

A summary document indicating the size and scope of the contract with Binnie Engineering for the Sunshine Coast Fixed Link study, including the amount that has been invoiced and paid on the contract to date.

Size:

(from contract Payment Schedule)

MAXIMUM AMOUNT PAYABLE

Total payments shall not exceed \$ 250,000.00 inclusive of applicable taxes, which is the amount the Province is obliged to pay to the Contractor for fees and expenses under this Agreement (exclusive of applicable GST).

The amount invoiced and paid to date:

\$234,817.27 (exclusive of GST)

Scope (from contract Work/Services Schedule):

Undertake tasks listed below.

Development of a Detailed Work Program

The consultant will prepare a detailed work program which includes a project schedule identifying key project milestones, deliverables and tasks, including local government and community leader consultation events.

Preparation of a Problem Definition Statement

The consultant will prepare a problem definition statement which sets out the reasons for the study, the study goals and objectives, as well as technical issues as identified in previous reports and technical considerations for the necessary connections to the existing highway system.

Review of Previous Studies

The consultant will review previous studies to extract pertinent information on previous alignments assessed, geometric constraints, geotechnical issues, and capital costs.

Preparation of Forecast Demand Estimate

The consultant will develop an estimate of future potential demand for trips.

Development of General Corridor Alternatives

The consultant will identify alignment alternatives which are broadly consistent with the goals and objectives of the assignment. These should include, but not be limited to, those previously identified.

Agency consultation and facilitation

It is expected that the proponent will liaise with various parties or partners located in the study area and/or with interests in the area, as identified in discussion with MoTI. Examples are community groups, local government and First Nations .

Preparation of Cost Estimates

Road Options Concept Level Cost Estimate Reviews

A high level desktop study of each proposed fixed link option will be undertaken.

Bridge Options Concept Level Cost Estimates

Single line concept alignment plans to a scale of 1:20,000 will be prepared.

Ferry Options Concept Level Cost Estimates

BC Ferries data should include annual operating and maintenance costs, the value of existing ferry infrastructure, and the costs of any anticipated upgrades/improvement to terminals and docks.

Evaluation of Alternatives

It is assumed that the option accounts will be assessed against the existing transportation choices available for transportation between the Sunshine Coast and provincial mainland, known as the Base Case.

Meetings and Project Management

In developing their work plan, the consultant should allow for regular progress meetings with MoTI throughout the course of the Study, as well as meetings with any other party that may be required.

Reporting

The consultant will develop a draft Report which:

- summarizes the project processes and outcomes; and
- details the various options.

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Sunshine Coast highway link study underway

VANCOUVER – Work to study the feasibility of a highway link from the Sunshine Coast to the Lower Mainland is now underway, with the award of a \$250,000 contract to R.F. Binnie & Associates.

“Connections between the Sunshine Coast and the Lower Mainland have been limited by the region’s challenging geography, which is an impediment to trade and tourism in the region,” said Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone. “With this study, we’re taking a thorough look at the possibilities for a highway link to the Lower Mainland. It will build on previous work, and provide government with valuable, updated information on various options as they compare to the existing ferry service.”

A number of potential connections will be explored, with concept options ranging from a highway link around Jervis Inlet, to direct bridge connections along the coast. The costs and benefits of each option will be assessed and will be compared with existing ferry services.

“Gathering the data, assessing the practicality of options and the orders of magnitude of costs will all contribute to an informed discussion of the long-term plan for connecting the upper and lower Sunshine Coast to the Lower Mainland,” said Jordan Sturdy, MLA for West Vancouver-Sea to Sky. “This issue has been a hot topic as long as I can remember and I look forward to meeting with the communities to hear their perspectives.”

R.F. Binnie & Associates is a Vancouver-based civil engineering firm with expertise in consultation processes. R.F. Binnie’s final report to government on this study is expected in late fall 2016.

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