cell) ✉ Michelle.May@gov.bc.ca

May, Michelle GCPE:EX

From: May, Michelle GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Cc: Brendeland, Deb GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: Site visit - George Massey
Attachments: image1.JPG; image2.JPG; image3.JPG; ATT00001.txt

Hi Craig, just finished advancing the site for George Massey event next week. Attached are photos. The machinery will be in the same spot and traffic will accompany it in the backdrop.

Parking is across the street and flaggers will help people cross. Dignitaries can park in the firehall lot.

The program people in with aren't sure about doing a ground breaking photo. Can you advise if this is appropriate/desired? They will need to ask the contractor to bring shovels if so.

See attached photos and let me know if any concerns. I'll send draft materials once I'm back at my desk.

GMT Guest List April 5, 2017				
RSVP	First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization
	Rob	Akimow	Chair	Richmond Chamber of Commerce
1	Tom	Awrey	Executive Director	Delta Chamber of Commerce
	Ashok	Bhatti	Regional Director	South Coast Region
	Sylvia	Bishop	Councillor	Corporation of Delta
	Malcolm	Brodie	Mayor and Council	City of Richmond
0	Stephanie	Cadieux	MLA - Minister of Children and Family Development	Gov't of B.C. - Surrey Cloverdale
	Robert	Campbell	Councillor	Corporation of Delta
1	Thomas	Chhun	Acting District Manager	South Coast Region
	Kevin	Desmond	CEO	TransLink
	Dan	Doyle	Chair, Board of Directors	TI Corp
	Dan	Doyle		TI Corp Board of Directors
	Janelle	Erwin	Regional Deputy Director	South Coast Region - Vancouver Island District
	Don	Fairburn		TI Corp Board of Directors
	Amanda	Farrell	President & CEO	Partnerships BC
0	Peter	Fassbender	MLA - Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development	Gov't of B.C. - Surrey Fleetwood
	Hugh	Fraser	Deputy Director of Engineering	Corporation of Delta
	Andrea	Frustaci	President	Ladner Business Association
	Dave	Hamilton	Chair	Delta Chamber of Commerce
	Scott	Hamilton	MLA	Delta - North
	Colin	Hansen		TI Corp Board of Directors
	George V.	Harvie	Chief Administrative Officer	Corporation of Delta
0	Gordon	Hogg	MLA	Gov't of B.C. - Surrey/White Rock
	Anita	Huberman	Chief Executive Officer	Surrey Board of Trade
	Marvin	Hunt	MLA	Gov't of B.C. - Surrey Panorama
1	Lois E.	Jackson	Mayor and Council	Corporation of Delta
1	Greg	Johnson	Director, Communications	TI Corp
	Joe	Jury	Superintendent	Hall Constructors
	Jeannie	Kanakos	Councillor	Corporation of Delta
1	Irene	Kerr	President & CEO	TI Corp
	Heather	King	Councillor	Corporation of Delta
1	Madelaine	Kozak	Communications Officer	TI Corp
1	Terri	Lalari		Port of Vancouver
	Steven	Lan	Director of Engineering	Corporation of Delta
	Doug	Larlee	Project Manager	B&B Heavy Civil Construction Ltd.
	Mark	Liedemann	Vice President, Projects	Partnerships BC
1	Patrick	Livolsi	Assistant Deputy Minister	MoTI
0	Max	Logan	Vice President of Tolling and Customer Engagement	TI Corp
	Grant	Main	Deputy Minister	MoTI
	Todd	May	President	Richmond Farmers Institute (RFI)
	Bruce	McDonald	Councillor	Corporation of Delta
	Cliff	Neufeld		TI Corp Board of Directors
	Richard	Ninaus	Construction Manager	Hall Constructors
1	Geoffrey	Nutter	Administrative Assistant	TI Corp
	Ian L.	Paton	Councillor	Corporation of Delta
	Scott	Perdue	Operations Manager/Owner	B&B Heavy Civil Construction Ltd.
	Joe	Peschisolido	MP	Gov't of B.C. - Steveston - Richmond East
0	Mario	Piscitelli	Executive Director of Finance	TI Corp
	Matt	Pitcairn	Executive Director	Richmond Chamber of Commerce
	Sveto	Plavsic	Executive Director of Performance, Planning and Business Development	TI Corp
0	Carla	Qualtrough	MP	Gov't of B.C. - Delta
1	Linda	Reid	MLA - Speaker	Gov't of B.C. - Richmond East
	Craig	Richmond	President & CEO	Vancouver International Airport
	David	Ryall	President	Delta Farmers' Institute (DFI)
1	Lia	Sampson	Marketing & Communications Coordinator	TI Corp
	Kelly	Scott	President	BC Roadbuilders
0	Robin	Silvester	President & CEO	Port of Vancouver
	Wayne	Sparrow	Chief	Musqueam First Nation
1	Anne	Stewart		TI Corp Board of Directors
1	Norman	Sung		Richmond Chinese Community Society
1	Chad	Tenney	Vice President	Hall Constructors
1	Stephanie	Van Veen	Governance and Projects coordinator	TI Corp
maybe	Amrik	Virk	MLA - Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services	Gov't of B.C. - Surrey Tynehead
	Teresa	Wat	MLA - Minister of International Trade and Minister Responsible for the	Gov't of B.C. - Richmond Centre
	Bryce	Williams	Chief	Tsawwassen First Nation
0	Janet	Woodruff		TI Corp Board of Directors

