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Elaine Peligren, President Corcan Meadowood Residents Association 1625 Meadowood Way Qualicum Beach BC V9K 1S3

Reference: 201281

Dear Elaine Peligren:

Re: Corcan/Highway 19 Interchange

Thank you for your letter and attached proposal regarding the Corcan Meadowood Residents Association's proposal for the construction of an interchange at Highway 19 and Corcan Road in the community of Qualicum Beach. It is obvious you feel strongly about this matter and have put a lot of effort into your submission.

I want to assure you the ministry shares the Corcan Meadowood Residents Association's commitment to improving safety and mobility for travellers, and I understand the northbound emergency access at Nahmint/Corcan Road in the vicinity of Highway 19 has recently been restored.

With respect to the proposal for a Highway 19/Corcan Road interchange, as ministry staff have indicated to members of your association in the past, a project of the size and scope you are suggesting would have to be considered against other regional and provincial priorities, taking into account traffic volumes, safety, required investment, regional and provincial benefits and available funding. Public-private partnerships can be a suitable method for developing infrastructure that provides benefits to regional and provincial road users and surrounding communities but tend to require very high volume usage to be economically viable.

In order to review your interchange and partnership proposal further, ministry district staff will be arranging a meeting with you shortly.

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Should you have questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact Johnathan Tillie, Operations Manager of Vancouver Island. He can be reached at \*\*\* or by e-mail at Johnathan. Tillie@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Blair Lekstrom

Minister

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Johnathan Tillie, Operations Manager