

SPEC applauds the GVRD for taking a strong stand against freeway expansion

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Vancouver- The Society Promoting Environmental Conservation applauds the strong stand taken by the GVRD against the expansion of Highway #1 and the twinning of the Port Mann Bridge. Additionally, the call for study and development of smarter, cleaner solutions demonstrates a dedication to the Livable Region Strategic Plan and the needs of local residents and businesses.

"This represents a real turning point; the GVRD has not only stated their strong opposition to freeway expansion, but have also decided to look a real solutions" said Eric Doherty, SPEC Director.

Before a packed gallery of citizens from around the region, a heated debate exposed differing perspectives on freeway expansion. In the end, the Board decided to stand firm in support of regional commitment to Smart Growth planning and challenge the unprincipled approach taken by the Province.

"Today is a great day. Today a done deal was undone. We have an opportunity to move forward toward a cleaner, more livable future without freeway expansion" said David Fields, SPEC Transportation Campaigner "this opportunity requires the participation of citizens from around the region to continue to apply pressure on politicians at all levels."

SPEC Director Eric Doherty and campaigner David Fields both made presentations to the GVRD Board highlighting the social, environmental and economic benefits of better transit over the risks of freeway megaprojects.

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