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0	Peter	Xotta	VP, Planning and Operations	Port of Vancouver
0	Louise	Yako	President & CEO	BC Trucking Association
0	John	Yap	MLA	Gov't of B.C. - Richmond - Steveston
	Leisa	Yee	Communications, Design	Delta Farmers' Institute (DFI)
1	Judy	Williams		

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	Carla	Qualtrough	MP	Govt of B.C. - Delta	Carla.Qualtrough@parl.gc.ca	Donna Burke ☎ 22
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Early Works Contractor (Delta)						
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GMTRP Early Works

April 4, 2017

Key Messages:

- We've taken another important step in the project to replace the George Massey Tunnel – now identified as one of the worst traffic bottlenecks in the entire country.
- Two contracts for preliminary construction work on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project have been awarded.
- The contracts are for site preparation in order to improve ground conditions for future lane widening and work will begin in the next few weeks .
- The new bridge and associated highway improvements, including dedicated transit lanes, will cut some commute times in half and also improve travel-time reliability for the 10,000 transit passengers and more than 80,000 vehicles that use the tunnel each day.
- Safety benefits of the project include a design that meets modern seismic standards, additional lanes that make merging safer for all vehicles while reducing collisions by an estimated 35%, and wider lanes and shoulders that will improve safety and emergency response times.

Questions and Answers:

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2. Why are there two contracts for the same work?

- This is considerable work, which needs to be done in a timely manner.
- Because of the difficulties moving construction equipment through the congested tunnel, it was deemed more efficient to tender one contract for work north of the tunnel and one contract for work south of the tunnel.

3. Is there any additional permitting required to proceed with site preparation?

- We required permitting from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for ditch work north of the tunnel.
- As well, we'll need Environmental Assessment Office approval on the environmental management plan for the site preparation work.
- Those applications have been submitted and approvals received.

4. Mayor Brodie has been a critic of the project. Does the City of Richmond need to approve any of this site preparation work?

- No. All work is happening on ministry right-of-way.
- The Project team has had more than 125 meetings with City of Richmond staff which has provided input into the project over the last 3 years.

5. Will many trees along Highway 99 need to be removed?

- Invasive plants, brush and small trees will be removed within Ministry right of way in Richmond and Delta
- In Richmond, the majority of work will be adjacent to Highway 99 between Westminster Highway and Blundell Road.
- In Delta, the work is adjacent to Highway 99 between Highway 17 and 104th Street.

6. Will sound walls or new plantings replace those trees that will be removed?

- When construction has been completed, the areas will be restored and improved with new plantings.
- Restoration will include revegetation of cleared areas with native species appropriate for the site conditions.
- This is expected to yield ecological benefits relative to existing conditions.

7. What is the ministry doing on the property next to Westminster Highway at No. 5 Road?

- The property bordered by Highway 99, Westminster Highway and No. 5 Road is ministry right-of-way.
- Surplus soil from the ditch work is being stored by the contractor on this property with the ultimate goal of creating an environmental enhancement area on the site after the project is complete.
- Throughout the project, we expect this site will be used for storage of materials and equipment.
- However, the ministry intends to keep this site as natural as possible and incorporate many of the larger trees in the environmental enhancement area.

8. Will there be any traffic delays as a result of this work?

- Traffic will be maintained throughout construction.
- It will be a requirement for the contractor to maintain current traffic service, particularly during rush hour and daytime periods.
- We do anticipate considerable work at night.

9. Have you started to secure the land you'll need?

- Yes. We have been in discussion with all affected land owners and anticipate all property acquisitions to be completed over the coming months.

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11. How much will you spend on land acquisition?

- Since negotiations property owners are actively underway, it's too soon to confirm a final cost for land acquisition.
- Once finalized, property acquisitions will be registered with the land title office (BC Registry Services).

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Tolling:

14. With some bridges tolled and others not, isn't it time to review the Province's policy on tolling?

- Construction on this project is anticipated to begin this year – followed by a five-year construction period.
- Everyone is aware of the vibrant debate about Metro Vancouver's transportation future, including suggestions from the public that all bridges in the region should be tolled.
- This and other ideas are certainly things all governments are listening to.

15. Are you considering mobility pricing on the Lower Mainland?

- The Mayors' Council has expressed interest in mobility pricing as a possible funding mechanism for transit investments.
- But mobility pricing is a complex topic.
- When we hear from representatives of local governments or different stakeholders, there is no clear agreement on what mobility pricing is.
- Definitions and ideas range from tolls, congestion pricing, time of day, distance-based and how mobility pricing is applied around the world varies from city to city.
- I look forward to hearing more information about the work TransLink is undertaking on this topic.

16. How will the project be paid for?

- The Province intends to fund the project through user tolls.

- The Province is also seeking a contribution from the federal government.

