



# Issue Update

## Government Contributes Funds to Highway Construction

Transport Canada and the Ministry of Transportation have announced the joint contribution of approximately \$17 million for two highway projects in British Columbia. The funding is part of the Canada/BC Strategic Highway Infrastructure Program (SHIP).

The projects identified for funding are Highway 97 near Quesnel, and the Trans-Canada Highway/Vedder Road interchange at Chilliwack.

The Highway 97 project includes realigning and replacing the Cottonwood River Bridge and upgrading a 1.4 kilometre stretch of the highway that will serve the bridge. The second project includes a reconstruction of ramps and associated intersections serving the interchange; improving and lengthening the acceleration/deceleration lanes at the interchange; widening northbound and southbound portions of Vedder Road; and removing local accesses.

The SHIP agreement between the federal and provincial government will bring approximately \$122.4 million to B.C. for highway improvement projects over the next few years.

Further information on these projects and on the SHIP program can be obtained on the B.C. Government website at: [www.gov.bc.ca](http://www.gov.bc.ca)

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