**216<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange and Highway 1 Improvement Project** FAQs for Website March 24, 2016

### What is the 216th Interchange and Highway 1 Improvement Project?

The project includes construction of a new interchange at the intersection of Highway 1 and 216th Street in Langley, and widening of Highway 1 between 202nd and 216th Street.

This will be a four-lane interchange with left turn lanes that will provide access onto eastbound and westbound Highway 1.

The new interchange will better accommodate growing traffic demands and the daily traffic volume of more than 106,000 vehicles on Highway 1.

# Why is this project needed?

The project is needed to reduce congestion and better accommodate growing traffic demands in this region.

As a primary transportation corridor, building one additional lane in each direction on Highway 1 and constructing a new interchange will reduce congestion and improve travel times for the travelling public and goods movers.

# How will this project benefit Langley?

Langley has grown significantly in recent years. A new interchange at 216th Street will alleviate congestion and provide greater connectivity between Langley and communities north and south of the highway.

# What are the benefits?

The project will:

- Improve traffic flow and travel times on Highway 1 by increasing lane capacity and extending HOV lanes
- Improve safety, operation and reliability when entering and exiting Highway 1
- Relieve existing congestion at the 200<sup>th</sup> and 232<sup>nd</sup> Street Interchanges
- Reduce idling times and related air emissions
- Allow for greater mobility options with the addition of pedestrian and cycling improvements

# When will the project be built?

Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2016 and is expected to be complete by fall 2019.

# How much will this project cost?

The current total budget for this project is \$59 million.

# How will this project be paid for?

Costs will be shared between the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia, each contributing \$22.3 million, and the Township of Langley contributing \$14.3 million towards construction of the interchange.

### Where can I get more information about this project?

Additional information is available on the <u>Project website</u>. If you have further questions, please email us at <u>216interchange@gov.bc.ca</u>.