



Egis Projects is awarded a major Open Road Tolling project in Canada



In June 2006, the Greater Vancouver Transport Authority, **TransLink**, issued a request for proposals for the turn-key supply of an electronic tolling system and its operation for the new Golden Ears Bridge east of Vancouver. During the whole bidding phase, TransLink was assisted by the consultancy firms KPMG, Delcan and Farris.

This major contract has just been awarded to the V-Flow consortium, led by **Egis Projects**, a subsidiary of the Egis Group, including also InTranS (a CS Group company) and Sanef. Within the V-Flow

consortium, InTranS will be in charge of the turn-key supply of the tolling system and Egis Projects (via its subsidiary Transroute International) will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the tolling system for a period of 5 to 8 years.

TransLink is a regional transportation organization, with a mandate of TransLink to plan and finance a regional transportation system that moves people and goods efficiently and support the regional growth strategy, air quality objectives and economic development of the Greater Vancouver Region. In particular, the Golden Ears Bridge project is financially supported and owned by TransLink, which will also set the toll rates and receive the toll revenues.

The operation and maintenance of the ORT system will be provided by **Transroute International**, a subsidiary of Egis Projects, from a control centre located near the bridge. Transroute International will provide the complete range of services for the operation, maintenance and customer services of the Golden Ears Bridge and, in particular:

- Customer Relationship Management
- Management of the on-board units
- Revenue collection and invoicing
- Enforcement services
- Maintenance of the systems and equipment (in partnership with InTranS).

The total amount of the contract is approximately C\$70 million (€46 million).

The Golden Ears Bridge will be the first tolled bridge in the lower mainland of British Columbia in many years, and is currently the flagship project of the road development programme of the Greater Vancouver area (2 million inhabitants). It includes the construction of 15 kms of new road, including a spectacular cable-stayed bridge over the Fraser River. This 1 km long, 6-lane bridge will be situated in the traditional territory of the Katzie First Nation, which will be associated with its operation through employment and services. The electronic tolling solution will include two overhead gantries supporting equipment enabling automatic vehicle detection and classification, tolling transaction with on-board units and license plate recognition. The tolling system will be designed to manage 50 million annual transactions. It also is scaleable to incorporate further additional gantries.

The Golden Ears Bridge tolling project includes the turn-key supply of an ORT system with operation and maintenance. The Golden Ears Bridge is currently under construction and its financing will be ensured by the toll revenue collected by V-Flow on behalf of TransLink.

Once open to traffic in 2009, the Golden Ears Bridge will have several beneficial impacts:

- Reduce by 20 to 30 minutes the time to cross the Fraser River
- Improve the traffic flow conditions in the Greater Vancouver area
- Promote the economic development of all communities in Greater Vancouver
- Improve transit over the Fraser River
- Link bicycle networks on both sides of the Fraser River.

This success consolidates the position of leader of Egis Projects in ORT operations and constitutes a major breakthrough in the promising North American tolling market.

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