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Re: Highway 101 Corridor - Marshalltown to Weymouth Section

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Highway 101 Task Force, we are writing to formally express our ongoing concerns regarding the Highway 101 corridor between Marshalltown and Weymouth, a vital transportation route for residents, businesses, and the regional economy.

As you are aware, this section of Highway 101 is not controlled access. A bypass is needed for the approximately 22 km stretch. The Highway 101 Task Force was created by the Municipality of Digby, Town of Digby, Municipality of Clare, Municipality of Yarmouth, and the Town of Yarmouth in a regional effort to advocate for this important cause. The primary mandate of the Task Force is to ensure that the bypass project is included in the Province of Nova Scotia Five-Year Highway Improvement Plan.

This section of Highway 101 serves as a critical connector from Digby to Yarmouth for daily travel and essential services. It is regularly used by school buses transporting students, as well as emergency response vehicles, including fire departments located along the corridor. While children wait for the school bus, vehicles speed past which puts them at significant risk. These realities underscore the importance of completing the bypass so that the highway is safe, reliable, and capable of supporting both everyday and emergency transportation needs.

The Task Force continues to receive consistent feedback from residents, local businesses, and the transportation sector, particularly commercial drivers and trucking operators, regarding safety concerns, signage challenges, traffic flow, and overall corridor reliability. These concerns are reinforced by traffic volumes, including both passenger and commercial vehicles, as well as collision history within key areas of this section of highway. Completion of the bypass is vital to improve public safety and reduce the risk of serious collisions, support economic development

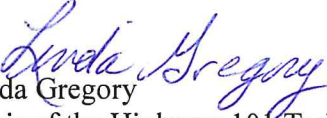
and business investment, improve transportation efficiency for residents, commercial traffic, and visitors, and to promote regional growth and long-term competitiveness.

While we recognize that the planning and review work is ongoing, we strongly emphasize the need for continued and coordinated investment across all levels of government to support timely completion of this project. The Task Force encourages collaboration between provincial and federal partners to advance long-term solutions, including coordinated funding approaches and multi-year capital planning. The Task Force is committed to working collaboratively with all partners to support continued dialogue on funding opportunities, planning, and implementation timelines for this critical corridor. A coordinated regional approach will help ensure that improvements reflect the real-world needs of those who rely on this corridor every day.

Given the importance and urgency of this matter, the Highway 101 Task Force respectfully requests an opportunity to meet with you or your representatives to further discuss these concerns and potential pathways forward. In addition, we would welcome the opportunity to arrange a site visit along the Marshalltown to Weymouth corridor to provide firsthand context of the challenges identified in this correspondence.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


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