17. What will the toll be on opening day?

- With five years before completion, we have some time to ensure the toll will be as affordable as possible for motorists.
- At this point, we expect the toll on opening will be comparable to the toll rates on the Port Mann Bridge.
- Long repayment periods give flexibility for toll rates to be set at a level that attracts traffic, but still allow the bridge to pay for itself well within the useful life of the asset, without using general tax revenues.
- As with the Port Mann Bridge, motorists using the new bridge will see real-time savings.

18. How long will the toll remain?

- It depends on the final cost, availability of federal funding or other sources, prevailing interest rates, the toll rate and actual traffic volumes.
- The lower the toll rate and the higher the cost, the longer it takes to repay.
- Once capital costs are finalized and all funding sources are secured for the new bridge, we expect to be able to achieve a similar timeframe as the Port Mann Bridge for repayment of this project.
- Long repayment periods give flexibility for toll rates to be set at a level that attracts traffic, but still allow the bridge to pay for itself well within the useful life of the asset, without using general tax revenues.

19. Will tolling for the new bridge be consistent with TReO?

- Yes. TI Corp, with its TReO tolling system, has proven experience in efficient toll operation and administration, as well as a strong record of customer service.

20. Will Port Mann toll revenue go to fund GMTRP debt, or vice versa?

- Both projects are self-sustaining and TI Corp has ensured that the ability exists to repay both assets and meet all financial obligations within the required timeframes.

21. The North Shore bridges aren't tolled, and yet the replacements for the tunnel and the Pattullo Bridge will be. How is this fair for those living south of the Fraser River?

- Those living south of the Fraser River are benefitting from new infrastructure that's providing significant travel time savings – about an hour a day on the Port Mann, and an estimated 30 minutes a day on the tunnel replacement.
- As well, government has announced improvements to the Alex Fraser Bridge that will save time for commuters using that crossing.

22. Your tolling policy requires you to engage in public consultation before introducing a new toll. When will that happen?

- This happened during the last consultation, when we encouraged the public to provide feedback about the decision to toll, as well as on the rest of the Project Definition Report (PDR).

23. There are doubts that tolls on the Port Mann will retire its debt in time. How will you pay off another \$3.5 billion project through tolls alone?

- Port Mann is on track to retire its debt on schedule. Its financial outlook continues to improve, with traffic up four per cent from last year.
- Long-term interest rates are at historical lows, much lower than when the Port Mann Bridge was financed.
- Based on the analysis to support the business case, we are confident the project costs can be fully recovered with tolls, even

with lower traffic volumes.

- We've considered the experience with the new Port Mann Bridge and have factored that in to our traffic forecasts and the project business case, which confirms that costs for the project can be fully recovered with user tolls.

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Strategic Considerations

Ministry: Transportation and Infrastructure

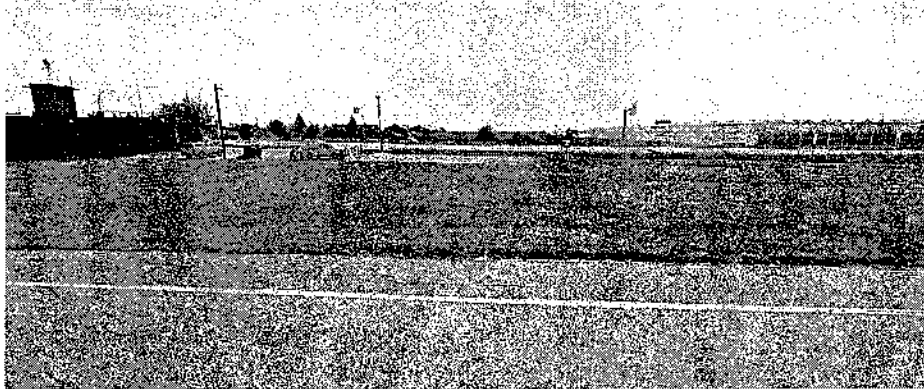
Event: Ground-breaking - George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project

Announcement	Ground-breaking for George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project site preparation
Timing	Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.
Headline	George Massey replacement construction officially underway
Top Messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government of B.C. is moving forward with site preparation for the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project. • The project will replace the aging tunnel with a new 10-lane bridge, and upgrade Highway 99. • Construction has begun, with site preparation work for highway widening is now underway, and the major works contract to be awarded this summer. • The new bridge, opening in 2022, will improve highway safety, be built to modern seismic standards, and will save commuters up to 30 minutes a day.
Approach	<p>Premier Clark with Minister Stone and regional MLAs to break ground at an event in Delta.</p> <p>Other podium guests:</p> <p>Delta North MLA Scott Hamilton (emcee - TBC)</p> <p>Delta Mayor Lois E. Jackson</p> <p>Richmond Farmers Institute President Todd May (TBC)</p> <p>Delta Fire and Emergency Services Chief Dan Copeland (non-speaking)</p> <p>Delta Police Chief Neil Dubord (non-speaking)</p>
Validators	<p>Delta Mayor Lois E. Jackson</p> <p>BC Trucking Association</p> <p>BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association</p> <p>Port Metro Vancouver</p>
Location / Visuals	<p>Visual: Minister uses front-end loader to dump load of soil onto preload pile.</p> <p>Note: To operate equipment, minister will need hardhat, hi-vis vest – project team to supply. Not needed for other podium guest.</p> <p>Workers, equipment in background of podium during that portion of event.</p> <p>Location – off Highway 99 near Delta Fire Hall 4 @ 9341 Ladner Trunk Road, Delta</p>

Strategic Considerations

Ministry: Transportation and Infrastructure

Event: Ground-breaking - George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project



Note: this location is 8 km east of the tunnel. This is pre-load work for the widening of Highway 99, east of the Massey Tunnel.

