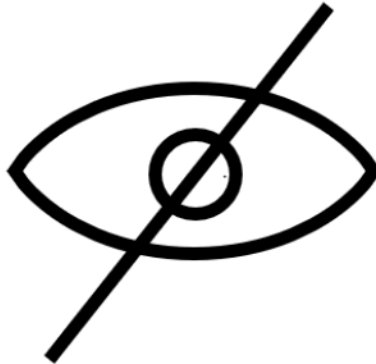




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FW: Mountain Hwy Overpass - Tent and Inappropriate Signs

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To: Steve Donnelly <Steve.Donnelly@millercapilano.ca>, Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 31, 2023 3:41:57 PM PDT
Attachments: image007.png, image005.png, image003.jpg, image006.png, image008.png, image004.png
Hi Steve,

It appears that the Thursday afternoon protest went ahead yesterday at 3:00pm ish Mountain Highway OP. Please let your patrols know to include this is an ongoing issue. Best if they can patrol around 3:00pm on all days but it appears that they prefer Thursdays. I'll try to frequent the area myself. It also appears that there is inappropriate tagging occurring, please have this removed as graphitti.

Michael, We should have a conversation with the RCMP about the issue. Can we chat on Monday.

Keith

From: Daniel Cifarelli <CifarelliD@dnv.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2023 4:50 PM
To: Lastoria, Keith TRAN:EX <Keith.Lastoria@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>; Erin Moxon <MoxonE@dnv.org>; Carol Walker <WalkerCA@dnv.org>; Catherine Haboly <HabolyC@dnv.org>
Subject: RE: Mountain Hwy Overpass - Tent and Inappropriate Signs
Importance: High

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Hi Keith and Michael,

Please be aware that the protesters are back on the Hwy Overpass today protesting again and now they are vandalizing Metro Vancouver's Infrastructure and your traffic signal cabinet.







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To: Lastoria, Keith TRAN:EX <keith.lastoria@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: 'Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca' <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>; Erin Moxon <MoxonE@dnv.org>; Carol Walker <WalkerCA@dnv.org>; Catherine Haboly <HabolyC@dnv.org>
Subject: Mountain Hwy Overpass - Tent and Inappropriate Signs

Hi Keith,

Thank you for the discussion about the inappropriate signs being hung on Hwy 1 at the Mountain Hwy overpass. In addition, the DNV is receiving complaints about the tent which was erected mid span on the bridge which obstructs the pedestrian/cyclist path as it causes a risk to cyclists as they have to duck under the tent to pass. Beyond the distraction to drivers on the Hwy, the other safety issue would be if this tent blew onto the Hwy as it is directly above the Hwy eastbound travel lanes.

Here are the two signs that were hung on the bridge facing Hwy 1 traffic on Mountain Hwy Thursday March 23, 2023



Link to the Twitter Page below:

Community Over Convoys on Twitter: "Yesterday in fascism: A transphobic banner was hung on the Mountain Highway overpass in #NorthVancouver. This group of "Freedom" regulars "protest" on the overpass every Thursday afternoon. Trans people. They're talking about trans people. cc @NSPrideAlliance, @NVanDistrict <https://t.co/yTct60Mskl>" / Twitter

Attached is a video showing the tent setup on the bike/pedestrian path and shows an additional sign at the entrance to the WB on-ramp.

This group has been present the last 3 Thursdays and is typically there for the afternoon rush 3pm to just after 6pm, this has been ongoing for a lengthy time, however the tent is a new item.

To assist with this matter, DNV has installed no stopping signs at the gravel area just to the east of the overpass, north side of Mountain Hwy where the Metro Vancouver Sanitary siphon is to discourage parking as this is a DNV parcel (DNV can enforce this no stopping area).

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Sent: April 24, 2023 11:12:52 AM PDT
Attachments: image001.jpg, image003.png, image004.png, image005.png, image002.png
Hi again Ashok,

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Michael

From: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 10:48 AM
To: Farmer, Elena TRAN:EX <Elena.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>; Bhatti, Ashok A TRAN:EX <Ashok.Bhatti@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Mtn Highway banners

Hi Ashok,

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Michael

From: Farmer, Elena TRAN:EX <Elena.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 10:45 AM
To: Bhatti, Ashok A TRAN:EX <Ashok.Bhatti@gov.bc.ca>; Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Mtn Highway banners

I don't have anything else to add to the below messaging.

Elena Farmer (she/her/hers)
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What do you want to strategically say about this. My messaging is below but please confirm:

- The ministry is monitoring the situation with the RCMP.
- The ministry has approached this "group" many times now about NOT hanging their banners from our structures. Any banners removed are immediately replaced by the group.

