

Office of Mayor George V. Harvie City of Delta



January 3, 2024

The Honorable Rob Fleming
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Room 124 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister,

Re: 112th Street Overpass Collision

I am writing to you concerning a pressing issue that has recently impacted our community in Delta. As you are aware, there have been a series of over-height semi-truck collisions with highway overpasses, notably on December 27, 2023 at the 112th Street overpass and at the 17A overpass on July 18, 2023. These incidents have caused significant traffic disruptions and infrastructure damage and highlighted the necessity for expedited heightened enforcement and long-term preventative measures.

We strongly recommend that the Ministry of Transportation conduct a comprehensive assessment of the affected overpasses. This assessment should explore the feasibility of installing physical deterrents like height detection systems and improved signage to prevent over-height vehicle collisions.

We would also like to request that your ministry continue to increase the fines and punitive measures associated with those who carelessly collide with overpasses due to oversized loads.

Moreover, I would like to request a formal plan from your ministry to upgrade our aging overpasses along vital trade routes to modern heights and standards. These upgrades are not only necessary for preventing future incidents but are also crucial in ensuring the continued economic vitality of our trade routes.

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The City of Delta values the safety of our community and is committed to working with the province and all relevant stakeholders to find effective solutions to this issue. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response and the opportunity to collaborate on these important initiatives.

Yours truly,

George V. Harvie

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Photos Enclosed

cc: Ian Paton, MLA for Delta South

The Hon. Ravi Kahlon, MLA for Delta North

Delta Council

Donny van Dyk, City Manager

Chief Constable Neil Dubord, Delta Police Department

Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

