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Interchange upgrade planned for Hwy 1 and Lickman Road

CHILLIWACK – Safety and efficiency improvements are being planned for the Lickman Road and Highway 1 interchange in Chilliwack, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone announced today while speaking to the Chilliwack Rotary Club.

"Residents have been asking for upgrades to this intersection for a long time and I look forward to a great partnership with the City of Chilliwack on this \$6.5 million project," Stone said. "Highway safety upgrades are a key priority of B.C. on the Move, our 10-year transportation plan and the improvements planned for this interchange will address safety and mobility concerns on this important route into Chilliwack."

The project will be cost-shared between the Province and the City of Chilliwack. The Province is contributing up to \$2 million for improvements to provincially-owned infrastructure including the highway ramps and the overpass and the city is providing the remaining project costs.

"Lickman Road is a vital route to access Chilliwack from the Trans-Canada Highway," said Chilliwack MLA John Martin. "This improvement project is welcome news to the community and will greatly improve safety and traffic flow at this busy access point between our community and the highway."

The work will focus on removing left-turn movements at the eastbound ramp intersection and redirecting left-turns to the south through a new, two-lane roundabout at Yale Road and Luckakuck Way. Lickman Road will also be widened to four lanes between the south side interchange ramps and Yale Road and Luckakuck Way.

"The city is delighted with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's announcement of a partnership contribution of up to \$2 million to the Lickman Interchange Upgrade Project," said Chilliwack Mayor Sharon Gaetz. "This interchange suffers from daily congestion delays and growing safety challenges. The planned improvements will be welcome by drivers of passenger vehicles and commercial freight vehicles alike."

B.C. on the Move is government's 10-year plan for the improvement of the province's transportation network. Over the next three years, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will invest up to \$2.7 billion to improve B.C.'s transportation network.

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