Thank you,

Ashok Bhatti, B.COMM. MBA
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Sent: April 24, 2023 11:57:20 AM PDT
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Thanks Michael,
Ashok - The response back to DNV looks fine to me

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To: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2023 10:31:37 AM PDT
Attachments: image004.png, image001.png, image003.png

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Good morning Mr. Braun,

Thank you for your e-mail. For your information, please note that your e-mail has been passed along to Cst. Sahak who will be getting in touch with you about this issue as he has also been dealing directly with the District of North Vancouver in regards to this overpass. He should be reaching out to you shortly, if he has not already.

Regards,

Sergeant / Sergent Denis BEAULIEU

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Sent: April 25, 2023 10:22 AM
To: Beaulieu, Denis <Denis.Beaulieu@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>
Subject: Ongoing protests on Mountain Highway

Hello Sgt. Beaulieu,

My name is Michael Braun and I am the Operations Manager for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure covering the North Shore area. I've been provided your name as someone who may be able to assist with an ongoing situation at the Highway 1 interchange with Mountain Highway.

As you may be aware, we've been seeing weekly protests on the highway structure – typically starting at 3pm every Thursday and lasting for a couple of hours. This group of protesters have taken to hanging signs off of the structure to spread their political messages to eastbound travellers on the highway. This activity has not been sanctioned by the Ministry and is a violation of the Transportation Act. A staff member has attempted to convey this information to this group, but this information was not well received. Although they were not threatening to my staff member, we suspect that any further interaction with this group may escalate and put staff at risk.

At this time, we are planning to post notices on site ahead of this Thursday's gathering to notify the group that they do not have authorization to occupy the site and continuation to do so will be in violation of the Transportation Act and Trespass Act.

I'm hoping to connect with the RCMP to discuss this matter and to determine if there is any avenue to enforcement. s.13
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If you have any availability for a quick call over the next couple of days, I will make myself available.

Thanks for your time.

Regards,

MICHAEL BRAUN

Operations Manager
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Ashok,

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Sent: April 27, 2023 11:08:56 AM PDT
Attachments: image001.jpg, image003.png, image005.png, image006.png, image004.png, image002.jpg
I do and I will.

Michael

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I appreciate the update.

Michael, do you have a connect with District of North Van that you can also continue to update on our activities?

Thank you,

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Regards,
Elena

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To: Gavin Joyce <JoyceG@dnv.org>
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FW: Transportation Act Violation Notice

From: Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca
To: Carlson, Loretta TRAN:EX <Loretta.Carlson@gov.bc.ca>, Lastoria, Keith TRAN:EX (Keith.Lastoria@gov.bc.ca) <Keith.Lastoria@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2023 11:13:52 AM PDT
Attachments: 20230425 - Protest - Violation Notice - DMT.pdf, image001.png, image002.png
Hi Loretta,

Looking to get a few copies of the attached notice laminated.

Keith is looking to get this posted this afternoon.

Thanks for your help.

Michael

From: Farmer, Elena TRAN:EX <Elena.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 11:13 AM
To: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Transportation Act Violation Notice

See attached.

Elena Farmer (she/her/hers)
District Manager, Transportation
Lower Mainland District | South Coast Region

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P: 236-468-1935
E: Elena.Farmer@gov.bc.ca

From: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 11:03 AM
To: Farmer, Elena TRAN:EX <Elena.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Transportation Act Violation Notice

Elena,

As discussed....

MICHAEL BRAUN
Operations Manager
Howe Sound and Sunshine Coast
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ALL PERSONS OCCUPYING THE LANDS

(Pursuant to s. 63 of the *Transportation Act*)

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The *Transportation Act* prohibits the use and occupation of the Lands, unless it is authorized by the Minister. The Minister does not consent or authorize your occupation of the Lands.

It has come to the attention of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure that regular gatherings have been taking place on the Mountain Highway Interchange structure and that participants in these gatherings have attached banners to the structure and engaged in activities to draw attention to the banners. **Anyone participating in these gatherings must immediately cease their occupation and must remove all personal property from the Lands.**

Failure to comply with this notice may result in the Minister taking steps to have the occupants and their personal property removed from the Lands at the expense of the occupants.

YOUR IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED

Signed by

District Manager Transportation

Date: April 27, 2023

RE: Mountain Highway Protests - update

From: Carolyn Grafton <GraftonC@dnv.org>
To: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2023 12:23:55 PM PDT
Attachments: image001.png, image003.png

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Thanks, Michael. We have the same perspective.

