



November 9, 2023

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

VIA Email

Dear Minister Fleming,

Re: Request to postpone the Highway 17A Overpass repairs until January 2024

I am writing to you today in support of the Delta Chamber of Commerce and other local businesses' request to delay the Highway 17A Overpass repairs until January 2024.

The current scheduled timing for the necessary repairs to the Highway 17A Overpass will cause significant and negative impacts on businesses during the busy holiday season in Ladner, Tilbury, and the surrounding area.

Your ministry staff have been working collaboratively with City staff to identify alternative solutions to recognize the needs of our local business community. This delay will provide us with time to communicate with TransLink, residents, and businesses about alternate traffic routes.

As per our conversations, Delta's agricultural sector is a vital part of our local and regional economy. The Highway 17A Overpass is a critical connection for our agricultural community during the farming season. Repairs to the overpass completed by the end of March 2024 would allow increased farming activities to begin in the spring.

As Mayor, on behalf of Delta Council and our community, I would like to thank you for your personal attention on this matter. We look forward to our continued collaborative approach between your ministry and our city staff.

Yours truly,

George V. Harvie
Mayor

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Enclosure: Delta Chamber of Commerce November 8, 2023 Letter to Minister Fleming

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