Beside Delta Fire Hall No. 4
9341 Ladner Trunk Road
Delta

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Turn left at intersection onto Hornby Drive. Event parking will be on immediate right.

Audience	Lower Mainland commuters Trucking industry
Primary channels	Major media
Media Plan	Reactive
Social media	Graphics on time savings, safety, jobs and environmental benefits have been created. Can be used on social media as work gets underway.
Products	News release Speaking notes Q&A

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Ministry: Transportation and Infrastructure

Event: Ground-breaking - George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project

	Podium sign Project graphic (tbc – outdoor event) Guest list Invitation
Auxiliary	With early works (site preparation) underway, the next step is award of major construction contract in summer 2017.
Critical view	s.13 Some critics favour a twinned tunnel. Raises issue of Lower Mainland tolling. Some critics favour enhanced transit over vehicle capacity expansion.
Other Info?	The work that is getting underway is site preparation work. This includes soil pre-loading and some ditch work. There are two contracts awarded, one for work on each side of the river. The initial work, while part of the project, is not near the tunnel.

Event Information / Speaking Notes – George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project construction kick-off

Event: Announce start of construction on George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project

When: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

Where: Off Highway 99 near Delta Fire Hall 4 @ 9341 Ladner Trunk Road, Delta

Contact: Geoff Freer – Executive Project Director – 604-313-8800

Event Planner: Michelle May, GCPE Events Coordinator – 1-236-993-7448

Length: 20 minutes

Key Participants:

Minister Todd Stone

Delta North MLA Scott Hamilton (emcee)

Delta Mayor Lois E. Jackson

Richmond Farmers' Institute President Todd May (TBC)

Delta Fire and Emergency Services Chief Dan Copeland (non-speaking)

Delta Police Chief Neil Dubord (non-speaking)

Audience Size: 600

Audience: ministry staff, municipal officials and staff, guests

Media attending: Yes

Key Messages:

- The Government of B.C. is moving forward with site preparation for the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project.
- The project will replace the aging tunnel with a new 10-lane bridge, and upgrade Highway 99.
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Speaking Notes
for the
Hon. Todd Stone
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and
MLA for Kamloops-South Thompson

Highway 99 near Delta Fire Hall 4 @ 9341 Ladner Trunk Road
Delta, B.C.

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:30 a.m.

People to Recognize:

- Delta North MLA Scott Hamilton
- Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois E. Jackson
- Delta Fire and Emergency Services Chief Dan Copeland
- Delta Police Chief Neil Dubord

Introduction:

- Good morning. Thank you all for coming, as we gather on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish.
- After four years of extensive consultation, hundreds of meetings with regional governments and First Nations, and a tremendous amount of technical work, construction is underway on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project!
- The site preparation work here, and on the north side of the tunnel in Richmond, represents the first construction work on Massey replacement.
- This project will end up generating about 9,000 good-paying, highly-skilled jobs over the life of the project.

About GMT Replacement:

- The George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project includes construction of a new 10-lane bridge to replace the aging tunnel.
- It will have eight travel lanes, plus two dedicated transit/HOV lanes.
- It will also include improvements to Highway 99 between Bridgeport Road in Richmond and Highway 91 in Delta, and three new highway interchanges.
- Key benefits of the project will be:
 - A continued commitment to world-class transit.
 - Environmental enhancement and restoration.
 - Improved safety and seismic resilience.
 - Improved traffic movement.
 - And most importantly to our provincial economy, a more efficient movement of goods and services along the Highway 99 corridor.
- Procurement is underway for the major construction contract.
- We expect to have that in place this summer, with major construction beginning later this year.
- And in 2022 – a new 10-lane bridge will be serving motorists, cyclists and pedestrians on this important corridor.
- The total project cost is estimated at \$3.5 billion.

Transit:

- Over the past four years, I've heard the argument that the money would be better spent on improvements to transit.
- I think infrastructure improvements and transit improvements go hand-in-hand.
- As the population of the region continues to grow, it's important to invest in each - and that's exactly what we're doing.
- Last Friday, you heard TransLink announce the biggest bus service hour increase in a single service change since 2010 – 65-thousand more bus service hours to 26 routes beginning later this April.
- This is the result of the collective efforts of all three levels of government.
- Also on Friday, you heard Minister Fassbender with our government's commitment of \$2.2 billion in matching funds for new transit projects in Metro Vancouver.
- This means \$4.4 billion in senior government funding is now committed for the Lower Mainland's transit priorities.
- This includes rapid transit in Surrey and along the Broadway corridor in Vancouver.
- Our Port Mann/Highway 1 project has also supported transit improvements.

