

Vancouver Landfill Access: Challenges & Opportunities

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AGENDA



- Problem Statement
- Context
- Problems > Implications
- Opportunities

The Problem



 Current configuration of South Fraser Perimeter Road ("SFPR") and Highway 99 ("99") is causing the following accessrelated problems for customers of the Vancouver Landfill ("VLF" or "Landfill"):

- 1. Queuing on SFPR and 99
- 2. Limited Access increasing Risk of Accidents

Context





Vancouver Landfill



- Owned and operated by the City of Vancouver ("COV") since 1966
- Provincial Operating Certificate in place to 2037
- Serves approximately 1 million people from Vancouver, Delta, Richmond, White Rock, University Endowment Lands, and parts of Surrey (40% of Metro Vancouver)
- Located in southwest corner of Burns Bog @ 99 & SFPR
- New long-term uses possible with improved access

Before SFPR





After SFPR

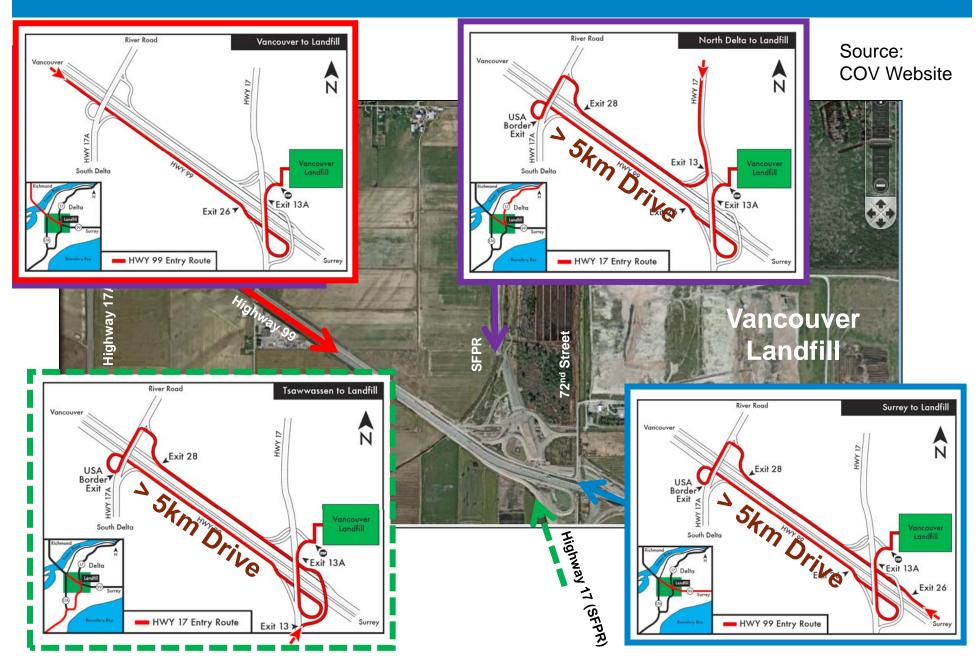




- 500m to block SFPR
- 1.3km to block 99

Circuitous Routes to VLF from South, North, East





More Solid Waste Traffic Possible...



Future of Metro Vancouver waste-to-energy facility in doubt after regional waste bylaw rejected





Garbage at the 225-hectre Vancouver Landfill in Delta. The B.C. government dealt a huge blow Friday to Metro Vancouver's solid waste management plan by refusing to approve a bylaw that would have prohibited waste generated within the region from being transported outside to Abbotsford and beyond to Washington state.

Photograph by: Mark van Manen, Vancouver Sun

The future of a \$470-million waste-to-energy project is in doubt after the B.C. government Friday rejected a Metro Vancouver bylaw that would have prohibited waste generated within the region from being transported outside to Abbotsford and beyond to Washington state

MORE ON THIS STORY

- Is there more to this story? We'd like to hear from you
- Environment minister says decision to be made soon on Metro Vancouver's garbage bylaw
- Metro predicts \$6million waste management deficit unless garbage issue addressed
- Metro fines trash haulers more than \$450,000 for banned recyclables
- Don Cayo: B.C.'s new recycling scheme: Another good idea done badly

What does the **Bylaw 280** decision mean?

