



Ministry of Transportation

SERVICE PLAN SUMMARY

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Message from the Minister

Over the next three years, the provincial government is investing over \$2 billion to improve transportation throughout the province. It is the largest program of transportation improvements that British Columbia has ever seen.

One of our key challenges is to invest in the infrastructure we need to handle the tremendous growth in Asia-Pacific trade. Our geographic location is a natural advantage as the Pacific Gateway to North America but we need a strong transportation system to carry the growing traffic to and from our ports.

The provincial Gateway Program will invest in roads and bridges linking various ports, railways, airports and passenger transit points in the Lower Mainland. Gateway Program infrastructure will ease the bottlenecks in our overburdened transportation system and complement regional road and transit improvements already planned or underway.

We are also guided by the need to improve safety and reliability for travelers throughout British Columbia to support our communities' resource industries and tourism. Under our three-year transportation plan, we continue to make transportation investments that make a difference.

The Premier's Five Great Goals for a Golden Decade include creating more jobs per capita than anywhere else in Canada. Projects such as the new William R. Bennett Bridge in Kelowna, the Trans-Canada Highway - Kicking Horse Canyon improvements and the Sea-to-Sky Highway upgrades are supporting this goal by providing the infrastructure we need for a growing economy.

The pathways to success are our roads, rails, ferries, bridges, ports and airports; this service plan is our updated map.



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Honourable Kevin Falcon
Minister of Transportation
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Ministry Purpose, Vision and Mission

Purpose

The Ministry of Transportation plans transportation networks, provides transportation services, develops and implements transportation policies, and administers many transportation-related acts and regulations.

Vision

The ministry's vision is a fully integrated transportation system that advances economic and social growth, and moves goods and people within B.C. and to markets beyond.

Mission

The ministry's mission is to:

- Create an integrated and safe transportation network that incorporates all modes of transport, reflects regional priorities and provides a strong foundation for economic growth; and
- Maintain and improve the provincial highway system, ensuring the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.

Ministry Goals

In order to further the provincial government's Five Great Goals, the ministry has the following goals:

1. *Key transportation infrastructure is improved to drive economic growth and trade.*
2. *British Columbia is provided with a safe and reliable highway system.*
3. *British Columbia's transportation industries become more competitive.*
4. *Excellent customer service is achieved.*

Support for the Five Great Goals

Through investment in transportation improvements, environmental reviews, investment in cycling infrastructure, and financial contributions to public transportation, the ministry primarily supports four of Government's Five Great Goals:

- » Create more jobs per capita than anywhere else in Canada.
- » Lead the world in sustainable environmental management, with the best air and water quality, and the best fisheries management, bar none.
- » Lead the way in North America in healthy living and physical fitness.
- » Build the best system of support in Canada for persons with disabilities, those with special needs, children at risk and seniors.

Cross Ministry Initiatives

The provincial government has announced a number of important initiatives for which success will depend on the work of more than one ministry. The Ministry of Transportation supports the following cross-ministry initiatives;

Asia-Pacific Strategy. Increase economic growth opportunities across British Columbia by maximizing British Columbia's strategic advantage as Canada's Asia-Pacific gateway.

2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Showcase the province on a global basis, celebrate provincial accomplishments and create lasting economic opportunities for British Columbia.

First Nations. Implement the New Relationship commitment of government.

Mountain Pine Beetle. Mitigate the impacts of B.C.'s mountain pine beetle attack on the forest resource, while recovering the greatest value and maintaining and protecting public health, safety and infrastructure.

Regulatory Reform. Ensure provincial regulations are citizen-centered, efficient and effective.

ActNow BC. Motivate British Columbians to improve their health by reducing tobacco use, eating nutritious foods, being more physically active, and making healthy choices during pregnancy.

