

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **BC Chamber welcomes funds for upgraded Aldergrove border crossing**

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**Vancouver, April 14, 2014** – The BC Chamber of Commerce has welcomed the federal government’s announcement of \$17.7 million for an upgraded Aldergrove border crossing.

The upgrades will include two new lanes for commercial truck traffic plus a new commercial inspection facility.

“This investment is timely and much-needed, given the population and economic growth in the Fraser Valley, and continued growth of Asia-Pacific trade through Vancouver,” said John Winter, president and CEO of the BC Chamber.

“This project promotes B.C.’s cross-border trade and our province’s broader economic growth.”

Winter noted that B.C.’s Chamber network has led the charge in calling for funds to support full commercial operations at the Aldergrove border.

“Since 2007, B.C.’s Chambers have been calling for investment in this critical commercial border crossing,” Winter said.

The BC Chamber’s policy recommendations on the Aldergrove crossing are available [here](#).

Winter thanked B.C.’s Chambers for their concerted efforts on this issue.

“The Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce, in particular, has championed this issue, which is so critical to businesses in the Langley area,” he said. “This upgrade project is a testament to the Chamber network’s hard work in advocating for this needed investment on behalf of B.C. businesses.”

*The BC Chamber is the largest and most broadly-based business organization in the province. Representing more than 125 Chambers of Commerce and 36,000 businesses of every size, sector and region of the province, the BC Chamber of Commerce is “The Voice of Business in BC.”*

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