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Media Fact Sheet

City of Vancouver – Transportation

Greater Vancouver Gateway

- The Greater Vancouver Gateway is among North America's premiere multimodal facilities, combining airport, port, road and rail facilities into an engine for trade across the Pacific and North America
- The Gateway moves more than 100 million tonnes of cargo and 17 million air passengers annually, providing a key underpinning of BC's and Canada's export trade and tourism industry
- Major public-private investments will increase capacity, eliminate congestion, and streamline operations. Projects to expand and enhance port, rail, road and airport infrastructure currently planned or underway total over C\$21 billion.
- Strong trucking, logistics, warehousing and distribution firms support Vancouver's transportation sector. Major global freight-forwarding and air cargo firms have offices in Vancouver, which is also a regional hub for FedEx and UPS.

Port Metro Vancouver

- One of the world's best deep-water harbours and one of the closest ports in North America to Asia; Shipping to Asian ports from Vancouver saves at least one day compared to other West Coast ports.
- Ranks first in North America in foreign export shipments, and second on the west coast of the Americas in total cargo volume.
- Fourth largest tonnage port in North America
- Offers 28 major marine cargo terminals
- Accessible by three Class one railroads
- The U.S.-Canada border is within an hour's drive from the port for commercial truckers.
- The Port's deep-sea terminals offer Super Post-Panamax capacity, extensive on-dock rail facilities and virtually no draft restrictions.
- Port Metro Vancouver handled 115 million tonnes of cargo in 2008.
 - 460,000 tonnes of automobiles
 - 456,442 automobiles
 - 20.56 million tonnes of breakbulk.
 - 10.7 million tonnes of logs
 - 73.08 million tonnes of bulk material
 - 25.9 million tonnes of coal
 - 11.6 million tonnes of chemicals, metals and minerals
 - 11.1 million tonnes of fertilizer

- 11 million tonnes of grain and feed
 - 20.46 million tonnes of containers
 - 2.49 million containers
 - 854,493 cruise ship passengers
 - 418,310 disembarked passengers
 - 436,183 embarked passengers
 - 82.23 million tonnes of foreign origin
- 3,005 vessels docked in Port Metro Vancouver in 2008.

Vancouver International Airport (YVR)

- Canada's second busiest airport
- Named best North American airport by Skytrax in 2007
- Twelve kilometers from downtown Vancouver
 - Connected by newly built rapid transit line in 2009 (Canada Line)
 - Connected by bus
- 17.85 million passengers passed through the airport in 2008
 - 9.34 million domestic passengers
 - 4.33 million trans-border passengers
 - 2.46 million Asia Pacific passengers
 - 1.21 million Europe passengers
- Handled 278,000 aircraft landings and takeoffs in 2008
- Handled 211,300 tonnes of cargo in 2008

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