- It allowed transit service to cross the Port Mann for the first time in 25 years – and now over 50,000 people a month take Express Bus service over the bridge.
- The George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project will see over \$500 million in transit improvements.
- Along with travel time reliability, we'll be able to building on the than 10,000 transit riders that already use this corridor daily.

Environmental Enhancement:

- Throughout our project development, we've gone to great lengths to ensure the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project benefits the environment, and enhances liveability in the Lower Mainland.
- Following an extremely thorough environmental review, we've received our Environmental Assessment Certificate for the project.
- The project team will ensure full compliance to the key conditions set out in this approval.
- I want to thank those who took the time to participate in the environmental assessment process.
- We've also received our approval from the Agricultural Land Commission.
- When the project is complete, we will return surplus lands to agriculture, and may even see a net gain in that regard.

- I thank the Delta Farmers' Institute and Richmond Farmers' Institute for their input these last four years.
- These have been important meetings, given the significance of agriculture to the Richmond and Delta economies.
- Among the benefits this project will have for farmers in the region will be improved drainage for fields, and better access for getting produce to market.

Improved Safety:

- Delta's Fire and Emergency Services Chief Dan Copeland is here. So is Delta Police Chief Neil Dubord.
- I want to thank you and your personnel for the work you do. I know it's extremely difficult.
- And that work is even more challenging in the confined space of the Massey Tunnel.
- When there's a crash in the tunnel, or a car fire like what happened on March 9th, you're the ones who rush to the rescue – sometimes carrying your gear with you when you can't get a vehicle close enough.
- This project will see Highway 99 upgraded to modern engineering standards to increase safety for drivers.
- Motorists will have longer merge lanes, wider travel lanes, improved sight lines and increased vertical clearances at overpasses.

- We estimate that collisions will be reduced by more than 35%.
- And when our first responders do have to attend a call, easier access means a more timely response – and in safer working conditions.
- It has also been a challenge to bring the existing tunnel up to modern seismic standards. Some seismic work has been done, but we're at risk of damaging the tunnel by doing further seismic upgrades.
- In the event of a major earthquake, it's extremely important that Highway 99 be a lifeline crossing.
- The new bridge will be built to modern seismic standards, designed to withstand a 1-in-2,475-year seismic event.
- I've heard critics suggest that it can't be done.
- Let me say this: thousands of hours of professional geotechnical and bridge structural engineering have been dedicated to ensuring that the new George Massey replacement bridge and its supports are appropriately designed for the conditions at the crossing site, and for a major seismic event.
- The bridge will be the same height above the water as the Alex Fraser Bridge.
- Due to its location, with flat land on each side and the need to cross a shipping channel, it will be about 3 kilometers long – that's 65% longer than the Port Mann, and 32% longer than the Alex Fraser.

Improved Traffic and Goods Movement:

- But the project is more than a new bridge.
- It also includes improvements that will enhance traffic flow and safety, taking into consideration current and forecast future demand for travel, based on local and regional population and employment growth plans.
- As well, careful planning will ensure that Highway 99 will continue to serve existing traffic volumes and patterns during construction, including maintaining the counter flow during rush hour.
- This is important, because Highway 99 is a major corridor for commuters as well as goods and services, with connections to the Canada-U.S. border, YVR, Roberts Bank, Boundary Bay Airport, port facilities on both sides of the Fraser River, and commercial hubs in Delta, Richmond, Surrey and Vancouver.
- Truck traffic at the George Massey Tunnel is forecast to more than double in the next 30 years.
- This bridge will remove the bottleneck, which will eliminate over one million hours of vehicle idling each year.
- 200 lane-kilometres of improved and rehabilitated highway will relieve congestion.
- Construction of 14 new overpass and ramp structures will improve the efficiency of Highway 99 and its feeder roads.
- And for the first time ever at this location, walking and cycling will be viable transportation options, as the new

bridge will include a multi-use pathway with connections to Steveston Highway and to River Road.

Conclusion

- This project is a massive undertaking – with benefits that will be felt across the entire region.
- And it all starts with site preparation, which is getting underway in both Richmond and Delta.
- So let's get busy! Let's get work underway, so we can eliminate the worst traffic bottleneck in the province, and get traffic moving again through Delta and Richmond on Highway 99.
- It's a privilege to represent hard working women and men of Kamloops South Thompson in British Columbia's Legislature.
- And it's privilege to be here with all of you this morning.
- Thank you.

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Please join

The Honourable Todd Stone

Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

and

Scott Hamilton

MLA for Delta North

for an official ground-breaking for the George Massey Tunnel
Replacement Project site preparation

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 5th, 2017

Delta Firehall 4
9341 Ladner Trunk Road
Delta, B.C.

Driving instructions:

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This is an outdoor event. There will be traffic control onsite to assist with parking.

Please RSVP to Michelle May, Event Coordinator
Michelle.May@gov.bc.ca

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Ground-breaking - George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project

Location:
Beside Delta Fire Hall No. 4
9341 Ladner Trunk Road
Delta, B.C.

