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Central Coast Regional District

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Central Coast Regional District
P.O. Box 186,
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Attention: Darla Blake, CAO

Re: Highway and Road Conditions, Bella Coola Valley

Dear Ms. Blake,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Central Coast Regional District regarding the condition of Highway 20 and in particular the segment within the Bella Coola Valley.

I apologize for the delay in my response.

The ministry is cognisant of the condition of the roads within the valley and also the Board's and the local residents' desire for improvements. You may be interested to know that each year ministry staff evaluate the condition of the pavements across the province. From this evaluation we then prioritize our resurfacing program based on a number of factors including: safety, overall pavement condition, and budget.

Although we have no immediate plans this year to perform any major resurfacing in the Bella Coola Valley, we do have an aggressive resurfacing program underway between the communities of Williams Lake and Anahim Lake. This year, two resurfacing contracts have been awarded at a total cost in excess of \$7.0 million for these two projects. Peters Bros. Contracting will be resurfacing over 39 lane km of Highway 20 near Hanceville and Arrowsmith Contracting has also been awarded a contract to sealcoat over 96 lane km between Tatla Lake and Puntzi Lake. Both of these projects are scheduled for completion later this year, with the Hanceville works, already underway. Last year over \$5.0 million was expensed on similar resurfacing projects between the communities of Williams Lake and Anahim Lake.

Future year's resurfacing programs along Highway 20 will certainly consider the condition of the roads within the valley. Until such time that these roads are resurfaced, local ministry staff will continue to work with our local maintenance contractor, Interior Roads Ltd. on ensuring that the valley roads remain in a safe and passable condition.

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Should you have any additional questions with regards to our local network, or the resurfacing program in general, our local Roads Area Manager for this area, Ms. Leanna Ilnicki would be pleased to assist you. She can be reached at 250-394-4709 or via email at Leanna.Ilnicki@gov.bc.ca .

Sincerely,



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District Manager Transportation

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