Core Business Areas

Ministry responsibilities fall into five core business areas:

1. *Transportation Improvements* - Managing and improving the province's transportation network requires careful planning, monitoring and direction, looking decades into the future. The ministry ensures that the most pressing transportation needs in British Columbia are addressed first, so that the public's investment in transportation can bring as many benefits as possible. The Minister relies on the advice of eight independent Regional Transportation Advisory Committees across the province to identify and prioritize transportation projects. The ministry's work in this core business area includes:

- » Transportation Policy and Legislation;
- » Planning, Engineering and Construction;
- » Partnerships; and
- » Port and Airport Development.

2. *Public Transportation* - The provincial government provides support to public transit and coastal ferry services across the province. These services are vital to the economic and social health of many communities. BC Transit is supported by annual transfers of capital and/or operating funding. This funding also supports transportation services for the disabled. Public transit in Greater Vancouver is funded through dedicated tax revenues provided to TransLink (Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority), which is responsible for public transit in the region. Provincial funding is also committed to three new rapid transit lines in Greater Vancouver: the Canada Line connecting Richmond, the Airport and downtown Vancouver; the proposed northeast rapid transit extension; and the SkyTrain Millennium Line. The Province pays performance-based service fees to British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. for the delivery of coastal ferry services. Many island and coastal communities rely on these connections to the rest of the province.

3. *Highway Operations* - Highway Operations keeps British Columbia's highway network safe, reliable and in good repair in some of Canada's most challenging terrain. Highway Operations is the ministry's front line — regional and district staffs provide customer service by working directly with the public, local governments, First Nations and ministry contractors. The ministry's work in this core business area includes:

- » Maintenance, Asset Preservation and Traffic Operations;
- » Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement;
- » Inland Ferries; and
- » Coquihalla Toll Administration.

Highway Operations determines where investment would do the most good, resurfaces roads and bridges, replaces bridges at the end of their service lives, and performs other work to extend the life of the transportation network.

4. *Passenger Transportation Regulation* - The ministry regulates the passenger transportation industry to ensure adequate access to commercial public transportation (excluding public transit), public safety and a healthy economy.

5. *Executive and Support Services* - This business area supports all ministry programs through such core functions as service planning, reporting and performance measurement; human resources; information systems; and financial and administrative services.

Ministry Performance Plan Summary

This section details each of the ministry's goals, objectives and performance measures and illustrates how they contribute to government's Five Great Goals.

Five Great Goals	Ministry Mission To create an integrated and safe transportation network that incorporates all modes of transport, reflects regional priorities, and provides a strong foundation for economic growth. To maintain and improve the provincial highway system, ensuring the safe and efficient movement of goods and people provincially, nationally and internationally.		
To create more jobs per capita than anywhere else in Canada.	Ministry Goals	Ministry Objectives	Performance Measures
	1. Key transportation infrastructure is improved to drive economic growth and trade.	1.1 Available provincial investment dollars are used as effectively as possible.	← Project performance.
		1.2 Improved mobility for highways servicing major economic gateways.	← Private investment leveraged.
			← Federal funding investment leveraged.
			← Commercial trucking travel speed between economic gateways.
2. British Columbia is provided with a safe and reliable highway system.	2.1 Contractors maintain the provincial highway system to a high standard.	← Contractor Assessment Program.	
	2.2 The main highway system is rehabilitated on a lowest life-cycle cost basis.	← Main highway condition.	
	2.3 Improved road access for resource industries and rural residents.	← Cumulative lane kilometres improved.	
	2.4 Improved highway safety and reliability.	← Crash reduction after construction on safety improvement capital projects.	
	2.5 Effective road safety enforcement, education and programs for the commercial transport industry.	← Variation from national average in out-of-service rate for commercial vehicles.	
3. British Columbia's transportation industries become more competitive.	3.1 Building on the British Columbia Ports Strategy as part of a Pacific Gateway Strategy.	← Growth in container volume handled at west coast ports.	
4. Excellent customer service is achieved.	4.1 Excellent service is provided to all British Columbians.	← Customer Satisfaction survey.	





Contact Information

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is available at: [www.th.gov.bc.ca/publications/
ministry_reporting/documents.htm](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/publications/ministry_reporting/documents.htm)