- No Additional Waste-to-Energy coming online
- 2016 Cache Creek Landfill Closing



- December 2013, SFPR became operational
- After 10+ months of operation, COV has identified problems, implications and opportunities

The Current Opportunity

 Working with MOTI & Delta through Massey Tunnel Replacement Process and the recently published BC Transportation Plan

Problem: Lineups (Queuing)



Problem

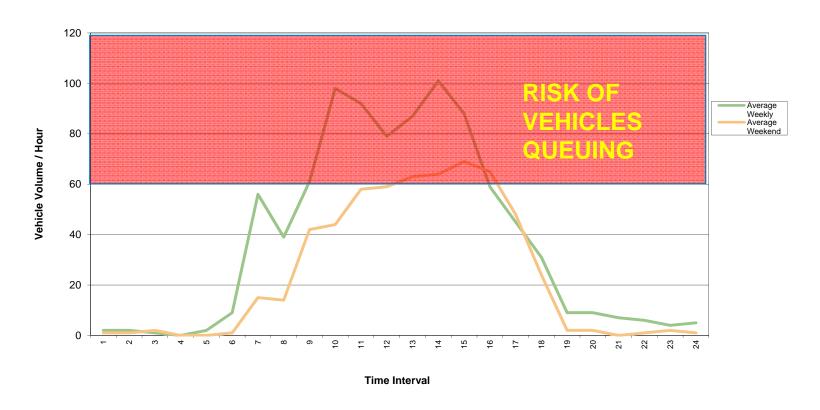
- At times, VLF experiences lineups
 - $> \frac{1}{2} \text{ km}$
- Queues have potential to block SFPR and Hwy 99

Implications

- Wasted time/fuel of residential & commercial customers
 - Increased emissions
- Spillover of congested highways to surrounding traffic network

Lineups (Hose-count Data)

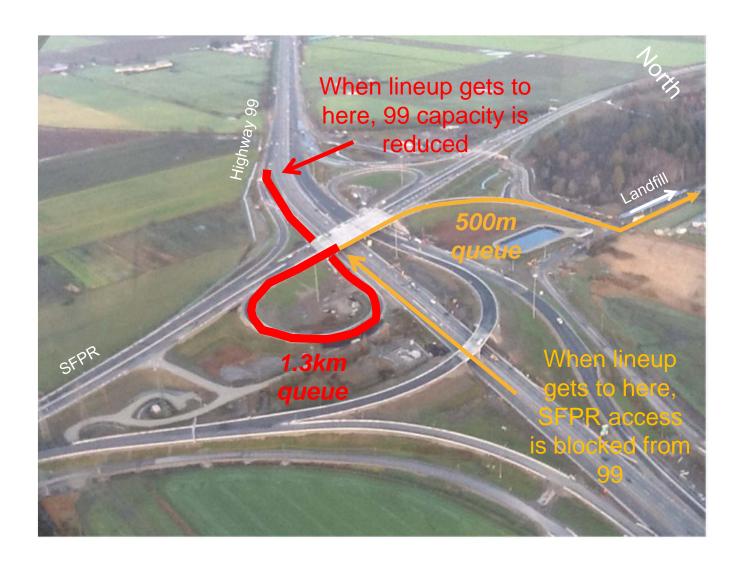




- Approximately 100 vehicles/hour at peak into Landfill (instance of 160 during week day)
- Process inbound vehicles at approximately 60 vehicles/hour

Lineups





Problem: Limited Access



Problem

- Having only one entrance and one exit puts further pressure on existing road network.
- When there is an incident, the pressure on existing network is even more significant.
- 10% reduction in traffic to VLF after SFPR (Dec/13 to July/14)

Implications

- Increased risk of accidents
- More aggressive behaviour to avoid circuitous routes if vehicles miss exit
- Increased vehicle emissions
- Complaints to Delta, Metro, MOTI – Staff & Elected Officials
- Increased Risks of Illegal Dumping

Significant Traffic coming from other Directions





In December, a survey was taken for a week and of the approximately 1800 transactions that spoke to a weighmaster at the scale (doesn't include vehicles that bypass due to agreements in place), almost 40% of traffic comes from 1, 3 & 6.

