

Collaboration and advanced planning results in significant federal funding commitments

The Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum has been working together since 2014 to identify and seek funding for projects that will improve our trade and transportation network to meet growth anticipated by 2030.

Together, we developed Greater Vancouver Gateway 2030, a strategy for smart infrastructure investment to remove bottlenecks impacting growth of trade, while also addressing community impacts of goods movement and a growing population. The strategy consists of projects that will provide benefits right across the country by helping get Canadian goods to market, growing the economy, creating and sustaining well-paying jobs, and supporting liveable, green communities with safety, mobility and air quality improvements.

Funding and implementing these projects will address some of the challenges identified in Transport Canada's Regional Transportation Assessment for Western Canada, published in November 2019.

In 2018, 2019 and 2021, projects put forward by members of the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum received more than \$300 million in federal funding commitments from the National Trade Corridors Fund. Delivery of the Greater Vancouver Gateway 2030 strategy will ensure that we have an efficient and competitive network to support Canadian trade while also addressing the community impacts of anticipated trade and population growth.

The Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum consists of Transport Canada, the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, TransLink, the Greater Vancouver Gateway Council and the B.C. Marine Terminal Operators Association.

The benefits of the Greater Vancouver Gateway 2030 Strategy are strategically aligned with priorities of the federal, provincial, and local governments, as well as Indigenous groups, businesses big and small, and growing communities around the country.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

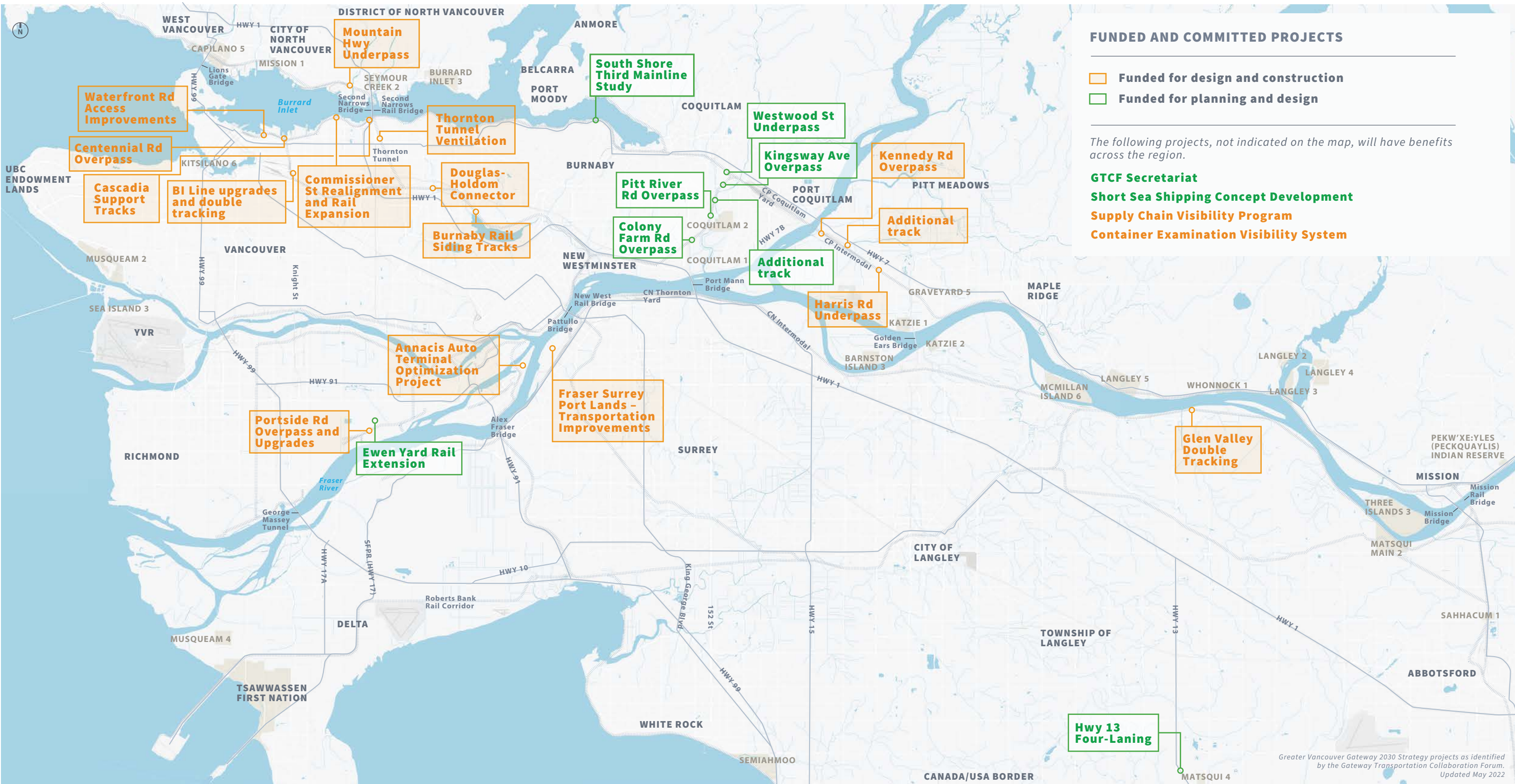
- ✔ Growing the economy
- ✔ Creating well-paying direct and indirect jobs
- ✔ Stimulating private sector investment
- ✔ Removing capacity constraints and freight bottlenecks and improving trade corridor capacity