Carolyn

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Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 12:23 PM
To: Carolyn Grafton <GraftonC@dnv.org>
Subject: RE: Mountain Highway Protests - update

Hi Carolyn,

Feel free to share. I do want to clarify that I'm appreciative of the RCMP's stance on this; however, the public do have an expectation that our staff can do more on with enforcement, but that is not within our capacity and mandate.

Michael

From: Carolyn Grafton <GraftonC@dnv.org>
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To: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Mountain Highway Protests - update

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Hi Michael. I greatly appreciate this update, thank you. Are you comfortable with me sharing parts of this update with senior staff and members of Council? I'd like to share the bullet highlighted below in particular. We share the same understanding of the RCMP's actions at this time.

Carolyn

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Manager, Strategic Communications & Community Relations

From: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 11:55 AM
To: Carolyn Grafton <GraftonC@dnv.org>
Subject: Mountain Highway Protests - update

Hi Carolyn,

In anticipation of the weekly “protests” on the Mountain Highway overpass of Highway 1, I want to provide a quick update as I imagine both our agencies will continue to receive complaints from the public.

- We had a staff member approach this group a couple of weeks ago. A participant taking part in the protest spoke with our staff member and indicated that they had no intention of stopping their weekly protests.
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- We will be attending the site today and posting notices to the railing of the structure informing this group that they do not are not permitted to occupy this area and are in violation of the *Transportation Act*.
- Given the anti-government sentiment of this group, I’ve instructed staff to not engage with members of this group and at this time, we do feel that it is now a matter of enforcement.

If there are any further questions about this, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Thanks.

MICHAEL BRAUN

Operations Manager
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RE: Mountain Highway/Hwy 1 overpass protest

From: Reimer, Kristen TRAN:EX <Kristen.Reimer@gov.bc.ca>
To: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>, Kazemi, Maziar TRAN:EX <Maziar.Kazemi@gov.bc.ca>, Lastoria, Keith TRAN:EX <Keith.Lastoria@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2023 3:02:06 PM PDT
Attachments: image002.png, image006.jpg, image009.png, image008.jpg, image010.png, image007.png, image004.gif, image005.jpg, image003.png, image001.png

Thanks for this, Michael

I appreciate the update.

From: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 2:20 PM
To: Kazemi, Maziar TRAN:EX <Maziar.Kazemi@gov.bc.ca>; Reimer, Kristen TRAN:EX <Kristen.Reimer@gov.bc.ca>; Lastoria, Keith TRAN:EX <Keith.Lastoria@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Mountain Highway/Hwy 1 overpass protest

Hi Kristen,

Yes we are very aware of these weekly protest. Staff have spoken with one of the participants and we are leaving notices on the structure that they do not have permission to occupy the right of way. We suspect that this group will ignore our concerns and will continue to show up. We do not permit attaching banner to our structures but as this is a group with anti-government sentiments, I don't feel it's safe for staff to engage. They are in violation of the transportation act and it is now a matter for law enforcement.

For you information:

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Thanks.

Michael

From: Kazemi, Maziar TRAN:EX <Maziar.Kazemi@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 2:13 PM
To: Reimer, Kristen TRAN:EX <Kristen.Reimer@gov.bc.ca>; Lastoria, Keith TRAN:EX <Keith.Lastoria@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Mountain Highway/Hwy 1 overpass protest
Importance: High

Hi Kristen – I believe Keith and Michael are aware of this.

Keith – can you help provide some additional information on this?

Sincerely,

Maziar Kazemi
Operations Manager, Metro Vancouver

Pronouns I use: he, him, his

Highway Permits & Approvals website: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/highway-use-permits>

