

## **George Massey Crossing Task Force**

### **Terms of Reference**

The George Massey Crossing Task Force is the standing committee of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board responsible for providing advice and recommendations to the Finance and Intergovernment Committee and to the MVRD Board on the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's George Massey Crossing Project and related matters.

#### **Task Force Responsibilities**

The Task Force will provide advice and recommendations through the Metro Vancouver Finance and Intergovernment Committee to the MVRD Board on issues related to the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's George Massey Crossing Project. Key responsibilities for the Task Force include:

1. Reviewing project-related materials and providing feedback to provincial representatives and others, as appropriate.
2. Considering potential positive and negative impacts of crossing options and project-related works on Metro Vancouver plans, assets, infrastructure and legislated responsibilities, including but not limited to:
  - a) Regional planning and growth management, including land use, transportation, and agriculture;
  - b) Air quality, climate change, human health, and the environment;
  - c) Deas Island Regional Park; and
  - d) Metro Vancouver utilities.
3. Reporting back through the Metro Vancouver Finance and Intergovernment Committee to the MVRD Board with advice and recommendations on the George Massey Crossing Project and related matters.

#### **Task Force Membership and Meetings**

The Chair of the MVRD Board shall serve as the Chair of the Task Force. Task Force members are appointed annually by the MVRD Board Chair and will consist of MVRD Board Directors who represent communities anticipated to experience either a direct or an indirect impact from this project.

The Task Force will meet every two months or at the call of the Task Force Chair. A quorum of 50% plus one of the Task Force's members is required to conduct Task Force business.

#### **Task Force Management and Support**

The Task Force Chair will be the chief spokesperson on matters of public interest within the Task Force's purview. For high profile issues the role of spokesperson rests with the MVRD Board Chair or Vice Chair. On technical matters, or in cases where an initiative is still at the staff proposal level, the Chief Administrative Officer or designated senior staff member is the appropriate spokesperson. Where necessary and practical, the MVRD Board Chair, Task Force Chair and Chief Administrative Officer will confer to determine the most appropriate representative to speak.

The Metro Vancouver General Manager, Planning and Environment, will serve as Committee Manager for the Task Force. The Task Force Committee Manager is responsible for coordinating agendas and is the principal point of contact for Task Force members.

The Task Force may request the Task Force Committee Manager to:

- gather information and provide analysis of potential impacts on Metro Vancouver assets, infrastructure and legislated responsibilities;
- seek out and consider input from additional stakeholders deemed to have an interest in the George Massey Crossing Project; and
- seek advice and input from other existing Metro Vancouver committees, such as the Regional Administrators Advisory Committee or Regional Planning Advisory Committee.

Funding for the Task Force is provided under Metro Vancouver's General Government function to cover incidental costs and meeting expenses. Voting members of the Task Force will be remunerated in accordance with the *Remuneration Bylaw*.