

Office of Mayor George V. Harvie *City of Delta*



July 21, 2023

The Honourable Rob Fleming Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure PO Box 9055, Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9E2 By Ema

By Email: Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister,

Re: Timeline of Highway 17A Overpass Repairs and Increased Detour Signage

I am writing to you today regarding the Highway 17A southbound overpass which is part of the Highway 17A/Highway 99 interchange. As you may be aware, the southbound portion of the overpass has been closed to traffic due to damage sustained from the recent collision involving an oversized commercial vehicle. This has significantly impacted the residents and commuters here in Delta who rely on this important route and has in turn put a strain on alternative routes and detours.

I, as well as many of our residents and local businesses are concerned about the lack of information regarding the potential timelines to reopen the southbound lane. In this regard, I kindly ask for an update on the progress of this project and an estimated timeframe for when we can expect the Highway 17A overpass to be reopened to southbound traffic.

Secondly, we have noticed a significant gap in the public notification for detour routes. The lack of adequate signage at Exit 13 on Highway 17 indicating the road closure, is causing confusion and frustration among drivers. I would like to formally request the installation of appropriate signage clearly indicating the road closure at Exit 13, and along Highway 99 approaching the interchange. I believe that these measures will help to alleviate some of the concerns and stresses our residents are experiencing due to this closure, and will demonstrate our commitment to effective communication and the wellbeing of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

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George V. Harvie Mayor

cc: Hon. Ravi Kahlon, MLA for Delta North