

Event Information / Opening Remarks

Event: Premier announces plan to eliminate tolls

Date: August 25, 2017

Time: TBC (morning)

Location: TBC

Driving Directions: TBC

Speech Goals:

- Work with media to give people in Surrey and Maple Ridge good news – their new government is removing tolls on the Golden Ears and Port Mann bridges
- Remind the public about government's commitment to making life more affordable.
- Show that the new government is working to make life better for people.

Quote: "We are making life more affordable for people by eliminating tolls on the Port Mann and Golden Ears bridges."

Format:

- Podium with mic, introduction by transportation minister
- Outside, with Port Mann bridge in view.

Speakers:

- Premier John Horgan
- Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Claire Trevena (Emcee)
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Selina Robinson
- Kevin Desmond, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink
- Stakeholders who benefit from toll removal
- Mayor of Surrey Linda Hepner

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Audience Size: approximately 50 attendees plus media

Event contact: Rick Devereux 250-812-1207

Program contact:

Renee Mounteney (exec director) - 250 208-8876

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Speaking Notes
for
Premier John Horgan

**Removal of Tolls – Port Mann and
Golden Ears**

Friday August 25, 2017
Time TBC
Location TBC

Introduction/ thank you

- Good morning! It's great to be here, and to see so many familiar faces.
- Joining me today: :
 - Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
 - Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Also with us:
 - Kevin Desmond, CEO for TransLink
 - Thanks for your involvement and partnership

- Welcome Surrey mayor Linda Hepner

Comment [MCG1]: Added her based on event plan

- Thanks for being with us for an important announcement that will help many people living in Surrey and everyone crossing the Fraser

Announcement

- It's time to make life more affordable for people who cross the Fraser every day

Comment [MCG2]: I've moved this down to add a sense of drama to the announcement.

- Commuters who have to drive to work, without transit options

Comment [MCG3]: I added some examples of the people we are going to help with the announcement today.

- Commercial drivers moving goods that drive our economy
- One round trip a day costs the average car commuter up to \$1,500 a year
- These toll unfairly targeted lower mainland commuters
 - Drivers in places like Kelowna, don't pay tolls
- Today we're keeping our commitment to commuters and the people of BC
- We're putting money back into the pockets of families.
- As of September 1st, we're eliminating tolls on the Godlen Ears and Port Mann bridges

- They will cross toll free, just like every other driver who travels across a bridge in B.C.
- This is about fairness.
- It is about keeping our commitments.
- This is about making life a little easier for families who have been squeezed for years.
- We'll get people out of gridlock and home to their families faster

- Getting rid of tolls on the Port Mann Bridge won't just help commuters in Surrey and Maple Ridge
- It will help people in New West and other communities that have seen increased traffic since tolling began.
- It will make traffic flow better throughout the region, saving businesses time and money.
- It will make a real difference for people and for communities.
- Families like...*introduce family*
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Comment [MCG4]: Add the names before this goes to PJH -- is this where the family speaks, or does the Premier continue with his comments?

- We've heard from many people like them.
- Families who struggled because the government kept hiking costs.
- Today's announcement is just one way we're going to make life more affordable for them.
- Removing tolls is just the beginning.
- We will work hard every day to make life more affordable.
- Deliver services people can count on.

- And build a strong economy that benefits everyone.

Conclusion

- It takes a strong team to take a commitment and turn it into reality.
- I want to acknowledge the excellent and professional work of people in our ministries and at Translink
- Their work made this good news possible.
- Their professionalism and expertise has been invaluable.

- We're thankful for their hard work to make today happen.
- And I'm thankful to mayors from across the region for helping make today happen
- I am looking forward to continuing to work with mayors across the province
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Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Citadel Landing - 3000 Argue Street, Port Coquitlam, B.C.

Driving Directions: TBC

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Introduction/ thank you

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- I'd like to thank Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, for the introduction and also acknowledge Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Also with us:
 - Kevin Desmond, CEO for TransLink
 - Thanks for your involvement and partnership

- And finally, I'd like to welcome the mayors and councillors who could join us today from across Metro
 - Thanks for being with us for this important announcement that will help many people living in your communities, and everyone crossing the Fraser

Announcement

- It's time to make life more affordable for people who cross the Fraser every day
 - Commuters who have to drive to work, without transit options
 - Commercial drivers moving goods that drive our economy

- One round trip a day costs the average car commuter up to \$1,500 a year
- These toll unfairly targeted lower mainland commuters
 - Drivers in places like Kelowna, don't pay tolls
- Today we're keeping our commitment to commuters and the people of BC
- We're putting money back into the pockets of families.
- As of September 1st, we're eliminating tolls on the Godlen Ears and Port Mann bridges

- They will cross toll free, just like every other driver who travels across a bridge in B.C.
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- This is about making life a little easier for families who have been squeezed for years.
- We'll get people out of gridlock and home to their families faster
- Getting rid of tolls on the Port Mann Bridge won't just help commuters in Surrey and Maple Ridge

- It will help people in New West and other communities that have seen increased traffic since tolling began.
- It will make traffic flow better throughout the region, saving businesses time and money.
- It will make a real difference for people and for communities.
- Families like those of everyone here with us today.
- Like^{s.22} have monthly bills of close to \$200 from commuting across this bridge to work.

- Like those of ^{s.22} whose entire family is effected.
- And like those of ^{s.22} who you'll hear from in a moment, who is effected both as a small business owner, and in his family's daily commute.
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- ~~, and the mayor's council for their support.~~

- ~~And special thanks to xxx (list further speakers) for joining us today as well.~~

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- ~~I've been looking forward to delivering on this commitment.~~

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~~• To deliver services people can count on.~~

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- We are just getting started. Removing tolls is just the beginning.

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