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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **April 7, 2010**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering** FILE: **1708-057/G**

SUBJECT: **Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Program – Contribution Agreements with Funding Partners**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that Council approve the execution of formal Contribution Agreements with each of Her Majesty in Right of Canada, the Province of British Columbia, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority, the Township of Langley, the City of Langley, the British Columbia Railway Company, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the Canadian National Railway Company and the BNSF Railway Company (the funding Partners) for contributions as documented in this report towards the cost of constructing the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Program works located within the City of Surrey.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide background information on the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Program and to obtain Council approval for the execution of Contribution Agreements with each of the Program funding partners related to works in Surrey.

BACKGROUND

The Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor is a network of transportation infrastructure including B.C.'s lower mainland and Prince Rupert ports, their principal road and rail connections stretching across Western Canada and south to the United States, key border crossings, and major Canadian airports. The network serves all of Canada and is focussed on trade with the Asia-Pacific region.

In 2006 the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative was launched to bring together infrastructure, policy, governance and operational issues into one integrated, multi-modal, public-private strategy. In this context the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor: Road/Rail Interface Study, which was completed in 2007, identified an implementation plan including a comprehensive package of nine road/rail grade separations along the RBRC in the lower mainland. This implementation plan is intended to enhance rail operations, accommodate anticipated growth in rail and road traffic, and provide relief to road users affected by rail transport. Building grade separations allows for reduced delay by motorists along with national economic prosperity benefits, and serves to enhance the efficiency, safety and security of the transportation system.

An Agreement in Principle was reached between 12 funding partners in relation to funding the costs of constructing the overpasses. TransLink committed to undertake the role of Program Director and administrative lead of the Program on behalf of the Partners. The municipalities, in which the respective grade separations are located, are designated as the Delivery Agents.

DISCUSSION

The Roberts Bank rail corridor Program in Surrey consists of the construction of road/rail grade separations at 152 Street, 192 Street, 196 Street, and 54 Avenue and a project consisting of road works and at-grade crossing improvements and closures to allow for the cessation of train whistling along the majority of the B.C. Railway corridor through Surrey. The project areas are illustrated on the map attached as Appendix I. The proposed Program will be funded in accordance with the following contribution table:

**Partner Funding Allocation
(\$ millions)**

Project	Transport Canada	Port Metro Vancouver	TransLink	B.C.	Railways	Langley City	Langley Township	Surrey	Total
152 St.	4.9	3.3	20.0	4.0				8.8	41.0
192 St.	38.5	25.6						5.3	36.3
54 Ave.						2.8		2.8	24.5
196 St.				25.5		5.5	5.5	5.5	56.2
Whistling Cessation	9.4	6.2			8.4				24.0
Total	52.8	35.1	20.0	29.5	8.4	8.3	5.5	22.4	182.0

The grade separations and additional works will provide relief to Surrey road users affected by rail transportation through reducing the delays caused by rail traffic at intersections with major roads and will allow for local quality of life benefits by eliminating train whistling at at-grade railway crossings throughout the majority of the B.C. Rail corridor across Surrey. Contributions towards the works by the funding partners will total 87.7% of the cost of the works in Surrey.

Schedule

Placing the pre-load for the 152 Street grade separation bypass road is scheduled for this coming summer. Construction of the 152 Street, 192 Street, 54 Avenue and 196 Street grade-separations is scheduled to commence in spring 2011 with construction to be complete by March 2014. The road works are scheduled to commence in 2011, which will involve preloading during that year and are to be completed in 2013.

