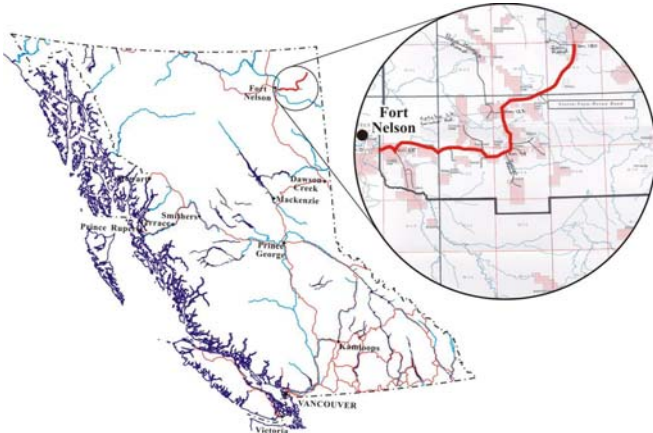


Sierra Yoyo Desan Road



Location of the Sierra Yoyo Desan Road in British Columbia.

Project Overview

The Sierra Yoyo Desan (SYD) Road is a 188 kilometre multi-user resource road located northeast of Fort Nelson. Although the road is open to the public, it is primarily used by resource companies for industrial activities.

The SYD Road is currently operating under a partnership, established in 1998, between industry and government, with companies paying for the use of the road.

A major upgrade of the SYD Road is now required to facilitate all-season oil and gas activities as part of the Province's Oil and Gas Development Strategy. The proposed improvements will strengthen the road, improve safety and accessibility, and increase oil and gas development activities.

A partner for the SYD Road will design, construct, finance, operate and maintain the road under a proposed 15 year contract period. The new partnership will build on the existing user pay arrangement and partnership between government and industry.

Construction has already begun in order to advance timelines on this project.

Features

The four principal components of the project are:

- Construction of a bypass, including a Fort Nelson River bridge to connect Highway 97 to the SYD Road;
- Upgrade of the SYD Road consisting of selective widening and strengthening of the existing gravel road, realignment and widening of hazardous corners, and improving sight lines;
- Bridge replacement and related upgrades; and,
- Maintenance and operation of the road.

Sponsor/Client

The Ministry of Energy & Mines, in cooperation with the Road User Group representing the major industrial users of the SYD Road.

Milestones

- Registration of Interest issued June 26, 2003
- Request for Qualifications issued July 18, 2003
- Request for Qualifications closed Aug. 15, 2003
- Request for Proposals issued End of Sept. 2003
- Deadline for submissions Oct/Nov 2003
- Selection of preferred proponent November 2003
- Close agreement with partner December 2003

Partnerships BC's Role

Partnerships BC is advising the Ministry of Energy & Mines on the business transaction, and is working with a project team to manage the procurement process.

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