



Cheaper ways to address traffic woes than SFPR

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Politicians don't listen!

We don't need the South Fraser Perimeter Road cutting through the middle of Delta's farmland. If our politicians did a few obvious things they would get better result for far less money.

First, extend Highway 10's four lanes from Surrey to Highway 17. The province has already spent a great amount of money east of here (Surrey and Langley) making Highway 10 four lanes. Finish the job.

Second, add a third lane on Highway 17 from Deltaport Way to Highway 99.

This will reduce the competition between container trucks and the rest of traffic on Highway 17 until the trucks disperse.

Third, fix the Highway 17 overpass over Highway 99, where vehicles are backed up a good part of the day. It needs to be wider.

Fourth, add another overpass somewhere on Highway 99 in Delta, so we don't get totally gridlocked every time a container truck turns over on Highway 17.

Fifth, make River Road four lanes from North Delta to Ladner. This is our major industrial/commerce area, and is totally bogged down for at least an hour a day.

Sixth, add a "twin" tunnel to the George Massey Tunnel and include additional rapid transit tunnels. Put a toll on the new tunnel so traffic is tolled only one way.

If provincial politicians were to do the items listed above, they would get far better results than the South Fraser Perimeter Road, for less money, and spare a huge amount of farmland and Burns Bog land from devastation in the process.

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