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## #Get2Yes Update on BC's Major Projects

Dear Jordan

Thank you again for your support of our efforts to #Get2Yes on critical BC infrastructure and responsible resource development.

The three main parties - the ones running enough candidates to form government should they secure enough votes and seats - have all released their platforms. We went through them to see what they are saying about our #Get2Yes issues related to investment in infrastructure projects and responsible resource development.

Here are some highlights:

### Replace the Massey Tunnel

- Gold - BC Liberals, with their promise to “immediately” build the 10-lane bridge that John Horgan cancelled in 2017.
- Way off the podium - NDP, with no mention of Massey at all in their platform. The tunnel is more than 60 years old, a safety hazard at the best of times, and one of Canada’s busiest traffic bottlenecks - we need a plan to relieve pressure and fix this strategic traffic corridor.
- Way off the podium - Green, with no mention of Massey at all in their platform.





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## Expand transportation corridors

- Gold - BC Liberals, with their plan to “deliver the biggest infrastructure investment in B.C. history,” including expanding highways, bridges and transit throughout B.C. We need a return to BC’s long tradition of being builders and visionaries when it comes to moving our province into the future.
- Bronze - NDP, offering some road improvements, limited to the Lower Mainland, with no mention of the Taylor Bridge or other strategic regional transportation projects.
- Way off the podium - Green, who don’t even use the word “road” in their platform.



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**LNG**

- Silver - BC Liberals, who will “expedite LNG export projects.” The reality is that both BC and Canada have a lot of work to do to improve Canada’s competitiveness and attract the investment needed to support large nation-building opportunities such as LNG projects.
  - Bronze - The NDP approved the LNG Canada project and mention it in their platform, but have no suggestions or any plans for more LNG projects. To capitalize on the opportunity to harness our resources, BC and Canada needs more than one LNG project.
  - Way off the podium - Green, who promise to put a “ban on fracking,” which would cripple the oil and gas industry.
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### **Responsible resource development**

- Gold - BC Liberals, as they “review critical natural resource statutes and policies to eliminate uncertainty [and] provide clarity.”
  - Off the podium - NDP, who promise several new layers to natural resource reviews that will make it harder, not easier to get projects approved. For mining, they promise something termed “regulatory excellence.” Canada ranks 34 out of 35 OECD countries in the time it takes to approve major projects - we simply have to do better if we are to attract the investment and build the talent needed to support our long-term prosperity.
  - Way off the podium - Green, who say they will “transition” workers out of the “oil and gas” industry that they wish to end.
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Whoever you decide to support, we encourage you to get out and vote.  
Advance polls are open 8AM to 8PM daily, through Wednesday, Oct. 21. Voting  
Day is Saturday, Oct. 24. Click [HERE](#) for details from Elections BC.

Thank you for wanting to #Get2Yes!

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