Date: Wednesday April 5th, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Time	Event Itinerary
7:00 a.m.	Michelle May, Mediaco AV on site for technical set-up
8:45 a.m.	Media Relations: Pam Bains Photographer: Kyle Surovy
Event Summary	This will be an outdoor event. There will be a podium for speakers. The backdrop will include heavy machinery and highway traffic.
9:15 a.m. Pre-Brief	Pre-brief with speaking guests, led by Michelle May Location: Off to side of event area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Todd Stone • Delta North MLA Scott Hamilton (emcee) • Delta Mayor Lois E. Jackson • Richmond Farmers Institute President Todd May Non-speaking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delta Fire and Emergency Services Chief Dan Copeland • Delta Police Chief Neil Dubord
9:29 a.m.	Speakers move to podium area – escorted by Michelle May
9:30 a.m.	MLA Hamilton welcomes guests, introduces speakers and invites Minister Stone to the podium
9:31 a.m.	Minister Stone delivers remarks
9:36 a.m.	MLA Hamilton thanks Minister Stone and invites Mayor Jackson to the podium
9:37 a.m.	Mayor Jackson delivers remarks
9:40 a.m.	MLA Hamilton thanks Mayor Jackson and invites Todd May to the podium
9:41 a.m.	Todd May delivers remarks
9:44 a.m.	MLA Hamilton thanks Todd May, delivers closing remarks and invites podium guests to gather for a group photo PHOTO-OP – podium guests stand with construction and highway visuals in backdrop, holding podium sign
9:46 a.m.	PHOTO-OP – invites Minister Stone to use front-end loader to dump load of soil onto preload pile. Note: To operate equipment, minister will need hardhat, hi-vis vest – project team to supply.
9:50 a.m.	<i>Media Availability – scrum format</i>
10:00 a.m.	Event Concludes

There will be a listen-only dial in for this event

Events Coordinator – Michelle May
Phone Number: 236-993-7448

Event Information / Emcee Speaking Notes – George Massey Tunnel Replacement
Project construction kick-off

Event: Announce start of construction on George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project

When: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

Where: Off Highway 99 near Delta Fire Hall 4 @ 9341 Ladner Trunk Road, Delta

Contact: Geoff Freer – Executive Project Director – 604-313-8800

Event Planner: Michelle May, GCPE Events Coordinator – 1-236-993-7448

Length: 20 minutes

Key Participants:

Minister Todd Stone

Delta North MLA Scott Hamilton (emcee)

Delta Mayor Lois E. Jackson

Richmond Farmers' Institute President Todd May (TBC)

Delta Fire and Emergency Services Chief Dan Copeland (non-speaking)

Delta Police Chief Neil Dubord (non-speaking)

Audience Size: 600

Audience: ministry staff, municipal officials and staff, guests

Media attending: Yes

Key Messages:

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Speaking Notes
for
Scott Hamilton
MLA for Delta North

Highway 99 near Delta Fire Hall 4 @ 9341 Ladner Trunk Road
Delta, B.C.

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
9:30 a.m.

People to Recognize:

- Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone
- Corporation of Delta Mayor Lois E. Jackson
- Richmond Farmers' Institute President Todd May (TBC)
- Delta Fire and Emergency Services Chief Dan Copeland
- Delta Police Chief Neil Dubord

Introduction:

- Good morning.
- I'm Scott Hamilton, MLA for Delta North.
- With me this morning to provide a progress update on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project is Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone.
- Also, please welcome Delta Mayor Lois Jackson.
- With us as well this morning are Delta Fire and Emergency Services Chief Dan Copeland and Delta Police Chief Neil Dubord.
- And from the Richmond Farmers' Institute - President Todd May.
- Today is an important day for those of us living south of the Fraser River.

- Today, we'll mark a milestone with the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project.
- Before the opening of the George Massey Tunnel in 1959, an engineering marvel of its time, to be sure, motorists travelling from Delta to the north side of the river would take a ferry at Ladner.
- In 1932, 48,000 vehicles used the ferry. For the entire year.
- By 1956, that number had risen to 378,000 trips a year – a testament to the region's growth following the Second World War.
- Here in 2017, more than 80,000 vehicles a day use the tunnel.
- The George Massey Tunnel is at capacity. And with continued growth in communities south of the Fraser, the time is right for its replacement.
- For an update on our progress, please welcome Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone.

[Minister Stone speaks]

- Thank you, Todd.
- Delta Mayor Lois Jackson has been steadfast in her support for the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project, and the benefits that will be felt throughout Delta.
- I'd like to invite Mayor Jackson to say a few words.

[Mayor Lois Jackson speaks]

- Thanks, Lois.
- Agriculture is an important industry in Delta and Richmond, and the project will have benefits for farmers in the region. With more, please welcome Todd May of the Richmond Farmers' Institute.

[Richmond Farmers' Institute President Todd May speaks]

- Thank you, Todd.
- I'm excited to see work begin on this important project – a project that will benefit Delta, and the entire region.
- Thank you all for coming today.
- Now, I'd like to ask Minister Stone to officially kick off construction on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project.

