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The provincial Liberal government plans to widen the #1 Highway between 200th Street in Langley and McGill Street in East Vancouver. This would include building a second Port Mann Bridge and widening the highway to eight lanes, with some sections widening to 10 to 12 lanes. The price tag for this expansion is \$1.4 Billion. There has been no public consultation and no consideration of alternatives. East Vancouver residents are on the direct receiving end of these plans – our streets will be flooded with increased traffic as more drivers get on and off the widened highway.

<http://www.libbydavies.ca/pdf/cche-highway.pdf>

More cars = More pollution

If this plan goes ahead it will mean more cars on the highway and through our neighbourhoods. The provincial Liberal government claims that adding more lanes will reduce pollution by unclogging congestion and making cars move more quickly. But in city after city where this has been tried the results were clear: more lanes quickly lead to more vehicles and even more congestion. The math is simple:

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