

FACT SHEET

Kicking Horse Canyon Project Community Update Open House January 26, 2005

Kicking Horse Canyon Project - Overview

- The Kicking Horse Canyon project involves upgrading approximately 26 kilometres of the Trans-Canada Highway from the junction of Highway 95 in Golden to the western boundary of Yoho National Park.
- Improvements include highway widening to 4 lanes with a design speed of 100 km/hr, improved alignments, replacement of narrow bridge structures, and other design innovations to reduce hazards.
- The route carries over 9,000 vehicles per day during the summer.
- The estimated cost of the project is \$730 million, and it is one of the province's top transportation priorities.
- Partial federal cost sharing for the first two phases of the project is in hand but a commitment to cost share the balance of the project is key to completing corridor improvements.

Phase 1 - Yoho (5 Mile) Bridge

- Federal government has committed \$22.5 million toward the estimated total cost of approximately \$60.5 million
- Contract 1 - rock work at 6 Mile Hill (completed in 2001 by Dawson Construction Inc.)
- Contract 2 - new Yoho Bridge and rock debris protection wall (awarded in 2002 and open to traffic in fall 2004 by Peter Kiewit Sons Inc.)
- Contract 3 - 4 lane re-alignment of the highway from 6 Mile Hill to the rest area approximately two kilometres east of the Yoho Bridge (awarded July 2004 to Emil Anderson Construction Inc., work began in late 2004 and is expected to be complete in 2006)

Phase 2 - Park (10 Mile) Bridge

- Currently in the competitive selection process for a team to design, build, finance, operate (DBFO) and maintain improvements
- Estimated total cost is approximately \$130 million
- Federal government has committed to fund up to \$62.5 million of construction costs
- Three teams (KHC Highway Group, SNC-Lavalin Team, Trans-Park Highway Group) qualified under a Request for Qualifications process, and have been invited to submit proposals to address financing, design and construction. Proposals will begin evaluation in spring/summer 2005.
- Includes new Park Bridge, upgrading approximately 4.6 kilometres of highway approaches between the rest area and the commercial vehicle brake check at the top of 10 Mile Hill, as well as the operations and maintenance of the entire 26 kilometre section of the Trans Canada Highway between Golden and Yoho National Park
- Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2005 and be complete in 2009

Phase 3 - Improvements to the balance of the corridor

- In early planning stages
- A cost-sharing arrangement with the federal government is required to fund the project
- A long term project to upgrade approximately 16 kilometres of highway to four lanes including significant realignment to improve traffic operations and safety, and reduce rock fall hazards
- Construction timing to be determined dependent on funding