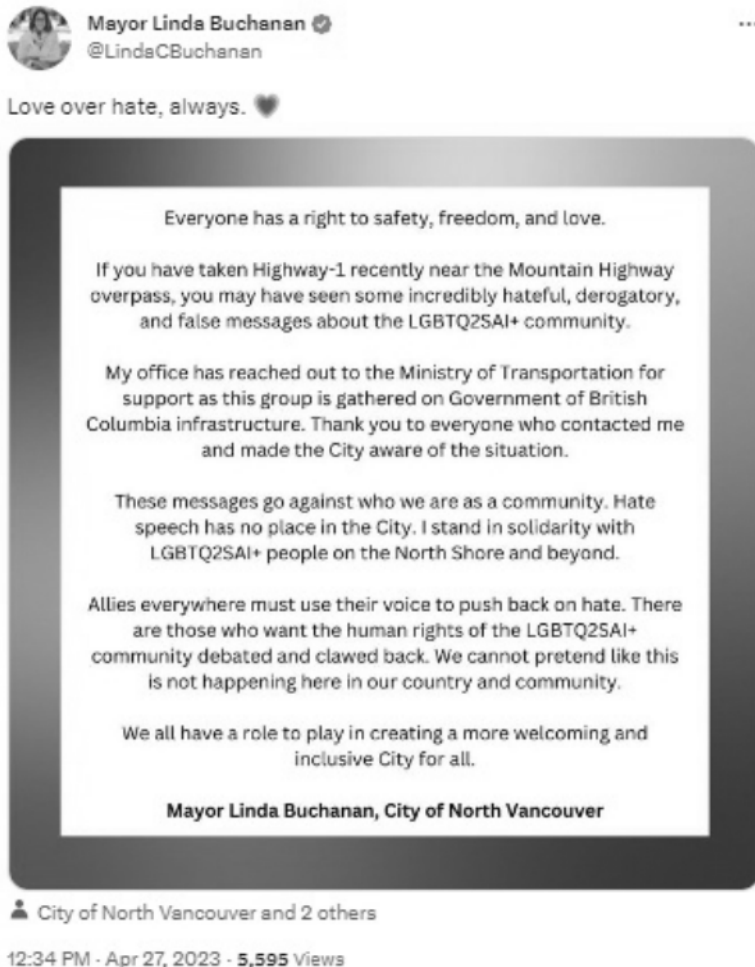
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Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 1:50 PM
To: Kazemi, Maziar TRAN:EX <Maziar.Kazemi@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Mountain Highway/Hwy 1 overpass protest

Hi Maziar,

The TranBC Twitter account was tagged on this tweet, which I am sharing for your review.

Could you advise that the ministry is aware and looking into this and if you would like us to communicate something - let me know.



<https://twitter.com/LindaCBuchanan/status/1651671146901950465>

Kristen Reimer

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FW: Mountain Highway Overpass.

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Sent: April 27, 2023 5:53:53 PM PDT
Attachments: 20230427_133438.jpg, 20230427_133728.jpg
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Michael

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To: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Mountain Highway Overpass.

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I will take photos when they setup.

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Sent: April 28, 2023 9:44:27 AM PDT

FYI this is what went to Global last night. CTV has a request out with us as well and so we're just working with MO on how they'd like to approach it. Probably the same (statement)

- The banners appearing on the overpass are hateful and raise a serious safety issue for people who use the highway.
- Safety is our number one priority.
- The hanging of banners from any highway overpass is not allowed under the Transportation Act.
- Ministry staff are communicating with the local municipality and law enforcement to understand the options that can address this safety issue going forward.
- Enforcement is the responsibility of police.

(For background, the ministry has asked the protestors to remove the banners, but they have not complied. The ministry will rely on police for enforcement.)

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Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 9:09 AM
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>; Bhatti, Ashok A TRAN:EX <Ashok.Bhatti@gov.bc.ca>; Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>; Chambers, Craig GCPE:EX <Craig.Chambers@gov.bc.ca>; Staite, Janelle A TRAN:EX <Janelle.Staite@gov.bc.ca>
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Thanks all.

For media responses can we say that we've informed protestors their actions violate the Transportation Act, and have shared this information with RCMP. Responsibility for enforcing the law lies with the RCMP.

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Appreciate the update.

David/Craig keeping you in the loop as media starts to inquire.

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Thanks.

Michael

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Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 2:30 PM

To: Braun, Michael TRAN:EX <Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Mountain Highway Overpass.

10 of our s 62 notices affixed to structure. Pictures attached.

First protestors just arrived to start banner placing.

I will take photos when they setup.

Keith

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Re: For review/input: MOTI Follow-up Media Request: Minister interview on Hwy 1/Mountain North Van anti-trans sign

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Hi, Ashok – for your review/input please.

- **The Notice of Unauthorized Use and Occupation includes the Mountain Highway Interchange structure and adjacent ministry right-of-way.**

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In my opinion the trespass notice would be for ministry ROW for the entire overpass. Therefore land adjacent to the overpass would be a part of the that.

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Does the MOTI trespass warning extend to the ground next to the overpass?

Craig

From: Murray Sinclair <Murray.Sinclair@gov.bc.ca>

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Subject: MOTI Follow-up Media Request: Minister interview on Hwy 1/Mountain North Van anti-trans sign

Reporter

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CTV - Vancouver

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Deadline Friday, April 28, 2023 2:00 PM

Request

The reporter has found a poster that protesters have put up on some ground right next to the overpass saying "BC Ministry of Transportation safe space." Her question: what would be our response be if the protesters set up next to the overpass during subsequent demonstrations? E.g. how broad of a geographic area does the MOTI warning extend to? (The reporter has a copy of the MOTI warnings posted on site).

Recommendation

- **The Notice of Unauthorized Use and Occupation includes the Mountain Highway Interchange structure and adjacent ministry right-of-way.**