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### **CANADA LINE RECOGNIZED AS WORLD-CLASS PROJECT**

VICTORIA – An international publication has featured the rapid transit Canada Line among the 100 most innovative and socially significant infrastructure projects around the world, said Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Shirley Bond.

“British Columbians can be proud that the Canada Line has once again been recognized as an outstanding infrastructure project. In December 2009, the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships presented the Canada Line with their Gold Award for infrastructure excellence,” said Bond. “The Canada Line was showcased to the world during the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, and its continued ridership success reinforces the need to move forward with other transit priorities like the Evergreen Line.”

The publication, called Infrastructure 100, highlights the unique design of the Canada Line as it travels above and below ground, and includes the North Arm Bridge, North America’s first extra-dosed, double-cabled bridge. It also notes the project being completed ahead of schedule. Canada Line officially opened in August 2009, three-and-a-half months earlier than originally planned.

“The Canada Line has integrated seamlessly with Metro Vancouver’s transit system, quickly demonstrating its effectiveness in attracting new ridership along a busy corridor and improving the efficiency of other transit modes,” said TransLink CEO Ian Jarvis. “It has been a success story on many accounts and has deserved the worldwide acclaim it has received.”

An independent judging panel selected 100 projects based on scale, feasibility, complexity, innovation and impact on society. The publication is produced by the Infrastructure Journal and KPMG, a global network of professional firms providing audit, tax and advisory services.

Canada Line is one of the largest infrastructure undertakings ever completed in British Columbia. It transports passengers along the 19-kilometre route from downtown Vancouver’s Waterfront Station to Vancouver International Airport in just 25 minutes. After being in service for less than a year, it already carries almost 100,000 passengers per day, eliminating 14,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually.

The project was overseen by Canada Line Rapid Transit Inc. (CLCO), a subsidiary of TransLink. The Government of Canada, Government of British Columbia, South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority (TransLink), the Vancouver Airport Authority and InTransitBC funded the Canada Line, which is also supported by the Cities of Vancouver and Richmond, at \$2.1 billion.

In December 2009, the Canada Line received a Gold Award for Infrastructure from the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships.

Please visit the link below to review a copy of the Infrastructure 100 publication:  
[www.infrastructure100.com/Resources/PDF/Infrastructure100\\_2010.pdf](http://www.infrastructure100.com/Resources/PDF/Infrastructure100_2010.pdf)

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