



# Issue Update

## P3 Discussion Paper Released

The Ministry of Transportation has released a discussion paper regarding the use of private-sector investment for transportation infrastructure in British Columbia. The paper, entitled *Creating Opportunities for Expanding Transportation Infrastructure*, includes a copy of the Transportation Investment Act which was introduced in the spring session of the legislature, and will be debated in the fall.

Government is looking for input from the public on the following:

- Are there significant transportation needs in British Columbia that are not currently being met?
- What should the priorities of government be in regards to transportation?
- Should highway tolls be introduced? Are there better ways of funding expanded highways?
- If tolls are acceptable, when or where should they be applied?
- Should the private sector be allowed to build/expand highways and recover costs through tolls?
- Does the proposed legislation provide sufficient protection for the public?

The paper reviews the BC infrastructure needs, and the limited public resources for meeting that need. It also discusses at some length the potential for public-private partnerships in this area. The proposed Transportation Investment Act is also outlined.

Anyone interested in providing a response to this discussion paper can do so on-line at the following government website:

<[www.th.gov.bc.ca/BCHighways/partnerships/Alternative\\_Delivery.htm](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/BCHighways/partnerships/Alternative_Delivery.htm)>

All responses should be provided to the Ministry by 4:30 p.m. on September 12, 2002.

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