

LETTER: Third crossing not a regional transportation priority

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Dear Editor:

Re: [Gridlock Leaves Time to Ponder \(http://www.nsnews.com/opinion/letters/letter-gridlock-leaves-time-to-ponder-1.2044939\)](http://www.nsnews.com/opinion/letters/letter-gridlock-leaves-time-to-ponder-1.2044939), Aug. 30 Mailbox

(Letter-writer) Mr. Zoltan Bosnormeny asked what I am doing to address gridlock on the Upper Levels Highway. This is the top quality of life issue facing North Vancouver residents. I am pleased to have this opportunity to respond.

I was proud to recently deliver \$46 million in federal infrastructure funds from Ottawa, to build new, modern interchanges and overpasses on the Upper Levels Highway, at Mountain Highway, Mount Seymour Parkway and Dollarton Highway. Once complete, this will end stop-and-go traffic on The Cut, ease congestion approaching (the) Second Narrows (bridge) and meaningfully improve the lives of North Vancouver residents.

The federal government also contributed \$24 million to purchase two new SeaBuses, the Burrard Otter II and the Burrard Pacific Breeze.

With respect to a potential third crossing of the Burrard Inlet, priorities for major regional transportation projects are set by TransLink's mayors' council and the province. **I would aggressively advocate for federal funds for a third crossing, were that to emerge as a community priority.**

With the projected increase in the North Shore's population, I know that this is issue of concern to my constituents.

I am keen to hear from your readers. Do you want a third crossing? Email me at andrew@andrewsaxton.ca, or text my campaign at 604-441-5590.

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