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Honourable Todd Stone
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
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Dear Minister Stone,

Please find enclosed a petition that I received today in Williams Lake.

The petition requests that the ferry be reinstated from Port Hardy to Bella Coola, plus that a new highway corridor be established between Heckman Pass and the foot of the hill on Hwy 20.

I trust that you will find this informative.

I remain,
Yours truly,

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Laurie Throness, M.L.A.
Chilliwack-Hope

December 3, 2013

Hon. Todd Stone
Minister of Transportation
Room 306
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Victoria, BC
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Dear Minister:

Following the dreadful 17-vehicle pileup at the Vedder Bridge recently, and after sitting for many hours in traffic on the Trans-Canada Highway between Chilliwack and Vancouver in the last few months, it has become clear to us that this section of road is reaching its capacity and becoming less safe as a result.


Paradoxically, motorists tend to go faster as the road becomes more congested, perhaps because there is a good chance that they will be delayed. This increase in speed may in turn contribute to the accidents that occur nearly every day on this portion of road, so that timely passage to Vancouver is becoming unpredictable, reducing the tremendous gains won by the new Port Mann Bridge. This has real costs to our economy in terms of wasted time and fuel, and societal costs in terms of safety and driver anxiety/frustration.

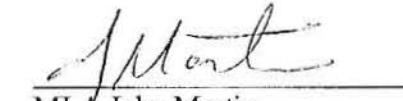
Given that it will be very costly in the near future to further widen the road, we would jointly request that the government undertake innovative low-cost measures to reduce and better respond to congestion in the Chilliwack-Vancouver corridor. The Government could begin with a public consultation to gather suggestions from experts and those who use the road on a daily basis. Ideas for change could include:

- The creation of a small Office of Congestion Management to work full-time on this problem
- More electronic bulletin boards to warn motorists on a real-time basis of conditions ahead
- More pullouts on the present highway so that accidents can be quickly removed from the mainstream traffic flow
- Other strategies to resume traffic flow as it is safe to do so after a disruption
- Emergency vehicles on standby at strategic locations to more rapidly respond to accidents

Understanding that there are pressing needs throughout the province, we nevertheless request, and thank you in advance for, your early attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


MLA Laurie Throness
Chilliwack-Hope


MLA John Martin
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Laurie Throness, M.L.A.
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December 17, 2013

Hon. Todd Stone
Minister of Transportation
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Dear Minister:

Further to your ongoing review of speed limits on BC highways, my constituent has sent me a letter which I think deserves your attention. I attach a copy for your convenience.

s22 from the District of Hope maintains that semi-truck traffic from the former toll booth on the Coquihalla through to Vancouver should be in the slow lane.

He also remarks about the visibility of lane markings and the safety of the highway at Jones Hill. If safety issues like these were dealt with, speed would be less of a concern than it is now.

Thank you for adding Mr. s22 letter to your review, and giving careful consideration to his views.

Sincerely,

Laurie Throness

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