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July 15, 2004 Massey Tunnel seismic upgrade

### **Province to spend millions on seismic upgrade for the Massey Tunnel**

Work will begin next month on ensuring the George Massey Tunnel doesn't collapse in the event of an earthquake.

Kenaidan Contracting has been awarded the \$22.2 million contract to improve the tunnel's safety, reinforcing the structure in order to avoid a collapse and reduce structural damage should the big one hit the West Coast. The project is expected to wrap up in March 2006.

"These improvements are designed to make the tunnel safer in the event of a major earthquake," Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon said.

The upgrading work will include the tunnel's pumping system, pipes and emergency power supply, which is designed to remove large volumes of water in the event of flooding inside the tunnel.

The scope of the work also includes Rice Mill Road Bridge, which will have its concrete surfaces repaired and cleaned, while deck joints will be retro fitted.

New lights will also be installed in the tunnel.