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The Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor is a network of transportation infrastructure including British Columbia's Lower Mainland and Prince Rupert ports, their principal road and rail connections stretching across Western Canada and south to the United States, key border crossings, and major Canadian airports.

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Friday, June 29, 2007

NASCO staff monitors major developments affecting the future of the freight transportation system in North America, highlighting their significance to the NASCO SuperCorridor

and NASCO Coalition members, partners and supporters.

Below, Transport Canada announces in a new release how the strategic Asia Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative is picking up steam and uniting governments at every level and the private sector to systematically enhance the movement of people and goods from the Canadian west coast into the heartland of North America.

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## TRANSPORT CANADA NEWS RELEASE

News Release

No. GC 024/07

For release June 28, 2007

### GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCES IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROBERTS BANK RAIL CORRIDOR

LANGLEY TOWNSHIP, BRITISH COLUMBIA - Canada's New Government has concluded a multi-stakeholder agreement for road/rail grade separation projects along the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor under the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative. This work, for which the federal government is investing up to \$75 million, will contribute to more efficient road and rail operations and enhance the quality of life for residents along the rail corridor.

The announcement was made today by the Honourable David Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics; Mr. Brian Jean, Parliamentary Secretary, on behalf of the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities; the Honourable Kevin Falcon, Minister of Transportation of British Columbia; Mr. Gordon Houston, president and chief executive officer of the Vancouver Port Authority; Mr. Malcolm Brodie, chair of TransLink; and Mr. Kurt Alberts, Mayor of the Township of Langley, on behalf of all municipal partners, at a media conference at the Langley Township Council Chambers.

Mr. Jim Buggs, general manager, Port and Gateway Strategy Projects and Regulatory Issues for the Canadian Pacific Railway; Mr. Kirk Carroll, general manager, B.C. South Division for the Canadian National Railway; Mr. Kevin Mahoney, president and chief executive officer of the British Columbia Railway Company; and Mr. Doug Jones, general manager, Northwest Division for the BNSF Railway, were also present at the announcement.

Stretching 70 kilometres through Delta, Surrey, Langley City, Langley Township and Abbotsford, the Roberts Bank Rail Corridor links the Deltaport Container Terminal and the Westshore Coal Terminal through the B.C. Lower Mainland to the rest of Canada and the economic heartland of North America.

Public and private partners will jointly invest a total of approximately \$300 million for projects along the entire corridor, including nine grade separations. The first two grade separation projects to proceed will be at Mufford Crescent/64th Avenue

in Langley Township and at 152nd Street in the City of Surrey. In addition, the railways will invest approximately \$60 million in the corridor to provide additional capacity for anticipated growth.

"The Roberts Bank Rail Corridor project clearly illustrates the power of the Gateway concept and its focus on systems and partnerships," said Minister Emerson. "The Government of Canada is working together with its partners to enhance quality of life and the environ

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