[Photo-op: Minister Stone dons hardhat and hi-vis vest, heads to loader to dump first pile of soil]

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April 4, 2017

MEDIA ADVISORY – Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

DELTA – Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone will be joined by Delta North MLA Scott Hamilton and Delta Mayor Lois E. Jackson to break ground on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project.

Event Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location:

**Beside Delta Fire Hall No. 4
9341 Ladner Trunk Rd.
Delta**

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Media unable to attend can dial in to listen.

Dial-In Information:

**From Vancouver: 604 681-0260
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Participant Pass Code: 61545#**

Contact:

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Government Communications and Public Engagement
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
250 356-8241**

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

George Massey Tunnel replacement construction officially underway

DELTA – Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone, Delta Mayor Lois E. Jackson and other dignitaries were on hand today to officially kick off construction on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project.

“After four years of consultation with First Nations, municipal and regional governments, and a tremendous amount of technical work, construction is underway on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project, which includes replacing the seismically vulnerable tunnel with a safe, modern bridge,” said Stone. “These site preparation contracts represent the first work on the Massey replacement, which will generate approximately 9,000 direct jobs over the life of the project.”

“This project will address the needs of our residents, the agricultural community, local business, commerce, and industry, by aiding in the movement of people and goods throughout the Lower Mainland, while also improving the safety and quality of life of our citizens,” said Jackson. “This project is a testament to what can be accomplished when multiple levels of government work together for the benefit of all. May I personally congratulate and thank Premier Christy Clark for her foresight and vision, as we look forward to continuing to work with the Province on the completion of such a vital piece of infrastructure that will benefit the Lower Mainland now, and for many years to come.”

Two contracts have been awarded for site preparation work to improve drainage and ground conditions in advance of major project construction. Hall Constructors of Surrey has been awarded an \$11.5-million contract for site preparation work south of the tunnel.

“We’re excited to be a small part of history as our crew begins the work on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project,” said Chad Tenney, vice president of Hall Constructors. “The good jobs created by this project will benefit our employees and their families, and the many others who will work on the project over the next five years.”

A contract valued at \$5.8 million has been awarded to B&B Heavy Civil Construction of Surrey for site preparation along Highway 99 between Bridgeport Road and Steveston Highway. The total cost of the George Massey Tunnel Improvement Project is estimated at \$3.5 billion.

This site preparation work includes ditch improvements and the placement of pre-load material on soft soils immediately adjacent to the existing highway. Pre-load work is standard practice on most major highway construction projects. Soil is piled to compress the existing ground in advance of the main work, which will minimize settlement following construction.

The process to award the major construction works contract is still underway, and the Province expects to have its preferred proponent chosen by summer 2017. All major approvals are in

place for the project to proceed, including the project's Environmental Assessment Certificate, awarded on Feb. 9, and approval from the Agricultural Land Commission received on Feb. 24.

"We appreciate the ministry's responsiveness to input and concerns around agricultural issues relating to the project," said Richmond Farmers' Institute president Todd May. "The inclusion of the Richmond Farmers' Institute during the consultation process has further solidified the relationship between government and farming families in enhancing agricultural viability now and into the future."

The new bridge and associated highway improvements, including dedicated transit lanes, will cut some commute times in half and also improve travel-time reliability for the 10,000 transit passengers and more than 80,000 vehicles that use the tunnel each day. The project includes over \$500 million in transit infrastructure.

The new bridge will include a multi-use pathway with connections to Steveston Highway and to River Road, making walking and cycling viable transportation options at this location for the first time ever.

The existing 60-year-old tunnel does not meet current seismic standards, nor can it be brought up to current standards without risk of damage, which could render the crossing unusable. The new bridge will be built to modern seismic standards, providing a lifeline crossing over the Fraser River in the event of a major earthquake.

Other safety benefits of the project include additional lanes that make merging safer for all vehicles while reducing collisions by an estimated 35%, and wider lanes and shoulders that will improve safety and emergency response times.

After site preparation, major construction will begin later this year with the new bridge opening in 2022. Tunnel decommissioning will follow.

Learn More:

More information on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project is available online at: www.masseytunnel.ca

Contact:

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
250 356-8241

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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 11:10 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Cc: Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX; Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX
Subject: Re: UPDATED: GMT materials - April 5, 2017

Only one piece of feedback on the SNs. With respect to transit, can we have a line about the Phase 1 transit expansion, largest expansion of bus service in over a decade, happening now etc? Translink was out on this last week.

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX; Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: UPDATED: GMT materials - April 5, 2017

Folks,

Here are the GMT drafts for Wednesday's announcement. There may be a few more smaller changes. Please let us know if you have any feedback.

And okay if we get the invite out today?

We've attached:

- Guest list
- Itinerary
- Media advisory
- News release
- Invitation
- QA
- Emcee notes
- Minister speaking notes

Thanks,

Ryan Jabs

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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 12:48 PM
To: May, Michelle GCPE:EX
Cc: Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: GMT Guest List

Go for it.

From: May, Michelle GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 12:47 PM
To: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Cc: Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: GMT Guest List

Ok to send?

From: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 12:41 PM
To: Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX; Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; May, Michelle GCPE:EX; Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: GMT Guest List

Great. Will get this out and add others later.