CONCLUSION

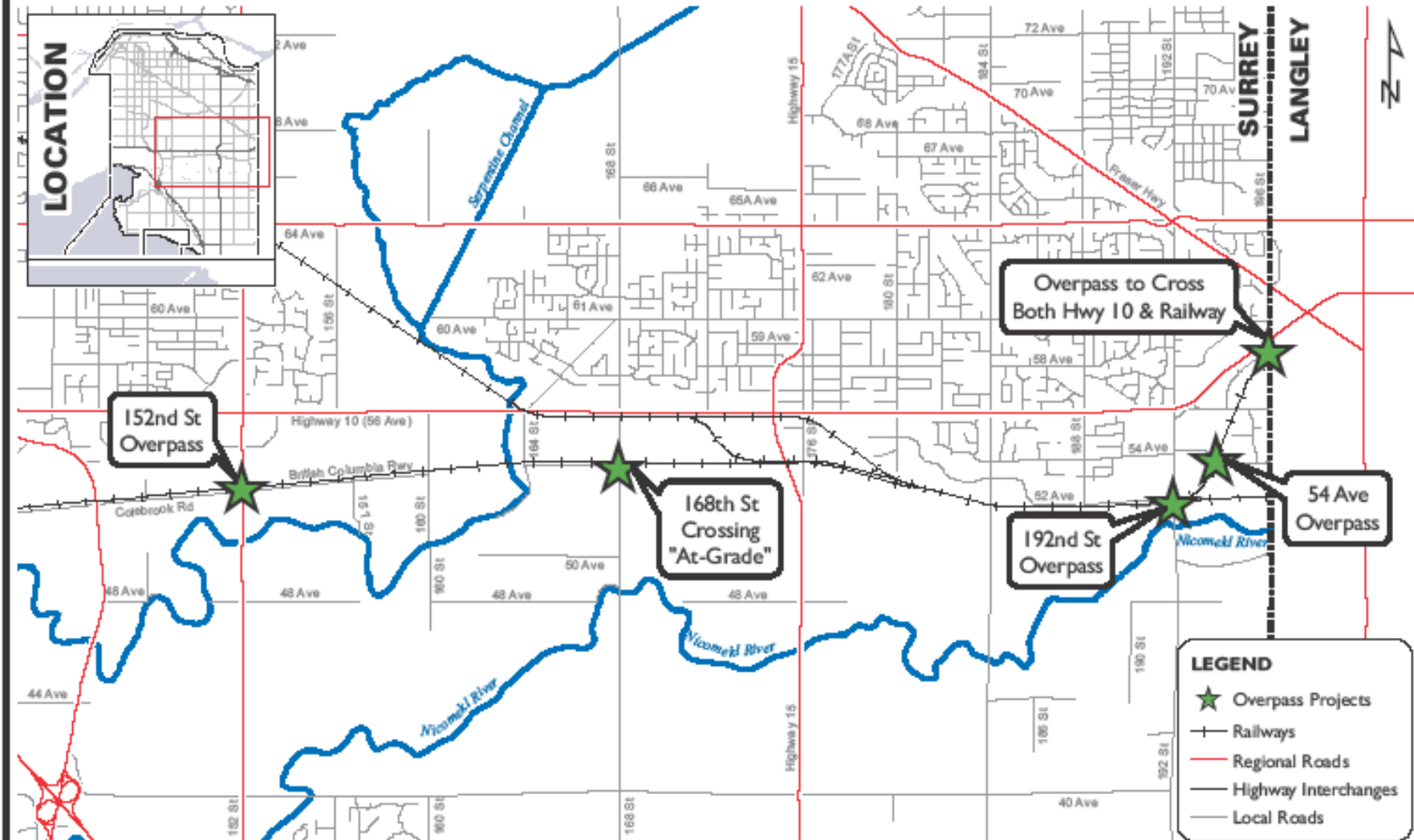
Formal Contribution Agreements between Surrey and each of its funding partners for a combined contribution of \$159.6 million toward works in Surrey need to be executed to finalize these funding and delivery commitments. It is therefore recommended that Council approve the execution of these Contribution Agreements.

Vincent Lalonde, P.Eng.
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Appendix I - Map of the Roberts Banks Rail Corridor Program Crossings

APPENDIX I



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Roberts Bank Corridor Crossing Projects

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

The data provided is compiled from various sources and is NOT warranted as to its accuracy or sufficiency by the City of Surrey. This information is provided for information and convenience purposes only. Lot sizes, legal descriptions and encumbrances must be confirmed at the Land Title Office.

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