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TransLink's Golden Ears Bridge Project

The Golden Ears Bridge

TransLink's six-lane one-kilometre Golden Ears Bridge stretches across the Fraser River from Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows on the north side to Surrey and Langley on the south side. For the first time, the new bridge will connect communities on both sides of the river, improving the movement of people and goods through the region. Driving across the bridge will save most people at least 20-30 minutes in travel time.

Connecting road network

Drivers can connect to the new bridge through 13 kilometres of new roads.

In Surrey, a new arterial route called Golden Ears Way provides a direct connection to the bridge from Highway 15 (near 96th Avenue), from 180th Street, from 96th Avenue, and from 192nd Street.

In Langley, the bridge links to 200th Street and Highway 1 via 199A Street (one-way southbound) and 201st Street (one-way northbound).

In Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge, the new Golden Ears Way connects the bridge with Airport Way/113B Avenue; with the Lougheed Highway and Maple Meadows Way; with 203rd Street; and with the corner of 210th Street and 128th Avenue.

Cycling and pedestrian access

For pedestrians and cyclists, two-metre-wide sidewalks line each side of the bridge, linking with municipal cycling and pedestrian networks on both sides of the river. On the south side of the bridge, there are two spiral ramps near the intersection of 201st Street and 100th A Avenue. On the north side pedestrians and bicycles can access the bridge via pathways along Hammond Road and Airport Way.



The first electronic toll system in western Canada

The Golden Ears Bridge features the first electronic toll system in western Canada. Drivers will be able to cross the bridge and pay the toll without stopping or slowing down.

There are three ways to cross the bridge:

1. Lease a Quickpass transponder and save up to 30% of the standard toll rate
2. Register as a Quickpass video customer and save up to 15% of the standard toll rate
3. Pay as you go and pay the standard toll rate

Quickpass toll rates have been confirmed based on the May 2000 Statistics Canada consumer price index. Confirmed toll rates are slightly lower than the approximate rates TransLink used for planning purposes.

The Quickpass transponder

Leasing a Quickpass transponder requires a \$10.00 refundable deposit and a \$1.00 monthly fee. This ensures TransLink can maintain control of the transponder inventory.

The Quickpass transponder is a device with an individual identification that communicates to tolling sensors on the Golden Ears Bridge. The tolling sensors identify the transponder and transfer the vehicle information to the Quickpass Customer Service Centre for further processing. The transponder is installed on the windshield of most cars and trucks.

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To register for electronic tolling visit www.quickpasstolling.ca or call 604-460-5050

Attached:

- Map
- Toll rates table