

CONTRACTOR CHOSEN FOR SEA-TO-SKY HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

VANCOUVER – S2S Transportation Group (S2S) has been selected as the preferred proponent offering the best value in safety, reliability and capacity improvements for the Sea-to-Sky Highway. The Ministry of Transportation has completed an extensive evaluation of proposals from the three teams who were short-listed and invited to submit proposals to design, build, finance, and operate (DBFO) the highway. Following successful contract negotiations and finalization, S2S Transportation Group will be accountable for delivering a safe and reliable highway through a 25-year performance-based contract.

S2S Transportation Group has the experience, skills, expertise and creativity necessary to improve the safety, reliability and capacity of the highway on time and on budget. The ministry will oversee the project ensuring that all specifications such as highway width, number of lanes, safety requirements, sightline requirements, signage, traffic management and commitments to communities are appropriately met.

Improvements include highway widening and straightening, improvements to sightlines, passing lanes and other design improvements between West Vancouver and Whistler.

Based in Vancouver, S2S Transportation Group is a comprehensive team comprised of leading international and B.C. companies with global expertise in complex highway projects. Leading the S2S team as project manager is the Macquarie Group, one of the world's largest and most successful road developers. British Columbia-based team members include:

- Peter Kiewit Sons Co.,
- JJM Construction,
- Hatch Mott MacDonald (HMM),
- ND Lea, McElhanney Engineering Services Ltd.,
- Capilano Highway Services

The Request for Proposals (RFP) evaluation was undertaken by an evaluation team including leading experts in highway safety, construction traffic management, highway design and construction, finance, environment and other technical areas. The criteria that guided the evaluation are in the RFP, available on www.seatoskyimprovements.ca. The other teams submitting responses to the RFP were Black Tusk Highway Group and Sound Highway Development Consortium.

The Honourable W.J. Wallace QC, the Fairness Reviewer for the competitive selection process, has had full access to every aspect of the evaluation and will prepare an independent opinion regarding the fairness of the process. When completed, Judge Wallace's report will be available on www.seatoskyimprovements.ca.

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Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project

The Sea-to-Sky Highway links communities from West Vancouver to Whistler. Set in a mountain landscape, the highway presents complex engineering and construction challenges. The Ministry of Transportation is undertaking improvements to the highway to improve its safety, capacity and reliability. By 2009, extensive highway improvements will make travel along the corridor safer and more reliable for residents, commuters, goods movers and tourists.

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