From: Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; May, Michelle GCPE:EX; Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: GMT Guest List

Looks good to me. I have asked MLA Hamilton to review. We can add more later.

From: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX; Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; May, Michelle GCPE:EX; Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: GMT Guest List

Hi Folks – any updates to the guest list? Would like to get the invites out today if possible.

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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 5:38 PM
To: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX; Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX; Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; May, Michelle GCPE:EX
Subject: Materias - GMT Ground-breaking event
Attachments: Itinerary TRAN 04.05.docx; MA GMT Groundbreaking.pdf; SN EMCEE GMT construction begins.docx; SN GMT construction begins.docx; DRAFT.PDF

Hi There – attached are the materials for tomorrow updated to include QAs for Tolling (QA document), draft NR for tomorrow, itinerary, Media Advisory (sent today at 12:15) and the speaking notes for emcee and MTS.

“After four years of consultation with First Nations, municipal and regional governments, and a tremendous amount of technical work, construction is underway on the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project, which includes replacing the seismically vulnerable tunnel with a safe, modern bridge,” said Stone. “These site preparation contracts represent the first work on the Massey replacement, which will generate approximately 9,000 direct jobs over the life of the project.”

Pending MTS approval of his quote, we will finalize the NR. We have yet to receive the quote from the Richmond Farmer’s Institute, but will add that when we receive it.

Trish

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Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 7:24 AM
To: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX; Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: GMT: Construction start - today or tomorrow

FYI that we just received final permit for gmt and some significant early work is going to begin in the next couple days.

Ryan Jabs
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Freer, Geoff TRAN:EX" <Geoff.Freer@gov.bc.ca>
Date: March 28, 2017 at 6:39:02 AM PDT
To: "Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX" <Craig.Chambers@gov.bc.ca>, "Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX" <Ryan.Jabs@gov.bc.ca>, "Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX" <Trish.Rorison@gov.bc.ca>, "Johnson, Greg TIC:EX" <gjohnson@ticorp.ca>
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Subject: Construction start

We received the Water Act approval last night. Will have a quick review of the paper work when we receive it later this am but construction will start quickly this week.

Bird surveys, brush and tree clearing, and equipment moving on site will start the job.

We are talking to key adjacent residents to ensure a smooth transition.

Any questions please call.

Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: Fwd: Updated - Strat comm plan - GMT

MLA Hamilton will emcee

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bonner, Anne LASS:EX" <Anne.Bonner@leg.bc.ca>
Date: April 3, 2017 at 11:34:54 AM PDT
To: "Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX" <Lindsay.Borschneck@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Updated - Strat comm plan - GMT

Hi Lindsay,
Scott would be happy to emcee this event! Could you please send speaking notes and timeline when time permits.

Many thanks,
Anne Bonner



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Constituency Assistant to
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From: Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX [<mailto:Lindsay.Borschneck@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: April 3, 2017 9:57 AM
To: Ward, Debbie <Debbie.Ward@leg.bc.ca>; Bonner, Anne <Anne.Bonner@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Updated - Strat comm plan - GMT

Good morning Debbie and Anne,
Please ask Scott if he would be interested in Emcee for this event.
Thanks,
Lindsay

Hi Kim,

Would you please ask Scott if he would be available to emcee this event on
Wednesday April 5th, 9:30am -10:30am

Thank you,
Lindsay

Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Bhatti, Ashok A TRAN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Richter, Kevin J TRAN:EX; Parkes, Norm E TRAN:EX
Cc: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Bowness, Lisanne GCPE:EX; Lolacher, Russel TRAN:EX; Erwin, Janelle A TRAN:EX; Chhun, Thomas TRAN:EX
Subject: Fwd: GMT Announcement

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From: "Chhun, Thomas TRAN:EX" <Thomas.Chhun@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 5, 2017 at 10:10:49 AM PDT
To: "Bhatti, Ashok A TRAN:EX" <Ashok.Bhatti@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Erwin, Janelle A TRAN:EX" <Janelle.Erwin@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: GMT Announcement

Ashok,

The announcement was moved in doors with the event starting at about 950AM.

There are a number of media outlets, along with staff from Delta and Richmond. Also a few farmers from the area.

Thank you.

Regards,

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From: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 4:30 PM
To: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Borschneck, Lindsay TRAN:EX; Tennant, Laura TRAN:EX
Cc: May, Michelle GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: Call-around results for the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project - tomorrow 9:30 AM.
Attachments: Guest List GMT construction start DRAFT 2017-03-31 1120.xls

Media response for tomorrow along with the most recent RSVP list.

From: Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 3:04 PM
To: Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: Call-around results for the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project - tomorrow 9:30 AM.

Hi Craig and Trish,

Here are the results for the call around for the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project happening tomorrow at 9:30 AM.

Vancouver Sun – left message
The Province – left message
Globe and Mail – no
Global TV – yes
CTV – unable to leave message after repeat tries
City TV – maybe
CBC TV – maybe
CKNW – maybe
NEWS 1130 – yes
CBC Radio – yes
CP – likely
Metro News – left message
Delta Optimist – yes
Jeff Nagle – left message
Fairchild TV – yes
RED FM – yes

Thanks,
Danielle

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