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- ✔ Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and contributing to climate change reduction goals
- ✔ Improving safety and mobility by separating trains from people walking, cycling, and driving
- ✔ Reducing noise and minimizing traffic conflicts

We are grateful for the show of support received from Members of Parliament, Indigenous groups, municipalities, industry associations, terminal operators, cargo owners and members of the community that helped in securing federal funding.

Projects receiving federal funding commitments in 2018, 2019 and 2021



Greater Vancouver Gateway 2030 Strategy projects as identified by the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum. Updated May 2022

Partnering to bring benefits to communities and enable growing trade

The Burnaby Rail Corridor Improvements Project is an example of a project that Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum members are progressing thanks to meaningful partnerships with municipalities, Indigenous groups, transportation partners and members of the community.

In 2018, the Government of Canada's National Trade Corridors Fund provided \$76.9 million in funding toward the Burnaby Rail Corridor Improvements Project. The project involves two important upgrades by CN to the rail line, and the creation of a new overpass, called the Holdom Overpass, led by the port authority in partnership with the City of Burnaby. The Holdom Overpass will support national trade growth, and aligns

with the City of Burnaby's transportation plans. When complete, it will allow for more fluid rail movement to terminals in North Vancouver, and will improve safety and community access by creating more reliable travel times and better emergency response options.

The port authority is now focusing on working with Indigenous groups, the City of Burnaby and other stakeholders to undertake technical studies, stakeholder and public engagement, advance project design, and plan for project construction.



What's next?

The focus of Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum members at this time remains ensuring that goods and people can continue to move safely and efficiently as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Ensuring efficiency and resiliency in the supply chain, especially in light of the devastating wildfires and atmospheric weather events of 2021, is crucial to ensure groceries, medication and other essential supplies that Canadians need are delivered, and to continue to export Canadian resources and products to the world.

Over the coming months, we will be working with industry, Indigenous and local governments to discuss and plan for additional infrastructure projects and initiatives that will increase fluidity and capacity of our gateway for Canadian trade, while managing the

impacts of growth in trade on communities and the environment. We will also be exploring opportunities for government funding to help deliver these projects on behalf of all Canadians.

As Canadians and Canadian businesses face an uncertain economic future in the face of COVID-19, there is no more important time to invest in projects that will keep people working and secure our ability to trade with the world.

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