



Project Update

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Three Teams Short-Listed for Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project

Three qualified proponent teams have been short-listed to participate in the request for proposal (RFP) stage of the competitive selection process to design, build, finance, and operate (DBFO) improvements to the Sea-to-Sky Highway. The three short-listed teams are:

- **Black Tusk Highway Group**
- **S2S Transportation Group**
- **Sound Highway Development Consortium**

Five proponent teams responded to a request for qualifications (RFQ). The short-listed proponents have successfully demonstrated their experience, capability and capacity to manage traffic during construction, and to operate and maintain the highway over the term of the DBFO agreement.

The objective of the RFQ stage was to create a short-list of not more than three respondents who have successfully demonstrated their experience, capability and capacity to complete the design-build component of the DBFO project on time and on budget and to operate, maintain and rehabilitate the highway over the term of the DBFO agreement.

The short-listed proponents will be invited to respond to the RFP. The objective of the RFP stage of the competitive selection process is to select the *preferred* short-listed respondent who will be offered the opportunity to finalize an agreement for delivery of the DBFO project.

The Fairness Reviewer, Hon. W.J. Wallace Q.C., has reviewed the RFQ process and found that the evaluation was fair and unbiased. The Fairness Reviewer's report will be available at www.seatoskyimprovements.ca or www.partnershipsbc.ca.

The Sea-to-Sky Highway links communities from West Vancouver to Whistler. Set in a spectacular mountain landscape, the highway presents complex engineering and construction challenges. British Columbia's 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 for residents, commuters, goods movers and tourists. The project must be completed prior to the 2010 Olympics and Paralympics. Over the longer term, highway improvements will serve population growth, economic development in corridor communities and increasing demand for resident travel, visitor travel and goods movement.



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Improvements will include highway widening and straightening, improved sightlines, passing lanes and other design innovations and measures to reduce hazards, shorten travel times and increase capacity of the Sea-to-Sky Highway.

The Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project will result in the following:

- 4 lanes Horseshoe Bay to Lions Bay
- 2 lanes Lions Bay to Porteau Cove (3rd lane on rail bed for Olympics)
- 3 lanes from Porteau Cove to Squamish
- 4 lanes within urban Squamish
- 3 lanes from Squamish to Whistler

The 100 km highway improvement project will be completed by 2009 and will meet population growth and travel demands until approximately 2020, with additional improvements phased in as required over approximately 20 years. The capital cost of the DBFO component of the highway improvement project is approximately \$400 million of a total capital cost of \$600 million. The Ministry of Transportation is directly undertaking approximately \$200 million in capital improvements to meet schedule requirements. The total project will create 6,000 new jobs throughout the province as a result of economic activity generated along the corridor, and will increase provincial GDP by \$300 million over the period of 2010 to 2025.

The primary goals for the Sea-to-Sky Highway Improvement Project are:

- safety improvements
- reliability improvements
- capacity improvements
- project completion by late 2009
- manage traffic flows during construction to minimize disruption and maximize predictability
- deliver the project on time and within the capital budget of \$600 million.

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Attachments:

Proponent Profiles



Proponent Team Profiles

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1. BLACK TUSK HIGHWAY GROUP

The Black Tusk Highway Group includes the following:

- Bilfinger Berger BOT Inc.
- Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Limited
- AMEC
- Granite Construction Company
- Parsons Transportation Group
- Graham Industrial Services Ltd.
- Emil Anderson Construction Co. Ltd.
- Emil Anderson Maintenance Co. Ltd.
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- McCarthy Tetrault LLP

2. S2S TRANSPORTATION GROUP

S2S Transportation Group includes:

- Macquarie North America Ltd.
- Peter Kiewit Sons Co.
- JJM Group
- Hatch Mott MacDonald
- ND LEA Consultants Ltd.
- UMA Engineering Ltd.
- McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd.
- The Miller Group
- Capilano Highway Services Company
- Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP

3. SOUND HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM

The Sound Highway Development Consortium includes the following:

- Canadian Highways Infrastructure Corporation
- Borealis Infrastructure Management Inc.
- Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board
- Egis Projects
- Vinci Concessions S.A.
- Aecon Constructors
- Vinci Construction Grands Projets S.A.
- Mainroad Contracting
- Delcan Corporation
- Klohn Crippen Consultants Ltd.
- TD Securities
- Goodmans LLP