49.0%

Road

■ Came from North on River

■ Came from North on SFPR

Access-Related Incident





- Sept. 4th, 2014, Demo Truck tipped over at off-ramp
- When overturned vehicle finally flipped over the result was major backups and delays to highway network



The Result: 1.5+ hours of Queuing on 99











Source: MOTI Webcams

Dangerous Vehicle Movements





Opportunities



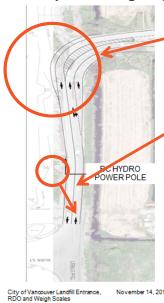
Problem	Opportunity
Lineups (Queuing)	 Add queuing capacity by having separate routes to VLF wherever possible
Limited Access	 Adding access points from other directions. Signage currently being addressed jointly with MOTI Operations Reduce landfill related traffic at Highway 17A Interchange by 50%

Ongoing Landfill Entrance Work



Conceptual Design Options - Entrance Road

Options being Considered



Issues and constraints to be overcome

- Relocate BC Hydro Power Pole
- Tight turning radius at the northeast corner
- Separation of commercial and residential vehicles
- Impacts on adjacent ditches

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November 14th, 2014, Town & Country Inn

Front Entrance, RDO & Weighscale Redesign Workshop

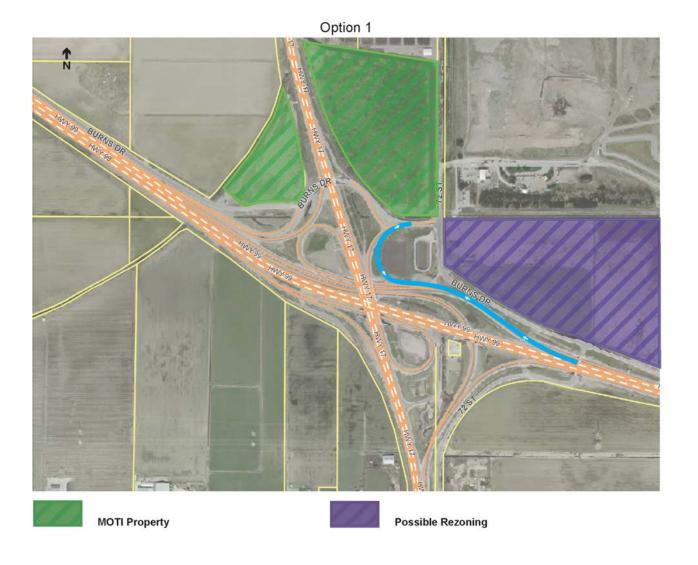


- COV looking at what it can do within site
- Not a lot of options
- Cannot gain the type of queuing space needed internally
- Some options to consider to increase queuing capacity and access...



Increasing Access from South - Option 1



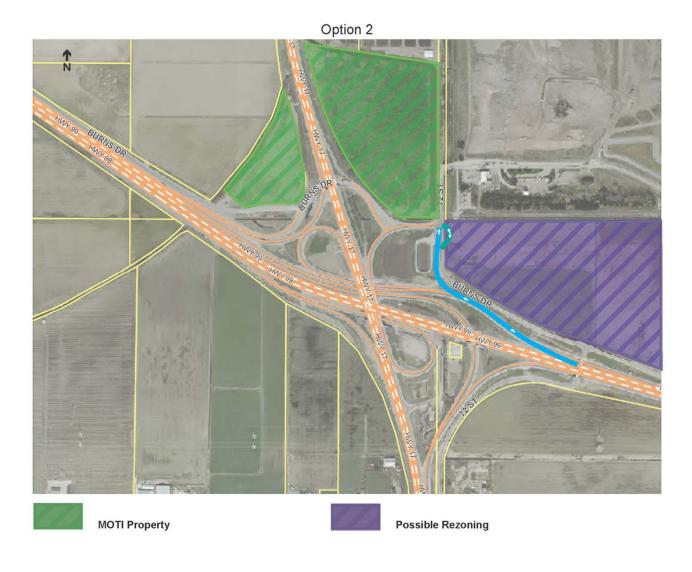


- Working within existing
 SFPR/99
 interchange
 footprint
- Approximately
 600m of extra queuing
- Up to 50% traffic relief of existing off-ramp



Increasing Access from South - Option 2





- Working within existing Delta road network
- Approximately
 500m of extra queuing
- Up to 50% traffic relief of existing off-ramp
- Opportunity to tie intersection in with current rezoning application (eastern property)

Questions?



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