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Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project

**Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project – New Westminster Facilities and Connections**

Thank you for meeting with us on March 24<sup>th</sup> to provide an update on the Pattullo Bridge project's active transportation facilities on the New Westminster side. We are encouraged by the agreement to build an overpass from Agnes Street to the bridge deck, straighten the approach to the Agnes-Royal overpass and improve many aspects of the McBride Blvd multi-use paths. These changes will serve active transportation movements well for generations to come.

Regarding the Central Valley Greenway (CVG), although we appreciate the effort the project team put into assessing three routes in addition to the original design, we disagree that the original circuitous design should be the reference point. We respectfully submit that the standard of comparison needs to be the existing well-established, well-used route. When comparing the proposed design to what currently exists in this section of the CVG, there is no question that the PBR project will spend a lot of money to deliver a routing which is considerably less desirable for day-to-day users than the one we have today. It should be no more acceptable to design such excessive rerouting of the CVG than it would be for similar rerouting of Columbia Street, which parallels it.

Although we appreciate the technical challenges this project faces, we strongly feel that further research and discussion can lead to a better solution than what is being considered. We believe there may be an opportunity to build an underpass adjacent to the skytrain tunnel or extend the CVG between the on-ramp and Columbia Street to allow for a level crossing at McBride Blvd.

We request the opportunity to discuss other design options in our upcoming meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

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