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**BEYOND GATEWAY:
Neighbours join to fight Gateway and Climate Change**

Three decades ago, the Grandview-Woodlands Area Council led the fight against freeways in Vancouver, and won. That victory helped make Vancouver one of the world's most livable cities. Now GWAC is back. The venerable East Side residents' association has joined other communities around the Lower Mainland in the fight against the Province's Gateway highway expansion program.

"The science is clear: new highways are going to make congestion and pollution worse, not better," said GWAC board member Craig Ollenberger. "But we know there are alternatives to highway expansion, and we want to support our neighbours in their fight for better transit, less sprawl and a cooler climate."

As opposition to Gateway mounts around the region, GWAC is inviting citizens to propose new solutions to the crisis of urban mobility at a forum on April 28. The forum will feature Vancouver city councilor Suzanne Anton, Gateway 30 organizer and Delta resident Donna Passmore, and Eric Doherty of the Livable Region Coalition. We'll be looking to our neighbours for ideas and action.

Ollenberger said it was ironic that one of GWAC's early partners in working for a better city was Gordon Campbell.

"Back when Gordon Campbell was Mayor of Vancouver, our council helped him create the Livable Region Strategy," said Ollenberger. "We're not sure why the Premier has now abandoned the plan in favour of more highways, but we're working to remind him of his old commitment to sustainability."

Event details:

Beyond Gateway: Climate change and real alternatives to highway expansion

Where: WISE Hall, 1882 Adanac Street, Vancouver

When: April 21, '07, from 1 to 3 pm

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