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## MLA steps up fight against SFPR project

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North Delta NDP MLA Guy Gentner is calling on the provincial government to put the brakes on the South Fraser Perimeter Road project.

In light of the recession, he said, such mega-projects "do not make economic sense and are no longer in the public interest."

Gentner sent a letter to Transportation Minister Shirley Bond, arguing his case.

"At a cost of well over \$1 billion and climbing, halting this project, and distributing the remaining dollars among other ministries where large program cuts have already begun, and are expected to continue, would be in the public interest," Gentner wrote Bond.

What North Deltans want, he says, is tax money being spent on programs for senior citizens and children, libraries, health care and post-secondary education.

"These are far dearer to British Columbians than the completion of the South Fraser Perimeter Road," Gentner argues. "What's more important - fighting cancer or a freeway?"

The road, as part of the Liberals' Gateway infrastructure program, is expected to roughly follow Surrey's banks of the Fraser River into Delta where it will continue on to the Roberts Bank Superport.

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