

Public Forum in Surrey on Port Mann/Highway #1 expansion

On Wednesday October 5th, the Liveable Region Coalition is presenting a public forum and discussion of the B.C. Government's plans for highway expansion in the greater Vancouver area - and its impacts on traffic congestion, neighbourhoods and regional liveability.

Panel speakers include:

Michael Kluckner, Author of Paving Paradise
David Biggs, Envision Sustainability Tools
Stuart Ramsey, Transportation Engineer
Prof. Patrick Condon, University of British Columbia

Where and When:

SFU Surrey Campus, Central City Tower
SFU Lecture Theatre - room SC2600
13450 102nd Avenue, Surrey -- Room 2600
Wednesday, October 5th, 7 p.m.,
(Within 1 minute walk of the Surrey Central Skytrain station)

Background:

The BC provincial government plans to widen Highway 1 and add a second Port Mann Bridge as part of a massive \$4-5 Billion 'Gateway' roads program. Highway 1 would be expanded to at least eight lanes between 1st Avenue in Vancouver and 200 St. in Langley.

This proposed highway expansion raises many concerns, including:

- * An increase in the number of vehicles on the road
- * Long-term increases in air pollution and related health problems
- * Further urban sprawl and longer commutes
- * Destruction of the precious farmland and open space in our greenbelt, the Agricultural Land Reserve
- * Huge increase in provincial debt for a short term solution

The Liveable Region Coalition (LRC) is a group of Lower Mainland citizens and sustainable transportation advocates. For more information on the forum please contact 604.736-7732 or info@livableregion.ca