

Massey Tunnel



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Who will #Get2Yes?

Growing needs

B.C.'s fastest-growing communities need infrastructure to keep pace. Unfortunately, Richmond, Delta, and Surrey are still hamstrung by daily traffic bottlenecks at the George Massey Tunnel.

Gridlock isn't just an inconvenience, it has real consequences that has pushed some BC businesses caught in the quagmire to openly consider leaving.

Wasn't that supposed to be fixed by now?

Yes. The BC Liberal government had begun work on a new, 10-lane bridge, which would have been completed by 2022. Including highway and interchange improvements, the total project would have cost \$3.5 billion – and again, you'd be able to drive over it today.

So what happened?

The NDP happened. They cancelled the project. Instead of a larger bridge to meet the needs of growing communities, instead the NDP ordered another tunnel, with fewer lanes.

Well, when will that be done?

Good question! **Hasn't started yet.** There isn't even a target date to start construction.

Clearly a mistake. But the Tunnel is fine for now, right?

No.

For one thing, constant bottlenecks in the Tunnel have directly led to a higher-than-average frequency of collisions – which also tend to be more severe. One ICBC study found an average of 197 collisions per year in and around the Tunnel – 40% of which resulted in injuries or loss of life. That's almost 80 collisions, each and every year, where someone is hurt or dies.

It gets worse.

The Tunnel was never meant to last this long, and is showing its age. One report notes the tunnel had 10 years left before critical safety items like lighting, ventilation, and pumping systems urgently need to be replaced.

That was in 2018. **Think the NDP's replacement will be ready by 2028?**