

Comparable Costs – Other Infrastructure Projects

Building a highway is a costly undertaking, no matter how one looks at it. In forming an opinion about the estimated cost of the highway proposed by the Third Crossing Society, readers may find it helpful to view it in the context of the known cost of other major projects, as follows:

Laerdahl Tunnel, Norway (1995-2000)	US\$113 million
Spirit Class ferries (1993-94)	C\$130 million
Casement Tunnel estimate	C\$151 million
Robertson Tunnel, Portland, Oregon (1996-98)	US\$184 million
BC Place Roof Replacement (2011)	C\$458 million
Proposed Road - current total estimate	C\$500- \$600 million
Golden Ears Bridge (2009)	C\$808 million
Coquihalla highway (1986)	C\$848 million*
New Port Mann Bridge (2011-13)	C\$2,300 million

* In its first 22 years of service, tolls on the Coquihalla raised a total of C\$845 million. It is anticipated that the proposed third crossing would be a toll road.

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